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From European Commission , Directorate – General For Maritime Affairs And Fisheries
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Dear Mr Waclawik,

I would like to thank you for your involvement and careful screening of our work.

As you also raised, the concept of economic added value in the maritime sectors and likewise other definitions to measure the maritime economy indeed are used with different meanings by different actors throughout Europe. The project, to which we referred in earlier correspondence under leadership of Eurostat, aims to improve the statistics at European level in this area.

Yet, against the backdrop of various existing economic definitions, to clarify the understanding of the use of added value within the context of the study on maritime clusters, an explanatory methodology annex was published along with the main results of the study.

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/pdf/clusters/overview_methodology_en.pdf

Thank you for informing us of your involvement in reviewing the study further; we hope this will bring further interesting findings in the area of maritime clusters.

Kind regards,

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