

Vigo, 4 June 2021

**MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
VIGO – 4 JUNE 2021**

## **0. ATTENDANCE**

The Chair, Ms Veronika Veits, opened the meeting at 09h00 by welcoming the Administrative Board (AB) members and the representative of the Advisory Board. The Chair stated that there were no new appointments since the last AB meeting.

The Chair introduced the observers participating in the meeting without voting right:

- Observer from the Advisory Board: Mr Jose Manuel Beltrán
- Observers from Commission: Ms Sarah Vitiello-Ferrara and Ms Manuela Musella

The Chair asked if anyone of the participating AB members had any direct or indirect interests in relation to any matter on the agenda. There were no direct or indirect interests raised by the AB members.

Mr Geert Devogel from Belgium notified that he would withdraw from item 2 of the agenda and would disconnect from the meeting for that point.

The Chair recalled that there is a decision from the Administrative Board to declare the absence of any conflict of interest through a duly completed and signed form, to be provided annually to the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) that together with the résumés, are subject to publication on the EFCA website and should be updated whenever necessary. To date, not all AB members have met that obligation. The European Parliament (EP) is closely monitoring the application of the EFCA conflict of interest policy as part of the discharge procedure.

Finally, Board members were reminded that the meeting would be recorded and that during the meeting some photographs could be taken for communication purposes. If anyone would prefer not to be photographed or that his/her image is not published on the EFCA website and social media profiles, their choice would be respected.

The Chair alluded to the gender balance among the AB representatives and alternates:

- AB representatives: men 71 %, women 29 %.
- AB alternates: men 73 %, women 27%.

On this topic, the Chair pointed out that the EP had recently mentioned negatively on the gender balance of EFCA's AB members in the context of the discharge for 2019 budget. She strongly encouraged Member States to give preference to female members for future appointments.

On the new appointed Executive Director, Dr Susan Steele, the Chair commented that she attended a PECH Committee on 25 May 2021, answering questions on how to ensure a level playing field, the role of EFCA in the light of the fisheries control system or the cooperation under the coast guard functions. The Chair further stated that the hearing went very well, and the appointed ED received a warm welcome by the PECH Committee, which is a very good starting point for the relations between the EFCA and the EP, in view of the discharge that the EP has to grant regularly to EFCA. Dr Steele has also met EFCA management and EFCA staff to prepare her start on 1 September 2021.

The documents have been sent ahead of the meeting and are in line with the rules of procedure.

Present	Proxies were given for all agenda items from Romania to Bulgaria and from European Commission (EC), Ms Andersson Pench to Ms Francesca Arena, Mr Donatella to Mr Van Poeke.  The presence list is attached in Annex I.
Quorum	The Chair concluded that the 2/3 quorum was obtained (22 votes out of 33).

## **1. APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA**

The Chair informed the Board of the documents and presentations circulated by the Executive Director and presented the agenda for approval:

- Under item 2: Information from the Executive Director: Roadmap for ramping up additional resources
- Under item 3: Amendment to the Single Programming Document containing the Multiannual work programme 2021-2025 and Annual work programme for 2021
- Under item 4: Adoption of the terms of reference of the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation of EFCA
- Under item 5: Adoption of the Final Annual Accounts for financial year 2020
- Under item 6: AOB

The Chair cited the topics that would be raised under AOB:

1. Date of the next AB meeting
2. Farewell of current EFCA's Executive Director, Mr Pascal Savouret

The Chair asked the AB members if they had any comments on the agenda. In the absence of comments, it was adopted (Annex II).

## **2. INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: ROADMAP FOR RAMPING UP ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

EFCA ED presented in this point the steps done by EFCA to prepare for the implementation of the additional mandate and additional resources provided by the co-legislators to EFCA, expecting the adoption of the amendment of the SPD 2021 by the Administrative Board.

