



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pedro Reis Santos
Secretary General

Online (Zoom)
Tuesday, 6 July 2021

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor
- 14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (14.04.21)
- 14:40 Update on Working Groups
- 15:10 Work Programme of Year 5 (2020-2021)
- 15:40 External Performance Review
- 16:10 Work Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022)
- 16:40 Inter-Advisory Councils' Coordination
- 17:00 Participation of Observers
- 17:15 Website
- 17:30 EFCA
- 17:35 AOB
- 17:40 Summary of actions points
- 17:45 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (14 APRIL 2021)

FAO:

- Secretariat to contact the Commission services about MAC-MARE cooperation on FAO market matters
 - Email request sent on 30 April 2021
 - DG MARE's Reply: Openness to informal meetings in advance of COFI, but no participation of ACs in the EU delegation. MAC can send advice ahead.

Functioning of the Advisory Councils:

- MAC to co-sign the joint letter proposed by PELAC on stakeholder participation following the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
- Secretariat to contact external consultant to undertake external evaluation on the performance and functioning of the MAC
- Secretariat to prepare a paper, based on the Executive Committee's discussions, for the MAC representatives to raise at the 5 May 2021 Inter-AC meeting
 - Joint letter co-signed on 30 April 2021
 - Benoît Guerin (BG Sea Consulting) contacted
 - MAC position paper prepared and circulated on 5 May 2021

ACTION POINTS (14 APRIL 2021)

UK Observers in the MAC:

- Chair and Secretariat to develop draft guidelines on the participation of observers
 - Draft guidelines prepared and circulated on 23 June 2021

Participation of UK Stakeholders in the MAC:

- Secretariat to submit assessment report to DG MARE, reflecting the discussions held by the Executive Committee
 - Assessment report submitted on 15 April 2021

UPDATE ON WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1 Reporting

- Sean O'Donoghue, Chair of Working Group 1

➤ Working Group 2 Reporting

- Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2

➤ Working Group 3 Reporting

- Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

➤ Priorities and deliverables

- Update by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

▪ Under the Work Programme for Year 5, MAC priorities and deliverables cover the following topics:

- (1) Farm to Fork Strategy
- (2) Future Funding Priorities for EMFF
- (3) Revision of Control Regulation
- (4) Brexit and implications for the market
- (5) Ecolabels and Certification Schemes
- (6) CATCH IT System
- (7) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- (8) Marketing Standards Framework
- (9) Health and Environmental Value of Seafood
- (10) Biodiversity Strategy
- (11) COVID-19 Pandemic
- (12) Collaboration with STECF
- (13) Other work

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(1) Farm to Fork Strategy

- Nutritional labelling & labelling of plant-based imitation products in the first half of Year 5. Other, as initiatives are launched
 - Nutri-Score Labelling on Fish Products (10 December 2020)
 - Roadmap on Food Supply Contingency Plan (22 January 2021)
 - Revision of Regulation on Food Information to Consumers (23 February 2021)
 - EU Promotion Programme for Agricultural and Food Products (18 March 2021)
 - Food Supply Contingency Plan (28 May 2021)
 - Code of Conduct for Responsible Business (28 May 2021)
 - Advice on labelling of plant-based imitation products is under approval

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(2) Future Funding Priorities for EMFF

- As soon as tangible outcomes from trilogue negotiations become available
 - Discussed in WG. Inter-institutional negotiations concluded in December 2020. Entry into force in July 2021. To be included in Year 6

(3) Revision of Control Regulation

- As soon as tangible outcomes from trilogue negotiations become available
 - Discussed in WG. Council's position recently adopted. To be included in Year 6

(4) Brexit and implications for the market

- Once the results from the negotiations on the future partnership are known.
 - Advice adopted on 11 June. Reply on 30 June 2021
 - + Advice on bivalve molluscs on 14 April. Reply on 23 June 2021

(5) Ecolabels and Certification Schemes

- Based on workshop report outcomes, in January-March 2021
 - Advice adopted on 15 June. Reply on 30 June 2021

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(6) CATCH IT System

- Once the provisions on the mandatory use per the EU Member States and their national operators are published in the Official Journal
 - Legislative process on the revision of the Control Regulation still ongoing

(7) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Contributions to public consultations. Ad hoc advice. Advice on the impact of the EU's trade policy instruments by end of Year 5
 - Discussed in WG. Initial FG on Trade's work ongoing

(8) Marketing Standards Framework

- First half of Year 5, once the Commission's public consultation is launched
 - Advice adopted on 4 February. Reply on 16 February 2021
 - Ongoing work for new advice on incorporation of sustainability

(9) Health and Environmental Value of Seafood

- At the end of Year 5
 - Presentations in WG. Ongoing work.

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(10) Biodiversity Strategy

- Along Year 5, as the initiatives are launched
 - (General) advice adopted on 14 April. Reply on 24 June 2021

(11) COVID-19 Pandemic

- Advice on the calculation and mitigation of the impacts by January 2021
 - Advice adopted on 11 December 2020. Reply on 10 February 2021

(12) Collaboration with STECF

- During the whole Year 5
 - Participation as observers in STECF AER meetings
 - Presentations by STECF in WG meetings

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(12) Other Work

- Multi-AC Advice on Sustainable Blue Economy (9 December 2020)
- DG's Potential Proposal on Substantiating Green Claims (10 December 2020)
- Plastics (11 December 2020)
- IUU Fishing by Ghana's industrial trawl sector (11 January 2021)
- 2020 Implementation of Landing Obligation (8 March 2021)
- Evaluation of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (9 March 2021)
- AAC Recommendation on Caviar Labelling (18 May 2021)

▪ **Total number of advice: 20**

EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- **Decision of the Executive committee** – 14 April 2021 meeting
- **Request for budgetary amendment** – 12.000€ (“very low value tender”)
- **Signing of contract with external consultant** – September 2021
 - Benoît Guerin (BG Sea Consulting)
- **Conducting of interviews (selected MAC member, Secretariat, DG MARE)**
 - September to December 2021
- **Preliminary Report** – December 2021
- **Attendance of meetings + Final Report** – January 2022

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

Draft Priorities & Deliverables:

- **Presentation by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**
 - Preparation of the annual Work Programme by ExCom: July 2021
 - Approval of the annual Work Programme by GA: September 2021

Draft budget:

- **Presentation by Panos Manias, Financial Officer**

GUIDELINES ON PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS

Executive Committee:

- Action item of 14 April 2021 meeting
- Draft guidelines circulated on 23 June 2021

Active observers without invitation requirement:

- CFP Regulation – National administrations, regional administrations, Member State's researchers, COM's researchers, European Parliament, European Commission

Active observers with invitation requirement:

- CFP Regulation – Qualified scientists, third country's industry & OIGs
- Other individuals with specific knowledge or interest on scheduled agenda item
- Majority of the members may express opposition to the participation

WEBSITE

Management Team – Guidelines on the publication of documents:

- Suggestion from 20 May 2021 meeting
- Draft guidelines circulated on 23 June 2021

Advice from the MAC + COM & Member States' replies:

- Available to the general public

Drafts:

- Circulated via email + members area

Correspondence with COM & Member States:

- Official letters to be available to the general public

Correspondence with other relevant entities:

- Publicly available: EP, regional administrations, MS scientific institutes, COM's international scientific bodies, public international organisations
- Circulated by email: Other entities, particular private associations

EFCA

- **Reporting back – 15 April 2021 Advisory Board meeting:**
 - Daniel Voces, MAC Representative