The EU Domestic Advisory Group pursuant to Article 13 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement has been established and already met several times. It covers the entire scope of the Agreement, including fisheries. The European Economic and Social Committee supports the Domestic Advisory Group through its External Relations’ secretariat. The Commission does not intend to establish further domestic advisory groups specific to individual sectors.

The call for expression of interest to participate in the EU Domestic Advisory Group of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement was published in June 2021 and widely disseminated by the Commission. Several representatives of the fish industry have observer status.

The Civil Society Forum pursuant to Article 14 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement covers Part Two of the Agreement, which includes fisheries. The annual meetings of the Forum are open to any civil society organisation. The first meeting of the Civil Society Forum is expected to take place in the second half of 2022. The Commission will inform when registration is open.

The Commission strongly encourages fisheries organisations that may be interested in contributing to the work of the EU Domestic Advisory Group to contact the European Economic and Social Committee, as well as to register and attend the annual Civil Society Forum meeting, which is not limited to Domestic Advisory Group members.

1 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L._2021.149.01.0010.01.ENG&toc=OJ%3AL%3A2021%3A149%3ATOC