



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
MARE/A2/EL (2023)

Subject: Inclusion of indicators of economic sustainability in the STECF's "The EU aquaculture sector report"

Dear Mr Brian Thomsen,

Dear Ms Yobana Bermudez,

I refer to your email of 21 July 2023 in which you shared the AAC and MAC's joint recommendation to include indicators of economic sustainability in the Economic Report on the EU aquaculture issued by the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).

Specifically, you recommend the addition of a chapter which would include indicators of economic sustainability applicable at both the farm and sector levels, corresponding thresholds/targets and examples of sustainability calculations. You also mention as examples of such indicators the ROI, EBIT, labour productivity and capital productivity.

At the request of the AAC, this subject was discussed at a meeting held between DG MARE desk officers and the AAC (Mr Thomsen and Ms Cecile Fouquet) in May 2023.

As explained during that meeting, your request regarding the inclusion of economic sustainability indicators will be discussed in the context of the preparation of the terms of reference regarding the content of the next STECF report, which is scheduled for publication in 2024.

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I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact our Advisory Councils coordinator, Ms Julia Rubeck via the functional mailbox of the Advisory Councils MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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