He first introduced the tentative Recruitment Plan as EFCA is granted additional 9 AD posts, 7 AST posts, 6 CA positions and 1 SNE:

a. Plan for additional job positions authorised from 2021:

2 AD, 2 AST and 2 CA will be available to fill in 2021. EFCA expects to fill 1 AD and 2 AST from existing reserve lists in 2021 and 2 CA by reassignment, and 1 AD from a future reserve list (see point b).

b. Plan for additional job positions authorised from 2022:

To fill the remaining posts, mainly for appointments during 2022, EFCA has several new recruitment procedures under way:

- > AD 7 Administrator Control Operations (expected reserve list available end June 2021)
- > AD 7 IT Architect (expected reserve list available mid-July 2021)
- > AST 4 Coordinator of Control Operations (expected reserve list available October 2021).

EFCA will plan further recruitment procedures in the second semester 2021 to fill positions later in 2022. The forementioned positions also are reflected in the amended SPD 2021-2025.

Secondly, information was provided on the additional OPV chartering with the focus on Brexit areas for the rest of 2021. Several options have been analysed:

- > Launching an open call for a new framework contract, as the current one is finishing in December 2021; it is not feasible considering the timing needed for such a process.
- > The following alternatives were analysed:
  - Use of the SLA with EMSA (successfully used already in 2017) to contract the services of one of the EMSA list of antipollution vessels.
  - Use of the SLA with Frontex to contract a OPV of a Member State: not possible due to their intensive operational needs for OPVs.
  - Use of the existing charter framework contract.

After thorough consideration of the pros and cons of every alternative, and having informal contacts with EMSA and Frontex, the option chosen was to use the SLA with EMSA to acquire the services of an OPV of its list of contracted vessels, until the general procurement through an Open Call for Tender for the following years is finalised.

EFCA has already officially started the process under article 8 of the SLA with EMSA, to proceed with the contracting of one vessel, expecting that it operates from mid-August. The initial estimation of the monthly renting and running costs for operating of the EMSA contracted vessels is between 400000 and 450000 euros.

The ED underlined that EFCA will ensure, as this is the case with the current chartered OPV Lundy Sentinel, that the vessel is a multipurpose platform duly equipped for fisheries control activities with all the necessary services, equipment, and certification (international shipping and safety standards) to deliver long missions in challenging weather conditions, and to accommodate and treat well EU inspectors from the Member States together with EFCA officials on board. These elements will be checked by a contracted surveyor prior to finalise the contract. After the approval of the SPD amendment, EFCA will enter in contact with the company to prepare all the necessary steps.

When it comes to the EFCA possibilities for chartering airborne means for aerial surveillance, the ED underlined the importance to combine seaborne and airborne missions in order to achieve the best operational results in the scope of MCS, and that the efforts will be concentrated especially in waters adjoining the United Kingdom during 2021. This is indeed a relevant point, as the Trade and Cooperation Agreement consequences might trigger incompliant behaviours as stopping or tampering the reporting of AIS/VMS positions, thus airborne means can play a vital role there to validate and identify the targets.

EFCA plans to use the existing instrument to charter airborne means in cooperation with Frontex. EFCA participates in the Interinstitutional Procurement procedure for the conclusion of a Framework Contract for Aerial Surveillance Services for 4 years launched by Frontex, as established by a MOU signed in February 2020 between the two Agencies. The procurement procedure is ongoing and expected to be finalised in the next months.

EFCA anticipated its upcoming needs for the airborne means, thus EFCA has requested to increase the allocated budget to EFCA under the inter institutional framework contract up to a total amount of 10,000,000 euros (4,000,000 euros for LOT 2 and 6,000,000 euros for LOT3), that is considered to be sufficient to cover the 4-year period that will last the inter institutional framework contract.

The third item introduced was Union inspectors. The ED confirmed that until the co-legislators adopt the legislative proposal revising the Control Regulation, EFCA officials are not empowered as Union Inspectors in the MS waters. In this regard, the ED appealed to AB members to designate Union inspectors to be deployed in the EFCA chartered means, mentioning that MS' Union Inspectors will be even more instrumental during the deployments of EFCA chartered means in the waters surrounding the UK EEZ boundaries.

