

## PGECON 2018 Executive Summary

### Introduction

The Planning Group on Economics Issues (PGECON) was established as a subgroup of the Commission Expert Working Group on Data Collection according to Commission Decision C(2016)3301 to assist the Commission in the implementation of the Data Collection Framework (DCF). The PGECON 2018 meeting was held in Ghent, Belgium, during the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 with 36 experts (Annex II) representing 22 Member States and DG MARE. The meeting was opened by the PGECON chairs and was followed by a welcome from ILVO director Bart Sonck.

### List of Recommendations and Conclusions

Reference # of recommendation	Recommendations/Conclusions
<b>ToR 1 – SIM – Update on capital value estimation methods</b>	
<b>Rec. 1</b>	<p>PGECON 2018 recommends to carry out a Capital Value Workshop with the aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Present and discuss MS experiences in approaches and results from estimating fleet capital value and calculation of capital costs through PIM and alternative methods.</li> <li>2. Compare price per capacity unit applied by different MS and assumptions made on the PIM method (age schedules, depreciation schemes, depreciation rates, etc.).</li> <li>3. Compare Economic analysis resulting from the use of different assumptions.</li> </ol>
<b>TOR 2 – PGECON Governance and Rules of Procedure</b>	
<b>Rec. 2</b>	<p>PGECON recommends that MS should indicate their position regarding the future of PGECON legal status (continuation of PGECON as subgroup of the Commission Expert Working Group on data collection or its evolution into an RCG). MS should discuss these options within their National coordination meetings or in another suitable scenario. Feedback from each MS should be addressed to PGECON chairs before the end of 2018 while the future PGECON Status will be confirmed at the next NC meeting.</p>
<b>Rec. 3</b>	<p>Further consultation with MS needs to take place before a decision can be made on future status of PGECON. For consultation, PGECON 2018 should provide summary of the above options and communicate to every MS National Correspondents regarding the aim and main points of changing status. First information on changing PGECON status should reach MS by SECFISH WP1 questionnaire.</p>
<b>Rec. 4</b>	<p>Regardless of whether PGECON becomes an RCG or remains a subgroup of the Commission Expert Working Group on data collection, it is recommended to develop rules of procedure covering a description of working methods and decision-making processes as well as general governance aspects, for example, on the election of chairs and follow up of recommendations.</p>
<b>ToR 3 – Presentation and discussion of 2017 PGECON workshops</b>	
<b>Workshop on activity levels</b>	

<b>Rec. 5</b>	PGECON recommends that the minimum wage could be used as a threshold to allow a distinction between active and less active vessels and in case the minimum wage is not available, the theoretical estimated value could be used (see also appendix). Alternatively, the indicator of at-risk-of-poverty can be used as it is available for all MS. In specific cases where a threshold is already used, it could be discussed whether this threshold could be included.
<b>Small Scale Fisheries</b>	
<b>Rec. 6</b>	PGECON recommends that when balance sheets are available, the total value of assets and value of long/short debts have to be split by vessel, according to the capital value of each vessel estimated through the PIM which is used to “weight” the share on the total value.
<b>Rec. 7</b>	In case balance sheets are not available, estimation methodology of value of capital and value of debts have to be in line and derived from the PIM. In particular, the value of long/short term debts can be estimated by multiplying the financial position ratio by the value of assets.
<b>Rec. 8</b>	For the small scale fleet vessels less than 10 meters, it could be assumed that 1 Day at Sea is equivalent to 1 Fishing Day as far as no other data contradicts this hypothesis. Nevertheless, this assumption has to be assessed regionally by fishery, as significant differences can occur between them.
<b>Rec. 9</b>	People working only onshore and paid from vessels should be included if their activity has a direct link with the fishing operations. Employment on shore should include those activities, which directly related to small scale fisheries and mostly carried out by fishermen and their family members, but not entirely related to other economic sectors and specialties.
<b>ToR 4 - New AR Templates</b>	
<b>Conclusion</b>	PGECON has contributed and should continue to have a key role in developing guidance for data quality regarding data collection methodologies. This could be for the basis of a future SIM workshop.
<b>ToR 5. SIM data collection of fish processing</b>	
<b>Rec. 10</b>	For the segments with “main” fish processing activities, “Turnover” variable, should include only Turnover related to the principal fish processing activity.
<b>Rec. 11</b>	Under “Other income” all the other revenues from other activities apart from fish processing should be provided.
<b>Rec. 12</b>	To adapt, as soon as possible, the variables table and the related definition on the DCF website, in order to provide MS with updated guidelines.
<b>Rec. 13</b>	For JRC, in future data calls, to ask MS to include comments when submitting data, to indicate if turnover is TOTAL turnover.
<b>ToR 6 – STECF Updates and SecFish</b>	
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>Under WP1 - There needs to be an updated the section in the questionnaire on the rules of procedure of PGECON and on the status of PGECON. It was suggested that text, drafted between PGECON chairs, SecFish and DG MARE, should be included which would provide information on the background of the question about converting PGECON into an RCG so that respondents and MS can make a better informed decision when answering the question of PGECON status.</p> <p>Under WP5 - It was concluded that the variables/information presented in the questionnaire should be available at the enterprise level due to the rules and regulations in EU on traceability of fish products all through the value chain. It was also pointed out that even though that all this information is available at the</p>

