Dear colleagues,

On 30 January the Social Partners for Sea Fisheries (SP) had their first social dialogue meeting in 2023.

Following the in camera meeting, the following points were discussed:

- **MARE D3** was invited to provide a policy update regarding the "package", namely the Communication on the functioning of the CFP (CFP report), the energy transition initiative and the action plan on the biodiversity strategy. The SP were informed about the expected timeline for adoption. They asked questions about the confidentiality towards e-logbooks, whether and if so how the socio-economic implications are taken into account in the action plan, and what is the role of the social dialogue in the CFP report.
  - The SP welcomed the presence of the Commission and the information provided. They explained that as their meetings take place only three times each year, this provides little opportunity for them to have a dialogue with the Commission on such important policy deliverables.
  - **DG** offered an ad hoc meeting after the adoption of the package to answer any questions there might be (focusing mainly on the CFP report and Action Plan).
- The next point in the agenda was a Socio-economic analysis and impact of the Commission Implementing Regulation (E).
  - The Commission could not engage in the social dialogue, neither discuss it nor be part of the discussion. Therefore, DG MARE left the meeting and joined in the next point of the agenda.
  - **DG EMPL** provided a short update on the Social Dialogue initiative.
  - The SP discussed and approved their work programme for 2023-2024.
  - The SP their joint resolution on forced labour.
  - The SP provided an update of their project "The pillars of the Sea 3". The project's next meeting will take place on 24 May, in Brest, during the European Maritime Day.

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- The European Transport Workers' Federation announced that it will organise an event on the future of fisheries in the Mediterranean either on the 28 or 30 June 2023.
- Europêche expressed its concerns over the labelling in Spain of plant-based products as fish. These products have labels of cod, salmon and tuna and although not containing fish/fish protein, they bear a picture of a fish. This could be harmful for the sector. Spain and Europêche are looking for legal options to correct this and ensure that the right information is passed on to the consumers.

The next social dialogue with the Social Partners for Sea Fisheries is planned for 29 June.

Best regards,