The following roadmap was presented for bridging the gap:

- MS Union Inspector(s)' assignments to the JDPs on board the Union chartered assets may fall under 2 possible models: either a short term with one or two legs (a leg= two weeks) deployment at sea or a longer assignment of up to three months.
- The longer assignments might foresee a combination of shifts encompassing deployments at sea, participation in the planning and monitoring of EFCA OPV activity, tactical analysis and other JDPs activities in the context of joint control operation, etc. highlighting that those non-seaborne activities might be carried out either remotely or from Vigo.
- EFCA will remain available for the provision of a dedicated training programme (especially for those who are coming from different sea regions)
- It is critical that the Agency achieves a good visibility of available Member States Union Inspectors during 2021 and 2022.

The possibility to create a Union Inspector pool was mentioned. In this regard, the Agency calculated that, without prejudice of EFCA deployed personnel, one chartered OPV, would need a pool between four (4) Union Inspectors for a stable three-month assignment and six (6) Union Inspectors, for a shorter assignment pattern. Then, two OPVs might need a pool between 8 to 12 Union Inspectors and three OPVs between 12 to 18 Union Inspectors.

The ED stressed that these figures remain reasonably low, as they hardly reach 1% of the Union Inspector population (1,870 Union Inspectors tabled in the relevant Commission's decision as published).

As regards the deployment of the EFCA chartered means in the different sea basins, the ED considered that this should be discussed with Member States to facilitate transparency as follows:

- Organise a Joint Steering Group (JSG) meeting (BS, NS, WW, NAFO-NEAFC, MED, BLS) for providing a holistic view and discussing the future planning and sea basin deployment of the OPVs, highlighting the high profile of the TCA with UK.
- For aerial surveillance, the ED proposed organising a joint Steering Group meeting (NS, WW, MED) for providing a holistic view and discussing the future planning and sea basin flight missions prioritising WW and NS JDP.
- As for the Union inspectors, launching a call for expression of interest could be considered, to create a pool of Union inspectors (e.g., from 2 weeks to 3-month availability). EFCA is ready to cover costs related to the mission (travel and subsistence allowances).

The representative of Ireland noted the request from AB Chair on gender balance at the AB and asked to share the available documents in this regard. As regards the agenda item 2, he expressed that the EFCA ED's proposal was very positive. He referred to the Lundy Sentinel as a good platform for fisheries control and its important presence in various EU waters. He wished that any additional chartered vessel to be as safe and performant. On Union inspectors, he considered it as a sensitive point for MS, as they need to balance their management of inspectors (e.g., for budgetary reasons), and the cost for losing people temporarily, but at the same time the Brexit topic is an important one. In this regard, the role to be played in these waters is an important one, and EFCA is in good position for that.

He expressed a positive opinion on the proposal to create a pool of inspectors through a call for expression of interest. He proposed the idea to launch an accreditation programme for inspectors, that might include in a logbook their sea going missions and trainings. He highlighted the need to provide in the EFCA chartered means adequate facilities, accommodation, and a safe environment to the inspectors on board, also considering the gender balance and the possibility to have inspectors for different genders on board.

The representative from Italy underlined that Lundy Sentinel as a chartered vessel is a good standard, thus the Agency has a good reference point for the new charter. Also, he shared some experiences from the last time (2017) when EFCA used temporarily an EMSA vessel, when the quality for hosting Union inspectors was questionable. He suggested to look to high standards as regards accommodation and gender related elements. He was also positive on the proposal from the representative of Ireland for a call to create a pool of Union inspectors and availability for specific training from EFCA, thus an inspector's logbook could be a good tool to record all experiences of Union inspectors.

The representative of the Netherlands expressed general support for the proposals from the ED and appreciated the possibility to discuss the assets strategic distribution in the JSG.

The representative of Germany expressed some doubts on the monthly figure provided for the cost of the chartered OPV and requested some more explanations. Also, the speaker suggested to keep flexibility in the deployment of the OPV.

The representative of the Commission congratulated the ED on making use of all possible available tools to address these important issues, as regards the acquisition of additional resources and assets. She supported the idea of JSG in order to find a holistic approach on sharing the chartered means among the sea basins. Also, she was positive on upcoming revision of EFCA's regulation, which will give additional powers and flexibility for EFCA in order to support MS in EU waters.

EFCA ED warmly thanked MS and Commission representatives for the support on this important topic.

