

Management Team Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 2 July 2020

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Attendees:

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

Issues discussed:

1. Executive Committee

- **Biodiversity Strategy**

The Management Team emphasised the importance of linking this item to the Farm to Fork Strategy and the European Green Deal, while focusing on market issues.

- **Farm to Fork Strategy**

The Management Team agreed that it was important to discuss the Commission's Action Plan, in order to identify elements relevant for the MAC. Once there is more information on the specific initiatives, it would be possible to advance individually.

2. Working Group 1

- **EUMOFA**

The WG1 Chair emphasised the importance of moving ahead on this item. Therefore, a WG1 meeting dedicated to the draft advice should be organised and the Secretariat should request feedback from the members beforehand.

3. Working Group 2

- **Control Regulation**

The Secretary General highlighted the importance of taking into account the previous MAC advice, contextualising the discussion with MEP Aguilera under the MAC's Work



Programme, and emphasising to the members that they should focus on market issues.

The WG1 Chair emphasised that the WG should deal with the controversial issues and look at the amendments proposed to assess if the MAC proposals were taken on board. The MAC could potentially adopt an advice to the Member States and inform the Parliament.

The WG2 Chair drew attention to the difficulties in producing an entirely new advice. The WG2 Chair highlighted the importance of the legislator being exposed to different views from stakeholders. A supplementary advice that assesses the developments in the negotiations could be more realistic.

- **ATQs**

The Management Team agreed to discuss the LDAC's advice, once it was adopted. As for the MAC, it would be difficult to proceed without the publication of the Commission's proposal. The WG1 Chair suggested the development of an overall advice covering several relevant trade policy instruments.

4. Dates of next meetings

The Management Team agreed on the dates for the September meetings.

5. Draft Budget for Year 5

The Secretary General provided a short overview of the draft budget for Year 5.

6. Workshop on Voluntary Sustainability Claims on Seafood Products

The Secretary General provided an overview of the invited speakers. The MAC Chair and the MAC Vice-Chair suggested an expansion of the section on environmental and social sustainability schemes with a panel with more speakers and a moderator.

