



DECISION NO 17-II-3
OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

of 21 June 2017

**issuing recommendations regarding the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation of
EFCA (2012-2016)**

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005¹ establishing a European Fisheries Control Agency (hereinafter referred to as "EFCA"), and in particular Article 39(3) thereof,

Whereas:

The Administrative Board welcomes the report on the Five-year Independent External Evaluation of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) for the period 2012-2016 and acknowledges its overall positive assessment and the recommendations made,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

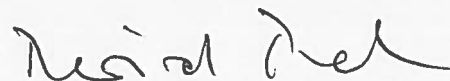
Article 1

The Administrative Board issues the recommendations as laid down in the Annex to this decision.

Article 2

1. This decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.
2. The recommendations shall be forwarded to the European Commission and the evaluation findings and recommendations shall be made public.

Done at Vigo on 21 June 2017.



Reinhard Priebe
Chair of the Administrative Board



¹ OJ L 128, 21.5.2005, p.1, as last amended by Regulation (EU) 2016/1626 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016, OJ L 251, 16.9.2016, p.80.



ANNEX

Administrative Board's recommendations

The Administrative Board welcomes the report on the Five-year Independent External Evaluation of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and acknowledges its overall positive assessment and the recommendations made.

The Administrative Board issues the following recommendations:

Regulation (EC) No 768/2005

1. Whilst most of the suggestions made in the evaluation report can be implemented within the current legal framework, reflections could usefully begin on a review of the above Regulation, taking into account, among others, the following elements:

- a review of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (Control Regulation);
- the alignment of EFCA's mission and tasks with recent and possible future developments in the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), notably the landing obligation, regionalisation, measures to combat IUU fishing and the external dimension of the CFP.

EFCA's working practices

2. EFCA should further develop e-learning; facilitate and promote the use of core curricula by the Member States and support the creation and implementation of a sector-specific qualification framework for fisheries inspectors.

3. EFCA should contribute to the further harmonisation of control methods, procedures and minimum inspection standards.

4. Ways should be explored to extend Joint Deployment Plans in contexts wider than applied currently.

5. A reflection should be promoted on how to plan EFCA's involvement in the international dimension in relation to its mission and tasks.

6. The functioning of the Administrative Board should be further enhanced to actively support the work of EFCA. The Administrative Board should in particular focus more on strategic issues and EFCA should assist new Board Members to facilitate their integration.

7. There should be better interaction between the Administrative Board and the Advisory Board.

8. EFCA should further enhance cooperation and exchange of best practices with other EU agencies, in particular with EMSA and FRONTEX under the tripartite working arrangement.

9. There should be better methodologies for measuring the added value and the impact of EFCA activities, using a result-based approach and leading to a small number of effective strategic Key Performance Indicators.

10. EFCA should continue to enhance gender balance.

11. EFCA should develop communication actions to further reach out to stakeholders, including through dialogues.

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