While answering the question on the daily rate (10 000 -15 000 EUR) of the OPV, he mentioned that the rate as all-inclusive is a very competitive one and quoted some comparative MS OPV daily cost. He also mentioned that EFCA is chartering the vessels from the private sector and adding control capacity to the MS national administrations. A daily charter base rate will be paid to EMSA, and a top up will be paid to the company. Additional elements (or top up) include e.g. fuel, lubricants, boarding capacity, catering, accommodation, communication, health and safety related items. The ED made a reference to the need to equip the vessel in case, for example, a SAR operation is required, when additional supplies are needed to treat well people rescued on board of the vessel (e.g., blankets, water, food, etc.).

The ED welcomed the idea on flexible management of EFCA's chartered means, but this topic also has to be seen together in relation with the Union inspectors' availability, thus a commitment from MS is needed.

As regards the Union inspector's logbook, the ED welcomed the idea and suggested also to study an option of using also EFCA SNEs for empowering missions in Union waters.

On the quality of the OPV, EFCA ED confirmed the intention to find the most appropriate and safe platform for fisheries inspections, especially considering that control operations will be carried out in challenging weather conditions (e.g., North Atlantic) rough sea, icing conditions, etc. Also, EFCA ED underlined that the most critical issue is putting the boarding boat to the waters, conducting boarding, and coming back to the mother boat. The Agency wants to ensure that this point is taken as the highest priority. In this regard, EFCA will deploy a professional surveyor before contracting the vessel to ensure that all safety and security criteria are met by the vessel provided by the company. In addition to that, EFCA has a Code of Conduct established which is applicable for all working on board of EFCA chartered means.

Another element which was highlighted by the EFCA ED was that the EFCA chartered vessel is having open AIS which can be seen by anyone interested in knowing where the EU chartered vessels is operating. Therefore, he suggested to be careful in selecting the deployment areas which could be challenging from a risk analysis perspective (safety and security).

The AB Chair thanked the ED for the good preparations, additional explanations and suggestions, she noted the support by the AB for organising Joint Steering Group meetings for discussing the deployment of OPVs and aerial surveillance for the future. With regard to the SNE empowerment as Union inspectors she expressed some doubts about this possibility and requested the Commission to examine this possibility.

The AB Chair concluded that the AB well noted all progress done by the Agency as regards the preparation (staff recruitment, chartering of means, deployment of Union inspectors) and that the proposed way ahead is in line with additional appropriations allocated recently to EFCA.

The Administrative Board took note	of the information provided in writing as well as orally, at the meeting.
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### **3. SINGLE PROGRAMMING DOCUMENT CONTAINING THE MULTIANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2025 AND ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021**

The issue of the amendment to the Single Programming Document containing the MWP 2021 - 2025 and the AWP for 2021, as well as the amendment to the budget and EP for 2021 was already

discussed in detail during the last AB meeting in April, so the purpose was to take the decision on the amendments.

The Head of Unit Resources and IT (HoU 1) presented a brief recap of the main amendments proposed in the SPD and the budget documents. The objectives are twofold:

1. The first is based on the adoption of the Commission of a legislative financial statement encompassing additional human and budgetary resources for EFCA in the framework of the future cooperation with the UK. This was subsequently adopted by the Budgetary Authority. The AB should adopt the amendment of the SPD and budget to reflect this proposal.
2. The second part of this amendment introduced three new projects to be assigned to EFCA to be subsidized by grants from the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF).

The amendments to the SPD 2021-2025 and WP 2021 are the following:

- It should be known that under the Strategic Area 1. Operational Coordination, EFCA may be requested to fulfil EU international obligations and cooperate with Third Countries' partners (e.g. UK).
- under the Objective 1 Implementation of JDPs and assistance to the Member States and the Commission in EU and International Waters, the support to international cooperation (TCA EU - UK) has been added.

Related to this, the budget amendments include an addition of €4 million that has been attributed to EFCA and covers the additional staff to be recruited in 2021, the equipment that will be required to be purchased for the new staff, and a very significant increase, €3.4 million all together, for the chartering and deployment of up to two additional Offshore Patrol Vessels and aircraft missions in waters adjoining the United Kingdom.

He mentioned there has been a change in the document in respect of the version sent to the AB a couple of weeks before. In the version sent to the AB there was a footnote related to the €2 million being linked to the adoption of the EMFAF. However, the EC has found a way to break this "link", so as of today the full €4 million are available. Therefore, this footnote has been deleted from the version that the AB is adopting.

