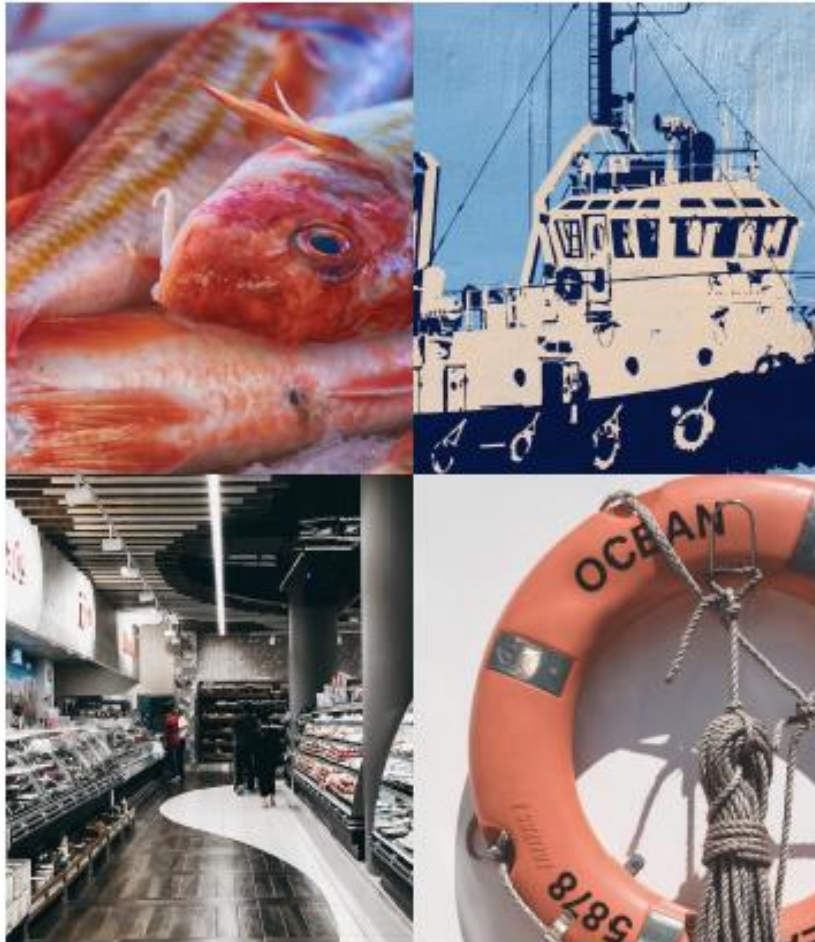


MAC Performance Review (2019 – 2022) Interim results

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Presentation to MAC Executive Committee

Wednesday 26 January 2022

Sources of information

- Qualitative semi-directed interviews with active members
- Observance and attendance to MAC meetings (September, FG on PEFCR)
- On-line questionnaire to all MAC members
- Analysis of a selection of MAC advices

Planned : semi-directed interviews with EC (DG MARE mainly, SANTE, TRADE if possible), MEP, MS, AC, experts

Review of the MAC functioning

- **Participation in MAC meetings** (up to date info > drafting advices)
- **Representation of interests** (categories / scope)... issue of criteria
- **Running of meetings** : efficient working procedures, professional working environment, no specific sense of ownership
- **Opinions drafting process** : transparency, enormous effort in finding the right tone and wording out of members' contribution though it is considered as watering down the members' opinions
- **Quality of opinions** : general satisfaction though some space for improvement (evidence, partnering with experts), members consider the MAC is having impact on EU decision-making process but impossible to measure

Initial reflections

- **Positive dynamic** acknowledging Mac's performance by its own members
- **Very efficient working procedures** but transparency tools could be put in place
- Numerous and **high-level topics** may lead the discussion away from the primary responsibilities of the MAC (may be a need to go back to field issues and increase the reality-check role of the MAC)
- The **European Commission services should specify the contribution they need** from the MAC
- **Advices** would benefit from being specified and next steps would **need to be tracked (make the rec SMART)**
- **Strengthen communication** and working relationships with EP, MS, experts of the

Completing the Performance Review

Functioning of the Working Groups and the Executive Committee	
Decision-Making Process	DONE
Representation of different interests	
Performance of Chairs	
Relationship with the European Commission	
Relationship with Member States	
Relationship with other Advisory Councils	
Contribution to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy	TO BE DONE
Transparency	
Communication & Public Relations	

Some pending issues to be clarified :

- Clarify specific expectations of the European Commission regarding the MAC's work and best timing for MAC's advices
- Get a clearer view on the articulation between multiple EU initiatives potentially affecting the MAC
- Clarify other AC's interests in market's issues and check their interest of a shared list of goodpractices regarding AC-EC interactions