	enterprise level it can be difficult to get access to this information and it will probably be very time consuming for the enterprises to report the detailed information. The question of confidentiality was also raised and it should be kept in mind if the data is collected and stored. DG Mare is currently putting forward suggestions to EUROSTAT to expand the Combined Nomenclature regarding fish product on the CN 8 number level, so more species can be identified using this code. The main argument for collecting these data have been that it would enable an assessment of local and regional dependency of the fish processing sector on local and regional fisheries or aquaculture sectors.
<b>Rec. 14</b>	Under WP6 - It was agreed that PGECON should advise JRC on appropriate reporting structure for social data to be included in the data call. PGECON recommends organizing a Workshop to discuss and agree appropriate reporting structure for social data. It was agreed that such a Workshop should take place before data call is issued. Topics to discuss at the Workshop could include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How data is intended to be analyzed and presented.</li> <li>2. Agreement on methods to raise data from sample to the whole population.</li> </ol> Discussion and advice to MARE and JRC in view of preparing the structure for the 2019 data call as regards social data.
<b>Conclusion</b>	Under WP6 - There was also a suggestion put forward that a special session on EU-MAP socio-economic variable data collection could be planned for the EAFE conference 23-25 April 2019. This was agreed by most MS.
<b>ToR 7 – PGECON Calendar 2018-2019</b>	
<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGECON 2019 will be held in Slovenia 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May of 2019.</li> <li>• PGECON 2019 should include a ToR on Aquaculture with specific reference on the land locked MS and a ToR on recreational catch data.</li> <li>• A Workshop on the Socio-Economic data call structure will be organized before the end of 2018 with JRC in attendance. Provisional time is late November in Athens.</li> <li>• A second workshop to reassess Capital Value estimations and PIM is planned for the first quarter of 2019. The venue is to be decided.</li> </ul>

## Terms of Reference for PGECON 2018

The ToR for the meeting were drafted in advance of the meeting by the chairs and circulated to the group and DG MARE for comment.

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

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#### 13:00 – 18:00

- Welcome to the meeting and housekeeping – (ILVO Director and Katrien Verlé).
- Round table introductions.
- Adoption of the agenda – (Moderator, PGECON Chairs).

**ToR 1.** Statistical issues and methodologies in data collection of fishing fleet – (Moderator, PGECON Chairs).

- Update on capital value estimation method PIM from Finland, Lithuania and other MS if studies concerning estimation of capital value were launched – need assessment on Regional approach of capital evaluation.

## **Tuesday 15th**

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**09:00 – 13:00**

(Coffee break at 10:00)

**ToR 2** PGECON Governance and Rules of Procedure – (Moderators: DG MARE Unit C3, PGECON Chairs)

- DG MARE presentation on future roles of the RCGs (Oana Surdu, DG MARE, Unit C3)
- PGECON Rules of Procedure – (Moderator, PGECON Chairs)

Based on Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 article 9 paragraph 3, regional coordination groups are established for coordination of MS data collection activities, methods, quality assurance and quality control for collecting and processing data with a view to enabling the reliability of scientific advice to be further improved. Paragraph 5 of article 9 states that Regional coordination groups shall draw up and agree on rules of procedures for their activities. As PGECON is assigned as pan regional coordination group, formation and adoption of PGECON Rules of Procedure should be considered. (Moderator, PGECON Chairs).

