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Minutes of the Round Table

"Port facilities - a key factor for the sustainable development of Black Sea fishing"

On 5 November 2020, via a video link, the Black Sea Advisory Council (BISAC) together with the non-governmental organization Mare Nostrum held a round table with the following agenda:

10:30 - 10:45 - Registration of participants;

10:45 - 11:00 - Introductory speech - Dr. Yordan Gospodinov, Chairman of BISAC;

11:00 - 11:15 - Presentation of the existing waste management infrastructure in the Port of Constanta, Costel Stanca, Director of the Seaport Administration, Constanta;

11: 15-11: 30 - General presentation of the project, Angelica Paiu, NGO Mare Nostrum;

11: 30-11: 45 - Abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear, Joel Bazyuk, Deputy Director of Global Ghost Gear Initiative - presentation of a recording;

11: 45-12.00 - Presentation of the European obligations for waste management, Mihaela Mirea, NGO Mare Nostrum;

12:00 - 12:15 - Presentation of the initiatives undertaken so far by the BISAC on the topic of marine litter - Mr. Yordan Gospodinov, Chairman of the BISAC.

12:15 - 12:45 - Challenges and needs - discussion.

The purpose of this round table was to identify ways to effectively manage waste from fishing activities. It also aims to raise awareness in addressing this issue, as well as to change practices by demonstrating solutions for marine litter disposal.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Stefan Gheorghe - State Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Romania and Mr. Costel Stanca, Director of the Seaport Administration in Constanta.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Mihaela Candea-Mirea. Greetings were also expressed by the Chairman of the BISAC Mr. Yordan Gospodinov.

The following is a statement by Mr Stefan Gheorghe on the future construction of a fishing port complex in Midia, Romania. It is envisaged to ensure safe unloading of fish as well as construction of storage facilities and centers for the first sale of fish.

Following is a presentation on "Presentation of the existing waste management infrastructure in the port of Constanta" given by Mr. Costel Stanca, Director of the Seaport Administration, Constanta.

Ms. Angelica Paiu made a general presentation of the project of the NGO "Mare Nostrum", specifying that the Association has become a member of the Global Ghost Gear Initiative, which deals with finding and collecting lost, discarded and abandoned nets in the seas.

Following is a video of the presentation of Mr. Joel Bazyuk, Deputy Director of the Ghost Gear Global Initiative, which has over 100 members from all over the world. There are interesting documents on the organization's website, such as an analysis of the impact of each fishing gear and the extent to which it is dangerous if lost at sea. Fishing nets lost or abandoned can stay in the seas for over 600 years, during which time they continue to capture 5 to 30% of fish resources. These marine stocks are lost to both fishermen and the marine environment.

Ms. Mihaela Candea-Mirea presented the European obligations for waste management.

Following is a presentation of the initiatives taken so far by the BISAC on the topic of marine litter by Mr. Yordan Gospodinov.

In conclusion, Ms. Mihaela Mirea shared the idea of the organization "Mare Nostrum" to create a network of fishermen from the two Member States Bulgaria and Romania to report discarded waste and lost fishing nets, thus supporting the activities of port authorities.

The meeting closes.

Minutes: Mrs. Elena Peneva

Chairman of BISAC: Dr. Yordan Gospodinov