

## MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday 5 September 2018

11:00-13:00

Rue de la Loi 38 – 1040

Brussels

### **Welcome from the Chair**

The Chair, Guus Pastoor, welcomed those present and expressed condolences on behalf of the MAC for the passing of Mr Richie Flynn, Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council.

### **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted with no further comment.

### **Adoption of minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting (25.05.2018)**

The minutes were adopted with no further comment.

The Chair informed attendees that the Rules of Procedure will be changed, according to decision made last meeting of the Executive Committee on the 25.05.2018, and they will be put for adoption by the General Assembly. The Commission will be informed of this change.

With regards to the role of the MAC in the Expert Group for Markets and Trade in Fishery and Aquaculture Products, which was discussed during the last meeting, the Chair informed attendees that he had expressed the MAC's dissatisfaction to the Commission on this issue as members do not understand the coexistence of two bodies that seem to overlap their activities. The Commission is considering the possibility of having the MAC as the official representative stakeholder group in the Expert Group. Should this be the case, a delegation of the MAC would have to be constituted under terms and conditions to be defined later on.

Several members expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposal as the MAC should give its opinion directly to the Commission rather than attending the meeting of another expert group in order to give its opinion.

The chair of the MAC will convey the dissatisfaction expressed by the Excom to the DG of DG Mare he will meet next week. DG Mare will be asked to come up with a proposal.

### **Work Programme: review**

With regards to the Work Programme of year 2, the Chairs of the Working Groups gave a briefing on the work done within their respective Working Group.

Regarding the Work Programme of year 3, the MAC applied for the grant agreement in July and it is still waiting for comments from Commission. The MAC will seek clarification on the deadline for comments.

### **InterAC meeting November Madrid: Brexit**

The Chair gave an overview on the last InterAC meeting which took place in The Hague in April 2018 organised by the PELAC. This meeting will be followed by another one in November organised by the LDAC. During the meeting the ACs will discuss the future of the ACs and the participation of UK and third countries in their meetings. Although the outcome of the Brexit remains unclear, the ACs will discuss the role of UK organisations during the “interim period”.

Members of the MAC expressed their agreement with UK participating in the ACs during the interim period and left the door open for third countries to participate in the MAC afterwards. In any future advisory structure the specific nature of the MAC should be taken into account. The MAC does not cover any region, it covers the whole market.

### **End of the meeting**

Organisation	Representative
AEPM/EMPA	Bruno Guillaumie
AIPCE	Pierre Commere
AIPCE	Guus Pastoor
AIPCE-CEP	Claudia Vinci
AIPCE-CEP	Andrew Kuyk
ANFACO-CECOPESCA	Roberto C. Alonso
CFFA	Beatrice Gorez
Conxemar	Katarina Sipic
EAPO	Emiel Brouckaert
EJF	Georg Werner
EUfishmeal	Marc Eskelund
FEAP	Courtney Hough
Good Fish Foundation	Christine Absil
KFO	Sean O'Donoghue
LIFE	Brian O'Riordan
LIFE	Manon Levrey
LIFE	Claudia Orlandini
MAC	Sandra Sanmartin
MAC	Jessica Demblon
MSC	Hans Nieuwenhuis
MSC	Janne Posti
Seafish UK	James Warwick
VisNed	Pim Visser
WWF Austria	Simone Niedermuller
WWF EPO	Katrin Vilhelm Poulsen