

BSAC Focus Group on energy transition for the for Baltic Sea fisheries sector

Monday 04th September 2023

13:00 – 17:00 (CEST) in Arlanda Airport¹ and by Zoom²

DRAFT Agenda –

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87908454903?pwd=a0psTTIERWwrZStLNmVyODVCcWVUT09>

13:00-13:15

- 1. Welcome by FG Chair, Peter Breckling**

13:15-13:25

- 2. Information since the last Focus Group of June (invitation to Our Baltic Conference)**

Progress on the draft recommendation

13:25-15:30

- 3. Written comments received from FG members on the draft recommendation (REV8) to be considered**
- 4. Tentative compromise text presented by the secretariat (REV9)**

15:30-15:45 Break

15:45-16:00

- 5. Answers from the Member States: summary of answers received and next steps**
 - In the context of the energy transition, is your **EMFAF operational programme** allowing for funding possibilities for vessels and/or engine renewal? What about funding of other aspects allowing for fisheries to be accompanied in the energy transition? Under which conditions are they available?
 - Applicable solutions for low or zero carbon emissions of fishing vessels are developed everywhere around the globe. We would like to be informed of **research project on the topic but specific to the Baltic Sea.**

16:00-16:15

- 6. Next step until Our Baltic conference**

16:15-16:30

- 7. Energy Transition Partnership³: taking part and survey operationalisation⁴.**

16:30-16:45

- 8. Information about the European Blue Forum⁵: [2 workshops organised online](#)**

16:45-17:00

- 9. AOB**

¹ UNITED SPACES Stockholm - Arlanda Airport, Tornvägen 17 A (building across the terminal - Courage room)

² Please remember etiquette when taking part in online meeting: use headphones, speak clearly and raise hand to take floor.

³ *New European partnership for a climate-neutral, sustainable and productive blue economy, due to start in 2023, will take the shape of a public initiative cofunded by the EU, national governments and national research funding agencies.* (p13, COM(2021) 240 final)

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Expression_of_Interest_ETP#page0

⁵ *Create a Blue Forum for users of the sea to coordinate a dialogue between offshore operators, stakeholders and scientists engaged in fisheries, aquaculture, shipping, tourism, renewable energy and other activities. It will develop synergies between their activities and reconcile competing uses of the sea* (p5, COM(2021) 240 final)