



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,  
MARE/A4/GP

Dear Ms Bermúdez,

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2024, on behalf of the Market Advisory Council, submitting recommendations regarding the STECF Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry.

I would like to thank you for the valuable feedback you provided. Your suggestions for the next report in 2025 are much appreciated and will be given careful consideration.

I would like to assure you that all your recommendations will be brought into discussion internally in DG MARE and with the relevant parties at STECF working groups. We will examine each suggestion to assess its feasibility and potential implementation.

It is important to note that while we strive to improve our reporting and data collection processes, some recommendations may face practical or regulatory challenges. For instance, changing the report's publication frequency from biennial to annual would require significant resources. Similarly, establishing mandatory data requirements across all Member States involves complex legislative processes.

Nevertheless, we are committed to enhancing the quality and relevance of the fish processing report. We will explore ways to address the issues you have raised, such as improving data harmonization, collaborating with other organizations like FAO, and providing more comprehensive analyses on topics like sustainability and raw materials as well as your suggestion on the social aspects.

We will keep you informed of the outcomes of our discussions and any changes we plan to implement for the 2025 report. Your continued input and feedback are invaluable to us as we work to improve our reporting processes.

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Thank you for your engagement as well as your suggestions.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox [MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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