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Secretariat of the  
34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee of Fisheries  
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**Subject:** Comments on WCP agenda (Agenda Item 5)

Dear Secretariat,

The Network of Aquaculture Centres in Central and Eastern Europe (NACEE) highly appreciates the continuing efforts of the FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department to improve the sustainability of the aquaculture sector. Since its establishment, NACEE has been a supporter of FAO's efforts and an advocate of sustainable aquaculture in the CEE region. Accordingly, NACEE is pleased to welcome the results of the Tenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture and support its recommendations.

We particularly commend FAO on its work on the development of the Sustainable Aquaculture Guidelines, which should help both the industry and the governance to revise their aquaculture policies and practices in order to assist the sector's transition to sustainability. NACEE supports the request of the EU to involve all regions in this work and offers its assistance and expertise with respect to the Central and Eastern European region.

NACEE was also pleased to be able to cooperate with FAO on different aspects of the preparation of the first report on the State of the World's Aquatic Genetic Resources for Food and Aquaculture and welcomes the launching of the report and the ongoing preparation of the Global Plan of Action.

Finally, NACEE commends FAO for the organization of the Global Aquaculture Conference, postponed from last year. We hope that the new format of the conference, combining personal and online attendance, will help to reach an even higher participation and impact than before. We reiterate our willingness to cooperate with FAO in the preparation of a special session on carp aquaculture, as proposed previously by NACEE.

Sincerely yours:



Laszlo Varadi  
President