

## **Questionnaire from the European Court of Auditors to the BS RAC**

### **1°) Status and role of RACs in general, and of the BSRAC in particular, in the decision process of the CFP.**

cf article 31.4 and 31.5 of 2371/2002

- a) What does the consultation process between the RAC, the Commission and the Member States involve ?
- b) What are the main outputs of the RAC? How are problems reported and recommendations dealt with?
- c) What are your competences and are they sufficient / adequate?
- d) What is your role in the decision making process and is it appropriate, particularly in relation to priority 1 axis of the EFF?

### **2°) State of resources / Overcapacity**

- a) What are, according to the BSRAC, the main issues / problem with the methods used to determine the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) or to assess overfishing?
- b) What changes would be necessary to the CFP to address the issue of overcapacity?

### **3°) Measures to reduce overcapacity**

#### In general

- a) What are the most efficient measures to reduce overcapacity?
- b) To what extent do decommissioning schemes efficiently contribute to reducing overcapacity?
- c) To what extent do temporary cessations efficiently contribute to reducing overcapacity?
- d) To what extent do day-at-sea regimes efficiently contribute to reducing overcapacity?
- e) Are there any provisions in the EU legislation which contradict the objective of reducing fishing capacity?
- f) Do you have examples where the EFF fund vessel modernisation projects increased fishing capacity?

#### In the Baltic Sea area

- g) What measures have been implemented since 2002 in the Baltic Sea area to reduce overcapacity?
- h) To what extent have these measures been successful / is overcapacity a problem in the Baltic Sea ?
- i) What are the main measures adopted by Member States in the Baltic Sea area for the implementation of priority axis 1 of the EFF ?

- j) Are these measures based on reliable information on fleet capacity and fishing opportunities in the area? What are the sources used by the RAC?
- k) To what extent do these measures need to be improved to significantly reduce overcapacity and balance fishing capacity with fishing opportunities?
- l) What is your assessment of the Member States' procedures to implement fleet capacity restrictions?