



Market Advisory Council

## Management Team Meeting Minutes

Monday 2 September 2019  
Avenue de Cortenbergh 168,  
1000 Brussels

### Attendees:

- Guus Pastoor, MAC Chair
- Christien Absil, MAC Vice-Chair
- Sean O'Donoghue, WG1 Chair
- Andrew Kuyk, WG2 Chair
- Georg Werner, WG3 Chair
- Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

### Issues discussed:

#### 1. WG1

The WG1 Chair explained that there was a very full agenda for the WG1 meeting taking place that day and that he expected a number of significant actions from the meeting such as:

##### • EUMOFA Recommendations

The Management Team agreed that the MAC should try to agree the EUMOFA recommendations in the current year and the Chair was confident significant progress could be made at the WG1 meeting.

##### • Review of the State aid framework applicable to the fishery and aquaculture sector

The Management Team agreed to try to fast track this item in light of the tight consultation deadline.

##### • STECF

The Chair explained that he would bring forward a recommendation to WG1 on the problem that he became aware of at the Annual STECF Fleet Report meeting on the average price data.



## 2. WG2

- **Focus Group on Level Playing Field**

The Management Team agreed that the MAC should strive to conclude the advice under Year 3.

## 3. WG3

- **Workshop on Plastics and Seafood Supply Chain**

The Management Team recommended a different venue for the workshop than the one originally arranged by the Secretariat, in order to allow a larger attendance. The Secretariat agreed to discuss with the European Commission regarding the possibility of a larger venue.

## 4. Executive Committee

- **Legal form of the MAC**

The Management Team expressed their concerns in relation to the MAC's legal form. The MAC is registered as an *Association Sans But Lucratif* (ASBL) in Belgium. The Chairs have signed for financial liability. Therefore, it would be important to gather new legal advice on this issue. It was agreed that the Secretariat would ask the AAC's Secretariat concerning the AAC's legal form and financial liability.

- **Potential Event for MEPs**

The Management Team held a discussion on the appropriate date to hold the event, the need to include other Advisory Councils, and topics to discuss. It would make sense for the MAC to co-organise the event with the AAC, since both Advisory Councils were recently founded and have a wide geographical range. In the future, when discussing the production of advices in relation to pending legislative files, the MAC could consider inviting MEPs who are rapporteurs to present their views, in order to produce advices with all the necessary background information.

- **Grant Agreement Year 4**

The Management discussed the need for the MAC to produce more outputs and to consider the new European Commission's priorities. The MAC should produce advices that are smaller, but more specific, which would translate into more deliverables. It is important to take into account the possibility of the Court of Auditors analysing the grant agreements. The MAC should be available to reply to the Commission's questions regarding the grant application.



- **Update on accounts**

The Management Team expressed satisfaction with the PowerPoint presentation prepared in advance by Panos Manias, Financial Officer of the MAC.

- **CATCH, the IT system digitalising the EU Catch certification scheme under the IUU Regulation**

The MAC must analyse a potential recommendation on this topic.

