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## ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 and Implementation Plan- update

*The meeting is invited to take note. The [ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018](#) and the [Implementation Plan](#) can be found on the ICES website [www.ices-dk/strategy](http://www.ices-dk/strategy).*

At its meeting in October 2012, Council vested its confidence in Bureau and decided on the Terms of Reference and timeframe for the renewal of the ICES Strategic Plan (ISP), 2014-2018, based on the outcome of the Bureau Working Group on the Renewal of the ICES Strategic Plan (BWGRISP). This decision included the need for harmonization of timelines and drafting of the associated activities within Science, Advice, Data and Information, and the Secretariat to ensure the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan.

Below are highlights of the process milestones:

**October 2012** – Based on the outcome of BWGRISP, Council agrees on the ToR, and includes a timeline for the work of Bureau to renew the ISP, 2014-2018, including the elaboration of the Implementation Plan.

**October 2012 to September 2013** – Work carried out within the Bureau Subgroup on the ICES Strategic Plan, and within Bureau. Draft ICES Strategic Plan circulated for comments to SCICOM, ACOM, and DIG in September 2013.

**30 September 2013** – Draft ISP, 2014-2018 sent for comments to the ICES Member Countries and strategic cooperation partners. Several comments from Member Countries and strategic cooperation partners received by 18 October

**October 2013 Council meeting** – Unanimous approval by Council of ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 and initiation of the next phase to identify the associated actions needed to implement the Strategic Plan within Science, Advice, Data and Information, and the Secretariat

**6 February 2014** – President updated Council by letter of 6 February on rationale for revised timetable, whereby more time was given for the elaboration of the Implementation Plan, both ensuring the needed ownership from the Science Committee, Advisory Committee, Data and Information group and the Data Centre, as well as the Secretariat, and allowing an interlinkage between the four components, making it one overall implementation plan for the organization.

**4 March 2014** – Launch of the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 at the Norwegian Mission to EU in Brussels in connection with the EU HOPE Conference (Healthy Oceans – Productive Ecosystems) for which there was more than 80 participants.

**5 May 2014** – Draft Implementation Plan sent for comments to ICES community.

**June 2014** – Bureau approval of Implementation Plan for the ICES Strategic Plan (*Implementing the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 – Linking Science, Advice, Data and Information, and Secretariat*).

**15 September 2014** – Launch of Implementation Plan during Opening reception at the Annual Science Conference in A Coruna.

**16 September 2014** - Bureau agreed a reporting template that will be used by ACOM, SCIOM, Data and Information, and Secretariat to report to Council on progress of implementation of the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 after year 1.