

**Thirty-eighth session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean  
(GFCM)  
Rome, Italy, 19-24 May 2014**

**Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union**

**MONDAY 19 MAY**

*Morning, 10:00-13:00 hours*

**1. Opening and arrangements of the session**

- Opening speeches (FAO, GFCM)
- Introduction of delegations of Members
- Introduction of Observers
- Presentation and adoption of the agenda
- Session arrangements

*MS competence – MS Voting rights*

**2. Cooperation with international party organizations, including the signature of Memoranda of Understanding**

*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**

**3. Report on the intersessional activities 2013-2014**

- Report of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), including its subcommittees and working groups  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**
- Report of the Committee on Aquaculture (CAQ), including its working groups and SIPAM  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- Report of the Working Group on the Black Sea (WGBS)  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**

**4. Report on the activities under the GFCM Framework Programme (FWP) to support Task Force actions**

- Strengthening fisheries data collection and submission frameworks in the GFCM area of competence – GFCM Data Collection Framework (DCRF)  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- Improving governance, including IUU related issues, management plans and preservation of marine ecosystems  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- Promoting the sustainable development of small-scale fisheries: outcomes of the First Regional Symposium on sustainable small-scale fisheries (Malta, 27-30 November 2013)  
*Shared competence – EU voting rights\**

- Fostering sustainable aquaculture development: the Aquaculture Multi-stakeholder Platform (AMShP)  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- **Ongoing cooperation activities: UNEP-MAP, CIHEAM, etc.**  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- **Activities** and cooperation with the FAO Regional Projects  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**

*Afternoon, 14:30 – 17.30*

5. **Fifth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)**  
*See attached separate declaration of competence for CAF*

**TUESDAY 20 MAY**  
*Morning, 9:00 – 12.00*

6. **Eighth Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC)**  
*See attached separate declaration of competence for CoC*

*Afternoon, 14:00 – 17.00*

6. **Eighth Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC) (cont')**  
*See attached separate declaration of competence for CoC*

7. **Follow-up on the process of amendment of the GFCM legal and institutional framework**  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**

**WEDNESDAY 21 MAY**  
*Morning, 9:00 – 12.00*

8. **Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture**

- Fisheries management and conservation advice emanating from the SAC, including elements of the regional management plan for red coral  
*EU competence – EU Voting rights\**
- Aquaculture management advice emanating from the CAQ  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- New proposals of recommendations  
*EU competence\* – EU Voting rights\**

*Afternoon, 14:00 – 17.00*

**8. Management of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture (cont')**

*EU competence – EU Voting rights\**

**THURSDAY 22 MAY**

*Morning, 9:00 – 12.00*

**9. Programme of work for the intersessional period 2014-2015, including for the FWP**

- Work programme of the Scientific Advisory Committee  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**
- Work programme of the Committee on Aquaculture  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**
- Work programme of the Working Group on the Black Sea  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**
- Work programme of the Compliance Committee  
*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**
- Work programme of the Committee on Administration and Finance  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**

*Afternoon, 14:00 – 17.00*

**10. Adoption of the report of the eighth session the Compliance Committee (CoC)**

*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**

**11. Adoption of the report of the fifth session of the Committee on Administration and Finance (CAF)**

*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**

**FRIDAY 23 MAY**

*Morning, 9:00 – 12.00*

**12. GFCM budget and Member contributions for 2014 and 2015**

*Shared competence – EU Voting rights\**

**13. Endorsement of the election of the SAC Bureau**

*MS competence – MS Voting rights\**

**14. Any other matter**

**15. Date and place of the thirty-ninth session**

*MS competence – MS Voting rights\**

*Afternoon free*  
**Preparation of the Report**

**SATURDAY 24 MAY**  
*Morning, 10:00*

- 16. Adoption of the Report and closure of the session**  
*Shared competence – MS Voting rights\**

*\* Without prejudice to further information*