In respect of the amendments related to the grants, he mentioned first of all there are no budgetary amendments, so this only refers to amendments in the text. There is a new objective 5a which encapsulates the assistance to the EC in the implementation of actions identified to implement capacity building actions on request of the European Commission, to support capacity building in Member States and Third Countries through dedicated projects. As already mentioned, these will be financed by grants under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF).

This new activity encompasses the signature of three grants and the preparation of the following projects:

1. Maintenance of the Coast Guard qualifications Network and the Coast Guard functions Handbook.
2. Analysis for the weighing process of fisheries products in the Member States and strategy
3. Establishment of a Mediterranean virtual regional training academy on fisheries control and inspection.

Once the contribution agreements are finalised EFCA would come to the Board again for a proposal for an amendment to incorporate these amounts.

For the record, the amounts were around €2.4 million for the Handbook project, €740K for the Weighting project and €1 million for the virtual academy. Also, there are other ideas for projects which are being discussed and if other projects come to light or materialize during this year, these would be brought to the Board for a further amendment to the SPD and the budget.

The Chair clarified that the amendment does not include additional money for the three new grants. At a later stage, there will have to be a new amendment to the SPD. This will be possible, once the new EMFAF fund is adopted and enters into force (foreseen for early July) and thereafter the work programme which implements the direct managed part of the EMFAF is adopted by the Commission. This will probably happen by the end of July.

There was an unanimous decision in favour of the amendment of the SPD and budget.

Proposed action	Amendment of the Single Programming Document containing the Multiannual work programme 2021-2025 and the Annual work programme for year 2021 of the European Fisheries Control Agency
Legal Basis	Art. 24, 32(2)(c) and and 32(2)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2019/473, Art. 32 and 33 of AB Decision No 19-W-5 of 29 August 2019 concerning the Financial Regulation of the European Fisheries Control Agency
Decision	Adopted by consensus.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE FIVE-YEAR INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF EFCA**

The Chair reminded that in its last meeting on 21 April 2021 the Administrative Board adopted the mandate for the external evaluation, which provides the grounds for establishing the terms of reference. The Evaluation Steering Committee (ESC) has been working very hard since the last meeting in order to prepare the Terms of Reference (ToR).

The Accounting Officer (AccO) presented the ToR that the ESC developed over the past months following the adoption of the mandate at the last Board meeting for the adoption of the Board.

He recalled very briefly the legal background, referring to Art 48.2 of EFCA Founding Regulation whereas the Board is required to issue specific ToR for every 5-year external evaluation. The adopted ToR will be used as technical specifications to procure an external evaluator to perform the evaluation, for that EFCA joined in February an interinstitutional tender that will be signed by July or at the latest in early August 2021. As soon as the framework contract is signed EFCA will use the ToR as technical specifications for the contract with the independent external evaluator.

He presented in detail all the work developed by the ESC and referred that this ToR is the result of several meetings of the ESC which took into account the different views of all members. The ESC believes that the document is now mature and ready for adoption of the Board.

The document received by the Board consists of four main points:

1. The general context
2. Objective, Scope and Evaluation Criteria
3. Specific requirements for the External Evaluator
4. References



He focused on the third point, highlighting the specific task to be performed by the evaluator, the main evaluation questions, deliverables milestones, provisional timetable and the maximum budget and duration. Regarding the two main tasks requested, these are the Evaluation Study and the Stakeholder feedback, which follow the logic of the tender. The 12 main evaluation questions are there to substantiate the evaluation criteria and to be answered by the contractor and not directly by the stakeholders, thus the evaluator will breakdown the questions in suitable questions for stakeholders.

The Chair thanked all members of the ESC for the thorough work performed in a very short time period, which resulted in an excellent document that will allow to proceed in a clear evaluation logic going from the evaluation criteria to the questions which will be further specified by the evaluator.

The representative of Ireland thanked for the presentation and the ESC for the work done, highlighting the importance of this process to continue improving the performance of the Agency.

