



Brussels,
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Subject: Reply to the recommendation of MAC concerning transnationality of fishery and aquaculture Producer Organisations and of Inter-Branch Organisations

Dear Mr. Pastoor,

I would like to thank the MAC for its advice on the issue of transnationality of fishery and aquaculture Producer Organisations and of Inter-Branch Organisations sent on 25 May 2022.

In your recommendation, you underline the need to improve the awareness on transnational professional organisations and the implementation of this status under the CMO Regulation, in particular recognition, roles and funding of these organisations. We agree that the transnational status has been poorly exploited up to now and we explored the different barriers and opportunities under the Pilot Project¹ on transnationality of professional organisations.

We acknowledge the need for clarifications on the legal framework in order to improve implementation of the transnational status. To this end, DG MARE has provided guidance² to Member States in January 2021 on the recognition of transnational organisations under the CMO, as well as on the establishment and financial support of their production and marketing plans (PMPs).

We believe that this guidance provides significant clarifications to move forward with implementation of transnational organisations under the current legal framework. In addition, we would like to recall that we are at your disposal to provide advice on any specific provision of the CMO Regulation, the financial instruments that support its implementation or any concrete issue related to this topic.

¹ [EU platform for fishery and aquaculture producer organisations - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)

² “Letter to MTFAP on transnational organisations” [Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities \(europa.eu\)](#)

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I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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