

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Monday, 19 September 2022 (10:00 – 13:30 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 *Welcome breakfast*

10:00 Welcome from the Chair, Sean O'Donoghue

10:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (24.05.22)

10:10 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

10:15 Production and Marketing Plans

- Consideration of draft amendments to Guidelines and Good Practices document

10:50 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- Presentation of key findings of 2022 report by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views

11:30 *Break*

11:45 Russian Invasion of Ukraine

- Presentation on State aid crisis mechanisms per Member State by Paul Thomas, EAPO
- Exchange of views about market impacts with Commission representative (TBC)

12:15 Marketing Standards

- Update on STECF EWG meetings on sustainability criteria for fishery and for aquaculture products (5-9 September 2022) by Gerd Heinen, MARE A4

12:45 Awareness and Role of Producer Organisations (POs)

- Presentation on the role of Producer Organisations and awareness about the role of the CMO Regulation by EAPO representative
- Exchange of views & way forward



13:10 Brown Crab

- Update on recent developments by Norah Parke, KFO
- Exchange of views about the establishment of a new NWWAC-NSAC Focus Group

13:20 AOB

13:25 Summary of action items

13:30 End of meeting

Buffet Lunch

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Consideration of draft document	Production and Marketing Plans	Under the EMFAF, POs can elaborate Production and Marketing Plans that support fishers and farmers in the implementation of sustainable management and efficient channelling of their products to meet market requirements and opportunities. In 2018, MAC developed guidelines and good practices. WG1 discussed the possibility of an update to the document. In 2020, COM published the final report of the pilot project “EU platform for fishery and aquaculture producer organisations”.	Consideration of amendments to guidelines documents, in order to update the document to EMFAF.	- Guidelines & Good Practices - Amendments to guidelines document (via email)
Information	Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet	Under the Work Programme of Year 6, MAC committed to collaborate with STECF, particularly on the Annual Economic Report. It is established practice to hold a presentation of the results.	Presentation and exchange on the key findings of the 2022 report with COM representative (DG MARE).	- STECF Reports
Information	Russian Invasion of Ukraine	Following a large-scale military build-up and weeks of extreme tensions, on 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine. The EU condemned Russia’s military aggression and has progressively adopted packages of sanctions, while providing assistance to Ukraine. The Management Team and the Secretariat held informal exchanges with MARE A4 to transmit information from individual members concerning impacts on the market. Formal exchanges with MARE took place at previous meetings.	Presentation by Paul Thomas (EAPO) of overview of Member States’ aid mechanisms. Exchange of views between members about the impacts with COM (DG MARE) representative.	- EU Response
Information	Marketing Standards	In 2018, COM launched an evaluation of the marketing standards framework for fishery and aquaculture products. MAC adopted advice for fresh products, for	Exchange of views about the outcomes of the STECF expert meetings.	- Information page - Advice on incorporation of

		processed products, and the public consultation. STECF published a report on the incorporation of sustainability aspects. MAC also adopted advice on this matter. From 5 to 9 September 2022, STECF held expert meetings to review proposed sustainability criteria.		sustainability aspects - COM's reply - STECF Calendar
Decision	Awareness and Role of Producer Organisations	At the May 2022 meeting, it was agreed, as an action item, that there should be an agenda item on the role of Producer Organisations as well as raising awareness about the CMO Regulation.	Presentation about the role of Producer Organisations and how to raise awareness about the CMO by EAPO representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., draft of advice, specific actions, none).	
Decision	Brown Crab	On 8 October 2021, MAC, NSAC and NWWAC adopted advice on the production and marketing of brown crab in the EU. The advice was the result of work prepared by the joint Focus Group on Brown Crab. On 16 November 2021, COM sent a letter of reply. NWWAC and NSAC are preparing for the establishment of a new Focus Group on Brown Crab.	Update from Norah Parke, KFO, about recent developments, including new cadmium levels in China. Decision on potential participation in new Focus Group.	- Advice - Draft Terms of Reference (via email)