

## 32nd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe

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### Written Correspondence Procedure – Secretariat responses

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ERC/20/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The EIFAAC Secretariat greatly appreciates the participation of the European Union in the 30<sup>th</sup> Session in Dresden, Germany and looks forward to further collaboration for the 31<sup>st</sup> Session and EIFAAC International Symposium in Ireland, September 2021.</li><li>• The Secretariat supports the Commission's ongoing efforts to align EIFAAC mission and work plan with the SDGs in providing timely scientific data and evidence-based policy recommendations to its Members. Information on relevant regional and global events, including the UN Food Systems Summit, will be included in the 31st session for information and discussion by Members.</li><li>• The Secretariat is pleased to inform the EU and its Member States of five new EIFAAC projects based on priorities of Commission Members. The EU is invited to take an active role in one or more of these regional projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Interactions of inland fisheries and aquaculture with other freshwater uses: conflict identification and potential benefits;</li><li>○ Problems and challenges of climate change, and its impact on inland aquatic resources and fisheries of Europe;</li><li>○ Environmental DNA in freshwater fisheries, current status and future possibilities;</li><li>○ Determination of economic, cultural and social values of inland fisheries and freshwater aquaculture in Europe; and</li><li>○ Fish stocking guidelines, including general principles, best practices, economic aspects, interaction with natural stocks and safeguarding biodiversity.</li></ul></li></ul>