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Introduction (1) : Purpose

In-depth evaluation of the OMC in Aquaculture

Taking account of the period 2013 – 2017 and beyond

• Strengths and weaknesses of the process

• Potential for improvements to different aspects

• Ultimate goal: learning lessons to strengthen overall effectiveness and impacts
Introduction (1): the Team

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Desk review Support
- Additional staff from consortium partners / subcontractors
Objectives

1. To assess both EU and national efforts to promote the sustainable development re. the **OMC’s specific objectives:**
   a. Simplifying administrative procedures
   b. Spatial planning
   c. Enhancing the competitiveness
   d. Promoting a level playing field

2. To assess both EU and national efforts to promote sustainable development re. the **OMC’s operational objectives:**
   a. Mutual learning process
   b. Changes in national legislation to tackle strategic priorities
   c. Guidance documents on EU legislation
   d. Investment at EU and national level

3. To **inform Member States, stakeholders and the public on OMC achievements in the aquaculture sector and to identify KSF’s.**
Intervention logic

**General objective** (impact)
- Enhance sustainability, food security, growth and employment linked to the aquaculture sector

**Specific objectives** *(strategic priorities)* *(longer-term outcomes)*
- Reduce administrative burden
- Integrate aquaculture in spatial planning
- Improve competitiveness of aquaculture industry
- Promote level-playing field for EU operators

**Operational objectives** *(intermediate outcomes)*
- Develop a mutual learning process
- Foster changes in national legislation to tackle the four strategic priorities
- Provide guidance on the EU legislation with an impact on aquaculture (WFD, MSFD, etc.)
- Support realistic and sustainable investment at EU and national level in aquaculture

**OMC Activities**
- Technical seminars and high-level events
- Exchange of good practices
- National actions
- Guidance documents on EU law affecting the aquaculture sector
- Multiannual National Strategic Plans

**2013 Strategic Guidelines**
- Ex-ante conditionality

**OMC for sustainable aquaculture**

**CFP Regulation** *(article 2)*

**CFP Regulation** *(article 34)*
Overall Approach

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**Project kick-off**
- Initial analysis of existing sources and secondary data
- Exploratory interviews
- Refining methods & tools

**Inception**
- Desk research
  - Synthesis of mid-term MANP implementation reviews
  - Targeted consultation of NAs
  - Survey of aquaculture stakeholders

**Data collection**

**Interim report**
- Open Public Consultation
- Meeting with stakeholders in the AAC
- Participation in the conference with Regional and Local authorities
- Participation in the 6th technical seminar
- Case studies in MS

**Analysis**
- Final analysis & triangulation of data
  - Overarching conclusions and recommendations
  - Workshop with stakeholders
  - Final reporting

**Draft Final & Final Report**
Evaluation questions

The evaluation study is structured around **5 evaluation criteria**:

- **Effectiveness**: what are the **results achieved** at MS and EU level? To what extent are the OMC tools contributing to those achievements? (establish the **causal link** and **KSFs**)

- **Efficiency**: is there a **reduction of administrative procedures** in MS? What are the **costs and benefits** of the OMC tools? (taking into account expected cost savings **in the next two years**)

- **Coherence**: coherence **among the different OMC tools**, as well as with **other relevant policies** (CFP, EMFF, MSFD, WFD)

- **Relevance**: do the OMC objectives and tools (still) correspond to the **needs of the sector**?

- **EU added value**: what can be reached by the OMC, *i.e. at EU level*, that could not be achieved by national interventions only?

*Cross-cutting question: how are the regional and local levels involved and impacted?*
In addition to desk research and MANPs Mid-term reviews, the evaluation study will rely extensively on feedback from stakeholders, through:

1. An open public consultation
2. Participation to EU-level events
3. A targeted consultation of national administrators
4. Case studies in 5 MS
Stakeholders consultation (2): OPC / EU-level events

Open Public Consultation to complement the data collection with feedback from a wider audience on a few key questions:

• The OPC was launched on the 26 April 2018 and will close on 20 July 2018.

  https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/OCMAquaculture2018

• Questions focus on the **awareness** of stakeholders, **usefulness** of the OMC tools, **achievements** and **needs** of the sector

Evaluation team to **attend and report on three stakeholder events** organised by DG MARE in Q1 2018 (exact dates TBC):

• Meeting with stakeholder groups involved in the AAC / 6th Technical Seminar on the exchange of national practices; and

• Conference with regional and local authorities of the Member States;
Stakeholders consultation (3): NAs

In addition to the MANPs Mid-Term Reviews, National Authorities will be consulted through an email survey.

The consultation of NAs is starting now:

- To be used to **gather detailed information** on the specific activities, outputs and outcomes of the OMC objectives;

- **Builds upon** the data provided in MTRs and does **not include** questions covered in OPC; and

- Takes the form of an **Excel form** with mainly closed ratings questions **tailored to each individual Member State** taking account of their MTR;

- Responses to the survey are expected by the beginning of June.
Case studies will start end of May / early June and take place in 5 MS: France, Greece, Ireland, Poland and Spain

Case studies will build on data collected through the MANPs MTR and consultation with NAs and include feedback from local administrations and the industry (both representative organisations and operators)

Country experts will report to the core team through standardised case study reports that will feed into the analysis for the evaluation questions.
Next steps

• The coming months will be dedicated to gathering data and information from the various stakeholders, in particular NAs and the industry (representative organisations and a sample of operators)

• Next deliverable is due on 10 August 2018, to report on the data collection and the stakeholders consultation

• 3-4 months to carry out the analyses and make recommendations
Thanks you

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