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Mr. Pim Visser
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Subject: EAPO interest to contribute to the Transnational Pilot project

Dear Mr Visser,

I would like to thank you for your letter sent on 6 July 2020 to express your interest for the ongoing Pilot Project on transnational producer organisations (POs) and the set-up of an EU platform for fishery and aquaculture POs.

DG MARE acknowledges the important role of EAPO to strengthen cross-border cooperation between POs within EU. As a representative association of POs at EU level, the contribution of EAPO to this project is crucial and we appreciate all valuable inputs that you already provided.

For those reasons, following your request, we have invited EAPO to join the online platform developed under this project. We encourage your POs members to contribute actively to this platform. Besides, the online debates organised in June/July 2020 are also good opportunities for EAPO and its members to share their experiences. The audience of those online events goes beyond recognised POs since a preliminary result of the project is the lack of awareness regarding transnational POs and their roles to enhance collaboration within EU.

As it concerns your point on CMO, I would like to inform you that the Commission would not undertake an evaluation of the CMO but as Article 42 foresees it shall report to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of the application of this Regulation by 31 December 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Frangiscos NIKOLIAN
Head of Unit