

MINUTES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MARKET ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 September 2017
14:30h – 17:00h
Martin's Brussels EU
Boulevard Charlemagne 90, B-1000, Brussels

Welcome from the Chair

The Chair, Mr Guus Pastoor, welcomed those present.

Adoption of the agenda

The minutes of the last meeting (17.01.2017) were formally adopted.

The Chair expressed his doubts on whether the Delegated Act clarifies the issue of the classification of the members of the Advisory Councils in one of the two categories (the so called 60% and 40%).

The European Commission took note of the remark and invited the Chair to send the request of clarification in writing to the Commission for analysis.

The Chair stated that this issue will be addressed to the EC at the next Executive Committee of the MAC in October.

Communication on decision of endorsement of new members

The Chair informed members of the General Assembly of the endorsement by the Executive Committee of five new members, AIIPA, Danish Seafood Association Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation CLG, ANCIT, European Community of Consumer Cooperatives (Euro Coop).

Report by Chair on Year 1 (2016-2017)

- **Approval Budget and membership fees Year 2 (2017-2018)**

The Budget and membership fees for Year 2 were formally adopted.

- **Presentation of the website**

The Secretariat informed that the website is up and running and documents will be uploaded as soon as possible.

Presentation by Chairs of Working Groups of work done Year 1 (2016-2017)

- Working Group 1, EU Production, Chair Sean O'Donoghue

At the meeting in January it was decided that WG1 would concentrate on three priorities:

1. Production and Marketing Plans

WG1 has reviewed the PMPs, discussed the Interim assessment of Implementation of Production and Marketing Plans carried out by the European Commission and in May it was decided to organise a workshop on the 27 September on PMPs, inviting European Commission, Member States and POs.

2. EUMOFA

Overlapped issue between WG1 and WG2. WG1 is currently looking at the report and user-friendliness of the website.

3. Competitiveness of the fleet

This issue will be addressed during next WG1 meeting on the 17.10.17.

In 2018 the key issues for WG1 are:

- PMPs: WG1 will come forward with set of practical and efficient guidelines that can be used by POs and MS on the implementation of these plans.
- EUMOFA: how to add value in terms of producing reports from an EU production point of view
- Evaluation First Sale Prices
- Competitiveness of the Fleet
- Funding, particularly after 2020
- Other issues

FEAP requested the WG1 to the competitiveness of the production of aquaculture products in Europe as well.

- Working Group 2, EU Market, Chair Andrew Kuyk

WG2 focused on its first year on the following items:

- Supply: WG2 identified Commission priorities as improving EUMOFA and further development of the internal market. The Chair stressed the importance of meeting the consumer demand.
- EUMOFA: the work is still in progress. WG2 explored the purpose of EUMOFA and the possibility of building it into a better tool. There is a lot of important data in EUMOFA both with regards to price, supply to the market and evolution of the market itself. AIPCE-CEP has its own annual study, Fin Fish Study, which contains data that should be complemented to and integrated with data reflected in EUMOFA.
- Consumer behaviours: an Expert Group meeting focused on the diversity of the market was held on 22 February that was reported back to WG2 on the 16 May.
- IUU: the WG 2 established a Task Force to coordinate an advice with LDAC on improved implementation of the IUU Regulation. There is an ongoing dialogue with Commission and with the EU IUU Coalition.
- Trade agreements: WG2 has received regular updates from Commission on the state of play of negotiations.
- Brexit: WG noted its potential impact, but no immediate role for MAC or WG2 was identified.

Key issues year 2:

The key elements for Year 2 remain the same as for year 1 though emphasis on one or another is likely to evolve in light of developments.

- Social and environmental aspects particularly labour issues and fishing practices will grow in importance.
 - In view of the above, it will be necessary to integrate these concerns into current the work on IUU and ongoing analysis of consumer behaviours and market opportunities.
 - Promoting health advantages of fish consumption could provide a counterweight to sustainability issues.
 - All of the above underlines the importance of reputation for market development
 - Brexit remains a wild card
- Working Group 3, EU control and sanitary issues, consumer rules, Chair Agnes Lisik

WG3 will be dealing with:

- Labelling issues
- Voluntary information on fish products
- Hygiene Regulation implementation
- Relevant contaminants legislation; additives and residues issues
- Traceability of seafood products
- Food fraud
- Implementation of IUU Regulation-issues other than WG2
- Possible revision and implementation of the Control Regulation when related to trade and markets

During the January meeting WG3 focused on identifying the scope of work and refining WG3's work plan according to members' suggestions.

