



Pressmare  
Mr Petrone

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## Rectification of a news published 19 June 2018

Dear Mr Petrone,

We read in your today's headline a news (<https://www.pressmare.it/it/associazioni/nautica-italiana/2018-06-19/nautica-italiana-esperti-commissione-europea-14894>) that does not give a correct representation of the activities carried out by the EU Working Group established under Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EU and by EBI – European Boating Industry, federation whom I represent.

It is stated, inter alia, that “Nautica Italiana” represented Italy on the Working Group. This is without foundation and it is surprising that it has been reported without an accurate check by a technical journal of the sector.

At the last meeting of 11 June, Mr. Lorenzo Pollicardo was indeed participating to the meeting. It is however not true that he was present on behalf of Italy as the Italian delegation is in fact represented exclusively by the Government, through the Ministry of reference, in this case by an official of the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.

The industrial stakeholders can be represented in the Working Group quite freely. Participation to the meetings is not a token of representativeness of the sector, as individual companies may also participate.

UCINA Confindustria Nautica for Italy made the choice to be represented by their accredited international trade federations: including EBI - European Boating Industry and ICOMIA, which are representing the national marine industry associations, with a strong and united voice when dealing with issues challenging the industry. This strategic decision has been made to ensure that the interests of the sector are not fragmented and the messages well heard in Brussels. Actually all the MIAs made the same choice and do not participate to these meetings where they are efficiently represented on technical matters.

We invite you to give wide diffusion of this note of rectification.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General