

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Monday, 19 September 2022 (14:30 – 18:00 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

13:30 Buffet Lunch

14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (23.05.22)

14:40 Action points

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

14:45 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)

- Presentation of 2022 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry by Loretta Malvarosa, STECF EWG Chair
- Exchange of views

15:15 Banning Forced Labour

- Presentation of initiative on effectively banning products produced, extracted or harvest with forced labour by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

15:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (TBC), including on:
 - Revision of the Union Customs Code
 - WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- Exchange of views & way forward

16:00 Break

16:15 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance

- Presentation on combating IUU fishing, import control schemes, and digitalisation of control, of by Quentin Marchais, ClientEarth
- Exchange of views & way forward















16:45 EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives

- Exchange of views on development of Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing Activities
- Way forward

17:15 Focus Group on Trade

- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference
- Way forward

17:45 Outermost Regions Advisory Council

Reporting back on General Assembly and Working Group meetings (13-15 September 2022)
by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting

19:00 Networking dinner















Annotated Version

Туре	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	STECF	Every two years, STECF publishes the economic report	Presentation of the latest	- <u>Report</u>
		on the fishing processing industry. It is one of the main	economic report. Exchange of	
		sources of economic and social data for scientific advice	views on the data.	
		on the performance of the industry.		
Decision	Banning Forced	In 2021, President von der Leyen announced that	Presentation and exchange with	- Information page
	Labour	further EU legislative action was needed to tackle the	COM representative. Decision	
		use of forced labour in the value chains of companies	on way forward (e.g., drafting of	
		operating in the single market. The legislative initiative	advice, monitor developments,	
		aims to ban the placing on the EU market of products	none).	
		made wholly or in part by forced labour. The ban would		
		cover both domestic and imported products. It would		
		be combined with risk-based enforcement framework.		
		A call for evidence was open to feedback from 23 May		
		2022 to 20 June 2022. Adoption of the legislative		
		proposal by the Commission is planned for Q3 2022.		
Decision	Trade Agreements &	It is established practice for COM to update on latest	Presentation and exchange with	- Information page
	Trade Policy	trade policy developments affecting the market. Under	COM representatives. Decision	- WTO Agreement
	Instruments	the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice on	on way forward (e.g., drafting of	
		an <i>ad</i> hoc basis when relevant developments in trade	advice, monitor developments,	
		negotiations become publicly known. The Commission	none).	
		launched a public consultation on a revision of the		
		Union Customs Code. On 17 June 2022, WTO adopted		
		the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.		
Decision	IUU	Under WP of Y6, commitment to produce advice on an	Presentation of reports on	- ClientEarth Report
		ad hoc basis when significant cases of IUU fishing	control of IUU fishing products	- ClientEarth Report
		products entering the EU market are known or when	entering the market. Decision on	
		actions take place under COM's carding system. In	way forward (e.g., drafting of	



			January 2024 ClientForth of LPstrad a constraint		
			January 2021, ClientEarth published a progress report	advice, monitor developments,	
			on Spain's efforts to combat IUU fishing. In June 2022,	none).	
			ClientEarth published a report on digitising the control		
			of fishery product imports.		
Information	EU Taxonomy	for	In the context of the EU's climate and energy targets	Exchange of views on the state-	- Information page
	Sustainable		2030, the objectives of the European Green Deal, and	of-play of the development of	- <u>Regulation</u>
	Initiatives		the Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth, COM	Technical Screening Criteria for	- Draft Screening Criteria
			committed to the creation of a common classification	Fishing Activities as well as on	- MSC Contribution
			system for sustainable economy activities, an "EU	the development of advice.	- <u>Europêche</u>
			taxonomy". It provides companies, investors and		<u>Contribution</u>
			policymakers with definitions of economic activities		- Draft Advice (via email)
			that can be considered environmentally sustainable. On		
			22 June 2020, the Taxonomy Regulation was published		
			in the Official Journal. COM will develop a Delegated Act		
			to establish the legal base for fisheries criteria (likely		
			October/November 2022). At May 2022 meeting, it was		
			agreed, as an action item, that draft advice would be		
			developed via written procedure.		
Consideration	Focus Group	on	WG2 established an Initial Focus Group on Trade to	Consideration of draft Terms of	- Report
of draft Terms	Trade		collect data on imports in the frame of various trade	Reference (new version) to	- Advice
of Reference			policy instruments and to contribute with factual	establish new Focus Group on	- MARE Letter
			information to the development of an advice on trade	Trade.	- Draft Terms of
			policy instruments. Report was presented at the 25		Reference (via email)
			January 2022 meeting. Advice on improvement of data		,
			was adopted in March 2022. DG MARE sent a letter		
			informing the preparation of comprehensive feedback.		
			At May 2022 meeting, new draft ToR to launch the next		
			stage of the work were considered. It was agreed, as an		
			action item, that a new version would be prepared with		
			a more specific list of outcomes.		
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Information	CCRUP	WG2 previously agreed to cooperate with CCRUP on	Reporting	back	by	Pierre	- CCRUP Draft Agendas
		IUU matters, including the potential development of	Commère,	Chair	of	Working	
		joint advice on the entrance of IUU products in the	Group 2.				
		market (of the Outermost Regions). From 13-15					
		September 2022, CCRUP held Working Group and					
		General Assembly meetings in Mayotte, France. WG2					
		Chair was invited to attend on behalf of the MAC.					