



Dear EAFE members,

This letter is to inform you of EAFE's present activities and commitments.

At the moment EAFE is being asked to offer economic advice to the following groups and projects:

- North Sea RAC
- Baltic Sea RAC
- EFARO (European Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Organization)
- MARIFISH (network of research funding institutions)

Moreover, at the last Bureau meeting, it was decided to start the implementation of Academic networks (people exchanges, research funding, Erasmus, FAME, social funds, etc.).

The Bureau decided to follow the previous commitments through a working group (WG) structure, in order to ensure more suitable expertise for each group. The Bureau also nominated a chairman for each of the commitments, who will co-ordinate all relevant activities (participation in meetings, identification of members with relevant expertise, etc.).

<b>Sub-groups</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Academic networks – people exchanges, research funding, Erasmus, FAME (collaborate with S. Europe?), social funds	Bertrand Le Gallic, <a href="mailto:legallic_b@yahoo.fr">legallic_b@yahoo.fr</a>
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EFARO	Luc van Hoof, <a href="mailto:Luc.vanhoof@wur.nl">Luc.vanhoof@wur.nl</a>
MARIFISH (network of research funding institutions )	Evelina Sabatella, <a href="mailto:esabatella@irepa.org">esabatella@irepa.org</a>

Members with particular interest in one of the present EAFE commitments are asked to express their interest to be participants in the sub-groups. Please do so by sending an email to the relevant chairperson AND to Elsebeth Vido, [elsebeth@foi.dk](mailto:elsebeth@foi.dk) . Once a list of interested participants has been established, the chair will outline a course of action (aims, objectives, meetings, etc.). (NB. Expenses for travel, accommodation are reimbursed for RAC meetings).

The chairs will report to the Bureau on progress and disseminate to all other sub-group members.

The outcomes of this working group structure will also be useful to eventually modify EAFE rules. This will be discussed during the next Annual General Meeting that will probably take place during the 2006 IIFET Conference in Portsmouth, given that no separate EAFE conference is being organised in 2006.



Please return the attached form to Elsebeth, even if you are not interested in joining any sub-group.

Best regards,

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EAFE President