In May, WG3 held presentations on Traceability projects by Spain, "Fish Dependence Day" Skype presentation by New Economics Foundation, Storage and processing of fresh fish by Visfederatie/AIPCE which will be an item on WG3 agenda in October, and Circular economy & food waste presentation by European Commission.

Key Issues for year 2 are:

- More participation from DG SANTE, as issues from WG3 belong to this DG
- Update from the Commission on their work plan for 2018
- Revision of Control Regulation already announced by the European Commission
- Possible cooperation with AAC & other ACs
- WG open to members' initiatives: pro-active participation encouraged

➤ The work programme for year 2 in full was formally adopted.

Communication on the decision of the Secretariat

The Chair informed the decision has been delayed and the contract with EBCD, the awarded organisation, is soon to be signed.

FRUCOM requested information on the procedure of selection.

The Chair will circulate among the Executive Committee a report on the progress of the selection procedure.

Update on the meeting *Functioning of the AC, special session, Dublin 15.09.2017*

The Secretariat gave a brief overview on what was discussed in Dublin, stressing the commitment between ACs of addressing a post Brexit situation in terms of membership of the ACs and possible participation of UK in the Councils. The next special session will be held by the Pelagic Advisory Council in February next year.

Emiel Brouckaert, Chair of the NWWAC, pointed out that the meeting also analysing what the ACs are doing well, what could be improved and which good practices could be drawn from their experience.

AOB

- Provisional calendar of meetings

The calendar of meetings was adopted.

- Next Inter-Ac meeting 14.11.17

The Chair opened the floor to suggestions for the agenda.

Oceana suggested adding an item on the agenda on the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1575 of 23 June 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the common fisheries policy.

- Delegated Regulation on the functioning of the Advisory Councils
- Project E-FishNet

FEDEPESCA gave a short overview on a the E-FishNet Project, which aims at addressing this problem fishmongers have with the lack of training, by creating a European partner network, that supports training harmonization, knowledge acquisition and raises the prestige of Fish Retailer Sector. They expressed their interest in presenting this project during next WG3.

End of the meeting

Attendees:

Sandra Sanmartin, Market Advisory Council
Anna Boulova, FRUCOM
Despina Symons, EBCD
Agnes Lisik, OCEANA
Javier Garat, EUROPECHE
Paolo Tiozzo, FEDERCOOPESCA
Emiliano Composta, FEDERCOOPESCA
Jaroslaw Zieliński, PSPR
Hans Nieuwenhuis, MSC
Arnault Chaperon, FEAP
Claudia Orlandini, LIFE
Cristina Fernandez, Seafish
Peter Samson, AIPCE
Ante Ivcevic, EUROPECHE
Mireille Thom, WFF
Erik Bjorn Olsen, Danish Society for a Living Sea
Sergio Lopez, OPP Lugo
Andrew Kuyk, CEP
Daniel Voces, EUROPECHE
Patrick Murphy, IS&WFO
Jose Basilio Otero Rodriguez, Federación Provincial cofradías de pescadores de Lugo
Santiago Folgar, AVOCANO
Purificacion Fernandez, OPPC-3
Katarina Sipic, CONXEMAR
Marta Llopis, CONXEMAR
Lise Laustsen, DPPO
Sean O'Donoghue, KFO
Gerard Van Balsfoort, PFA
Pim Visser, VisNed
Jonas Sorensen, Eufishmeal
Marta Aymerich, ANFACO-CECOPESCA
Christine Absil, Good Fish Foundation
Juan M. Trujillo, ETF
Guus Pastoor, AIPCE
Emiel Brouckaert, EAPO
Maria Luisa Alvarez, FEDEPESCA
Eszter Hidas, WFF
Paul Macdonald, SFO

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Carlos Aldereguia, Spanish Permanent Representation
Alexandre Rodriguez, LDAC
Sigita Meskeleviciute, Lithuanian Permanent Representation
Piotr Słowik, Ministry of Maritime Economy Poland
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Damien Nippen, Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany
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