

Vigo, 16 December 2022

**Subject: Invitation to the launching event of EFCA's chartered patrol vessels**

Dear members of the Advisory Board,

You are invited to the launching event of the three new chartered EFCA patrol vessels. It will be at:

**El Tinglado del Puerto  
(Est. Porto, 3, 36202, Vigo)  
17 January 2023  
From 10h30 to 15h30**

Following the mandate from the EU institutions to strengthen EFCA's operational capacity for assisting the Member States and the European Commission in the monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries as required by the Common Fisheries Policy, EFCA has reinforced its patrol means with three new offshore patrol vessels, following the award of a public call for tender.

On 17 January 2023, EFCA is organising the launching event of its three new chartered patrol vessels. After the official naming event, a small tour onboard the vessels will be organised for the guests, followed by a lunch to which you are invited.

It is an important event as these are the only vessels at sea chartered by the EU. They will be dedicated to fisheries control activities, but they will also support the EU in the framework of the EU coast guard cooperation.

You may also read the data protection notice for participants to meetings organised by EFCA on our website: [DPR-3 Annex A Data Protection Notice.pdf \(europa.eu\)](#)

For logistic reasons, you are kindly requested to confirm your participation by 3 January 2023 via e-mail: [silvia.sanchez@efca.europa.eu](mailto:silvia.sanchez@efca.europa.eu).

You will also be receiving more practical information in the run up of the event.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[e-Signed]

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