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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Meeting with the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) - EU joint recommendations, 8 October 2025

Delegations will find attached an invitation and agenda for the abovementioned meeting, as received from the European Commission services.

Message from the European Commission services

You are invited to a meeting with the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on 8 October, 11:00–13:00 CEST, on the topic of EU Joint Recommendations in development regarding management measures for Natura 2000 sites expected to affect the vessels by the UK. The meeting will be chaired by DG MARE.

The meeting will take place in [REDACTED] accessible via DG MARE entrance J-79 (Rue Joseph II 79, 1000 Brussels). Online attendance will also be possible.

Contact has already been made with the relevant Member State experts from the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, and Denmark. Member States with Joint Recommendations expected to affect UK vessels are asked to present these recommendations and respond to any technical questions from the UK. Please find the agenda attached.

Member States are kindly asked to confirm participation by Monday, 6 October 16:00 to the following link <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/6b7e0cef-8924-dc34-0605-727c20ea6ab3> with the names of the participants and contact details and whether the participants will join physically or remotely.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [REDACTED].

For registered delegates who wish to attend remotely, a link will be communicated shortly before the meeting.



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**MEETING WITH THE UK DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD &
RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA) ON EU JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS
HYBRID – [REDACTED] ACCESSIBLE VIA DG
MARE ENTRANCE J-79 (RUE JOSEPH II 79, 1000 BRUSSELS)
8 OCTOBER
11:00–13:00 CEST**

AGENDA

CHAIR: DG MARE

11:00-11:10	Welcome and introductory remarks (10 minutes)	DG MARE & Defra
11:10-12:00	Presentation by the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Denmark and Germany on Joint Recommendations for Natura 2000 sites	Member States
12:00-12:50	Questions on EU Joint Recommendations	All
12:50-13:00	Closing remarks (10 minutes)	DG MARE & Defra