



***EU FP7 Project CREAM  
Coordinating research in support to application of EAF  
(Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries) and management  
advice in the Mediterranean and Black Seas***

***Deliverable 4.4  
Report of the final meeting***

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Coordination with the assessment and management international/regional bodies  
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The workpackage coordinator (J. Lleonart) presented progress in WP4 during the CREAM project. The results of this WP have been presented earlier as Deliverables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

The international organizations which should implement an EAF in the Mediterranean and Black seas are conducting important initiatives in this regard, but often with a lack of coordination, which results in some repetition and overlap. Coordinating EAF initiatives in the Mediterranean and Black seas through a network of researchers such as EMBASEAS (see WP6) is a necessary step to remedy the situation.

The international organizations GFCM and the Black sea Commission were formally invited to become part of the EMBASEAS network. The other members of the External Advisory Committee (ICCAT, UNEP RAC/SPA) did not attend the meeting. FAO was indirectly represented by the recently retired senior officer coordinator of EASTMED (C. Karlou-Riga).

The representative of the GFCM (M. Bernal) explained that this organization was conscious of its shortcomings and instructed an internal revision process in 2012 that should result in better coordination research on EAF in the Mediterranean and Black seas in the near future.

As conclusion both GFCM and Black Sea Commission representatives expressed willingness to participate in the EMBASEAS network and are prompt to respond to the official proposal.

#### External Advisory Committee attendants

In addition to the partners of the CREAM project (see list of participants), the meeting was attended by GFCM (M. Bernal) and BSC (V. Raykov). FAO did not attend officially but the presence of the recently retired senior officer coordinator of EASTMED project (C. Karlou-Riga), gave some observations about FAO.