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Med&BS RDB - Members to be included in the SC

Context and workflow

This document focuses on the definition of the members to be included in the Steering Committee (SC) of the Med&BS Regional DataBase (RDBFIS) under development within the present Grant.

During the 4th meeting of the Med&BS RDB SC held online on July 12-13th 2021, WP3 of the present Grant has formulated proposals for the membership schema, which were widely discussed by participants; in fact, the Regional Database governance and data policy have to be approved by RCG Med&BS.

As far as guidelines, the SC can take into account the “ICES guidelines for Expert Groups” (http://ices.dk/about-ICES/Documents/Guidelines_for_ICES_Groups.pdf), whereas the decision to be a “Commission Expert Group” (<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=faq.faq&aide=2>) seems to represent a burden and therefore will be evaluated on the basis on added value estimation¹.

On July 17th, 2021 a draft document, showing the discussed schema, together with participants’ comments and specifications that enrich and better illustrate the schema itself, has been submitted to RCG Chairs and distributed by them for further feed-back from NCs.

A new document has been created highlighting amendments and comments received from Greek, Spanish and Cypriot NCs that have been duly reported for discussion in the RCG meeting (on September 9th, 2021). In this meeting, participants had the possibility to reach an agreement among all MSs; this is reported in the following section.

¹ Examples are the Expert Group on Fisheries Data collection (E02750) and The Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) (E00520)

Membership schema

Members of the SC:

- i. The Chair(s) of Med&BS RCG, without voting rights;
- ii. up to two representatives from each EU RCG Member State (MS) that wishes to attend; in case of voting, each MS would have one vote only;
- iii. up to two representatives from the European Commission, including JRC; in case of voting, the EC would have one vote only;
- iv. up to two representatives from GFCM, without voting rights;
- v. Chair invited guests; the Chair(s) of this SC can invite guests to attend a meeting of the SC as observers, on specific issues, without voting rights.