He stated he would like to offer support to the Board based on his experience of the previous external evaluation. From his perspective, the last evaluator did a reasonable job, but the challenge was the material they had at hand for the evaluation. Perhaps the Board could give some feedback to the Agency in a set of questions over time and this might offer additional material for consideration in the evaluation. This also takes into consideration a previous recommendation on the active participation by the Board on the meetings and how the Board could support the good work of the Agency.

The Chair thanked the Irish representative and recalled that the recommendations of the last evaluations were discussed and followed-up on regularly in each Board and that it was certainly a practice that could be continued in the future. The Chair said that the recently appointed ED was also invited to find other ways of having more substantive discussions on the quality of the work of the Agency.

The AB adopted the Terms of Reference of the Five-Year Independent External evaluation of EFCA by consensus.

Proposed action	Adoption of Terms of Reference for the 5-Year External Evaluation
Legal Basis	Article 48 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 2019/473 and Article 29 of the EFCA Financial Regulation.
Decision	Adopted by consensus.

## **5. ADOPTION OF THE FINAL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020**

The AccO explained that in accordance with Article 102 of the Financial Regulation of the EFCA the Final Annual accounts shall be submitted to EFCA's AB for an opinion. The Final Annual Accounts 2020 - accompanied by the decision of the AB of EFCA representing its opinion on the accounts - shall be submitted by 1 July of 2021 to the European Parliament, the Council, the Accounting Officer of the Commission and the European Court of Auditors.

He presented the key figures of the 2020 Final Accounts and explained the development of the Net Assets and Economic Result in comparison to the year 2019. He highlighted the efforts of the Agency to have in place early in 2020 counter measures to minimise the impact of the COVID-19

which allowed to have remarkable budgetary execution (97.3%) and payment implementation (81.2%).

Regarding the external auditor, the AccO mentioned that a new external audit firm (Ernst & Young) performed the audit. This year it was particularly challenging since it was conducted at distance via web due to the pandemic situation and with a new audit company. The external auditors issued a complete clean opinion without requests for changes. The Court had already indicated in March 2021 that there were no preliminary findings, which was confirmed a couple of days ago, with an unqualified opinion without observations. These findings allowed the AccO to draw up the final accounts and to certify them and to have reasonable assurance that the accounts present fairly, in all materiality aspects, the financial position, the results of the operations and the cash-flow of the Agency. Therefore, he recommended to the Administrative Board to adopt the accounts.

The Chair stressed the good news that both auditors, the external one and the European Court of Auditors, issued a clean report, also highlighting that despite the COVID-19 the budget execution level in 2020 was at a very high level and congratulated the Agency for the results.

There were no comments, and the AB adopted the EFCA's accounts 2020 by consensus.

Proposed action	Adoption of EFCA's Final Annual Accounts of 2020.
Legal Basis	Article 45 (5) of Regulation (EC) No 2019/473 and Article 102 of the EFCA Financial Regulation.
Decision	Adopted by consensus.

## 6. AOB

- > Tentative date for next AB meeting: 14 October 2021.
- > Farewell of Executive Director Pascal Savouret.

With regards to the upcoming end of mandate of the Executive Director after ten years, the Chair gave him the floor and remarked that this would be his last Administrative Board meeting.

The ED thanked AB members for their open approach and trust through difficult times; he recalled the initial reluctance of some MS to allow access to VMS data, which evolved into confidence through transparency, allowing for the introduction of a unified information system, projected for 2022.

After showing his gratitude to EFCA management and all staff for their commitment, the ED expressed confidence in a solid future for the Agency under the leadership of his successor, underlining the importance of ensuring marine sustainability for the next generations. Addressing the representative of the Advisory Board, he also acknowledged the role of the fishing industry. Lastly, in recognition to the support of the United Kingdom to the Agency in past years, the ED expressed the hope that a relationship can be re-established in the future.

Representatives both from the European Commission and different Member States (i.e., Ireland, Spain, Italy, Germany, France, The Netherlands, Poland) expressed their appreciation to the ED for his contribution. An emphasis was placed on the ED's dedication to the interest of the Agency's service, as well as on the development of synergies with other EU Agencies and at the international level, which enhanced EFCA's reputation and increased its visibility.