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch time**

**14:00 – 18:00**

(Coffee break at 16:00)

**ToR 3.** Presentation and discussion of 2017 PGECON workshops outcomes on;

- Small Scale Fisheries (Moderator, Monica Gambino),
- Thresholds (Moderator, Hans van Oostenbrugge),
- Ratification of any recommendations and further work.

## **Wednesday 16th**

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**09:00 – 13:00**

(Coffee break at 10:00)

**ToR 4.** New AR and NP templates, quality reporting and new sub-sections. Report from EWG on the Compilation of the new DCF Annual Report template (Moderator, Matt Elliot).

**ToR 5.** Statistical issues and methodologies in data collection of fish processing – (Moderator, Loretta Malvarosa).

- Review of fish processing variable definitions.
- Presentation from EWG 1716 (The Economic Performance of the EU Fish Processing Industry) concerning use of Eurostat data as the main source of data and complemented by DCF data if available.

- Definition of some variable, e.g. Turnover: how MS interpret this income item? How do they estimate? Is it covering the overall turnover of enterprises doing fish processing as their main activity or only the "main" share? As a consequence, what's about other income? STECF EWG 16-17 was not able to reply to this question because people attending were not all involved in data collection. PGECON will try to reply.
- Comparison between ESTAT/DCF data: there is a mismatching between the 2 datasets, also for MS declaring to use SBS for DCF, even if in a minor measure. Which are the reasons of these differences, for MS using SBS? Could this be a question of reference population? STECF EWG 16-17 was not able to reply to this question because people attending were not all involved in data collection. PGECON will try to reply.
- MS using SBS will be asked to provide their expertise to interpret data mismatching and correspondence of variables between the 2 datasets.
- MS will be asked to provide info on the future data collection (use of SBS or ad-hoc survey, check started at STECF-EWG 16-17 but needing to be completed with further expertise).

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch time**

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(Coffee break at 16:00)

**ToR 6.** Reports from other relevant STECF and RCG meetings as well as DG MARE projects concerning data collection in fishing fleet, aquaculture and fish processing which might have the impact on methodological and technical aspects of collecting social and economic data in future.

- DCF Metier Workshop: Sub-group of the RCGs - North Sea and Eastern Arctic and North Atlantic – (Moderator, Matt Elliot).
- Updates on DG MARE project Socio-Economic data collection for Fisheries, aquaculture and the processing industry (SECFISH). It will depend on what is available for an update by this point. Possible content includes:
  - SECFISH Overview – The project Coordinator, Ralf Döring, will present the project via Skype (from 4 pm - due to the time difference with Oregon, USA) (Moderator, PGECON Chairs).
  - WP1 - Presentation of WP1 'Summary of what has been achieved in 2016/2017' and PGECON questionnaire (Moderator Evelina Sabatella).
  - WP5 – Origin and sources of raw material in the European seafood industry – Presentation from MSs and WP/DGMARE and development of a questionnaire for the other project partners (Moderator, Rasmus Nielsen)

**Thursday 17th**

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**9:00 – 13:00**

(Coffee break at 10:00 and 16:00)

**ToR 6.** Continue with update from SECFISH project

- WP6 – Social Indicators. (Moderator, Arina Motova). Possibility of MS sharing results from their pilot projects

If MS want to present the results from their pilot studies can they please consider these questions: Presentation should take no longer than 5-10 minutes for and should highlighting the main issues, and any changes compared to what been discussed at last year's meeting. In particular the following questions and points should be considered:

- How data was collected during the pilot (face to face interview, phone, interview, post questionnaire, etc.)?
- Sample size, response rate and lessons learned during pilot data collection
- What kind of data was collected during pilots and what is planned to collect this year?
- Where information on population was obtained from and how population was defined? Are you planning to use the same method this year?
- Did you raise the pilot data from sample to population? How?
- What kind of stratification did you use during your pilot and plan to use this year? Any observations regarding stratification?
- Provide any observations you think relevant and you want to share with colleagues collecting social data.

## Friday 18th

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**9:00 – 13:00**

(Coffee break at 10:00)

**ToR 7.** Establishment of PGECON Sub-group meeting calendar for 2018-2019 where needed and selection of chairing persons, venue and dates. PGECON 2019 venue, dates and selection of new co-chair. (Moderator, PGECON Chair).

Revision of text from rapporteurs, preparation of draft PGECON report. Adoption of final PGECON 2018 recommendations written and approved from the group (Moderator, PGECON Chair).

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