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Dear Mr Visser,

Commissioner Sinkevičius asked me to thank you for your letter of 29 November 2019 on his appointment as Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries.

The Commissioner is glad that he already had a first opportunity for an exchange of views with you at the meeting with *Europêche* last December. Nonetheless, he would like to emphasise again the importance of the fisheries sector, and in particular the producer organisations, for delivering on the mandate assigned to him by the President von der Leyen.

Fisheries producer organisations have a key role to play in contributing to a successful and sustainable fisheries policy. They are crucial for the implementation not only of the common fisheries policy but also of the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products.

In this spirit, we are very much looking forward to a close and constructive cooperation with the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations.

Yours sincerely,

Marius Vaščega