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**For information |ECSA SPC/SAC| Engagement with DG FISMA on seafarers' payments**

Dear members,

We would like to inform you that, in agreement with the ECSA Ukraine Task Force, the Secretariat will proceed in our engagement with the European Commission (DG FISMA) regarding the challenges being experienced with payments of wages to seafarers. For information, it was agreed to structure our approach around the following points:

1. Ukrainian seafarers should be able to swiftly open bank accounts in the territory of a Member State under the Temporary Protection Directive in order to access their paid wages once they have disembarked. In this context, the specificity of the sector must be taken into account and flexibility should be allowed (e.g. limits on deposits etc.).
2. Opening of bank accounts for Ukrainian seafarers on board of any EU flagged vessel should also be facilitated, as a first step, under the Temporary Protection Directive.
3. As a second step, Ukrainian seafarers on board of any EU company's vessel should be able to open bank accounts in an EU Member State.
4. As a third step, it is key that the right of seafarers to access their paid wages is respected irrespective of nationality.

In addition, and on a more general note, the Secretariat will liaise with the Commission to provide further guidance on the Temporary Protection Directive, aiming for an harmonised implementation at national level which take into consideration the specificities of the seafarers' challenges.

We will keep members informed on the next steps and our actions towards the EU institutions.

Kind regards,

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