Among other achievements, the Commission pointed to the discharge granted each year by the European Parliament to the Agency, which proved its resources were put to best use and welcomed the approval of additional budget that would reinforce the Agency's assistance and cooperation.

The Chair concluded the meeting by announcing that a gift and a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Administrative Board were handed out to Pascal Savouret wishing him the best in his future endeavors.



## ANNEX I

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO THE ONLINE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EFCA VIGO, 4 JUNE 2021

	Members	Alternates
(BE) Belgium:	Mr Geert DEVOGEL	-
(BG) Bulgaria <sup>1</sup> :	Mr Dimitar VALKOV	-
(CZ) Czech Rep.:	-	Mr Jacub MORICKY
(DK) Denmark:	Ms Nanna MØLLER	-
(DE) Germany :	-	Mr Bernd SOENTGERATH
(EE) Estonia:	Mr Indrek ULLA	-
(IE) Ireland:	Mr Andrew KINNEEN	Ms Susan STEELE
(EL) Greece:	Ms Theoni PAPADOPOULU	Mr Ioannis OIKONOMAKOS
(ES) Spain:	-	Mr Borja VELASCO TUDURI
(FR) France:	-	Ms Bérengère LORANS
(HR) Croatia:	Mr Mario SKORJANEC	-
(IT) Italy:	-	Mr Lorenzo MAGNOLO
(CY) Cyprus:	Mr Yiannos KYRIACOU	-
(LV) Latvia:	Mr Miks VEINBERGS	-
(LT) Lithuania:	-	Mr Tomas KAZLAUSKAS
(LU) Luxembourg:	-	-
(HU) Hungary:	Mr Peter LENGYEL	-
(MT) Malta:	-	Mr Marvin SAGUNA
(NL) Netherlands:	Ms Carian POSTHUMUS MEIJES	-
(AT) Austria:	Ms Margareta STUBENRAUCH	-
(PL) Poland:	-	Mr Stanislaw KASPEREK
(PT) Portugal:	-	-
(RO) Romania:	-	-
(SL) Slovenia:	Mr Slavko SSKO	-
(SK) Slovakia:	-	-
(FI) Finland:	Mr Harri KUKKA	-
(SE) Sweden:	Mr Niclas TÖRNELL	-
<u>European Commission (EC):</u>		
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	-	Mr Christos ECONOMOU
Ms Veronika VEITS (Chair)	-	-
	-	Mr Yves VAN POEKE <sup>2</sup>
	-	-
Ms Francesca ARENA <sup>3</sup>	-	-
<u>Advisory Board representative:</u>		
	Mr José Manuel FERNANDEZ BELTRAN (PEL AC)	
<u>Observers:</u>		
	Ms Sarah R. VITIELLO-FERRARA (EC)	
	Ms Manuela MUSELLA (EC)	

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<sup>2</sup> Proxy from EC (FD) for all items

<sup>3</sup> Proxy from EC (LAP) for all items.

EFCA:

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Mr Niall MCHALE (Head of Unit)

Ms Rieke ARNDT (Head of Sector - HR and Legal)

Ms Donianzu MURGIONDO (Head of Sector - Finance and Procurement)

Mr Oscar VIDAL (EFCA ICT)

**Unit EU Waters and North Atlantic (Unit 2)**

Mr Mario LOPES SANTOS (Head of Unit)

**Unit Coast Guard and International Programmes (Unit 3)**

Mr Pedro GALACHE (Head of Unit)

Mr Vytautas LUKAS (Deputy Head of Unit)

Mr Rafael DUARTE (Head of Sector - Inter-agency Cooperation)

Ms Marietta ASIK (Administrator for chartered capacities – Inter-agency Cooperation)

## ANNEX II

### Adopted Agenda of the 36th meeting of the Administrative Board of the EFCA on 4 June 2021

09h00 – 13h00

(D=decision; I=Information)

1. Approval of the draft agenda D
2. Information from the Executive Director: Roadmap for ramping up additional resources I
3. Amendment to the Single Programming Document containing the Multiannual work programme 2021-2025 and Annual work programme for 2021 and budget D
4. Adoption of the terms of reference of the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation of EFCA (*tbc*) D
5. Adoption of the Final Annual Accounts for financial year 2020 D
6. AOB