



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Guus Pastoor

Chair

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

AGENDA (CEST TIME ZONE)

- 13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor
- 13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (16.09.21)
- 13:40 European Commission's Priorities
- 14:30 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- 15:15 *Break*
- 15:30 Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)
- 16:00 Working Groups
- 16:15 Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022)
- 16:30 Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Executive Committee
- 16:35 AOB
- 16:40 Summary of actions points
- 16:45 *End of the meeting*

EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S PRIORITIES

➤ Presentation of market priorities

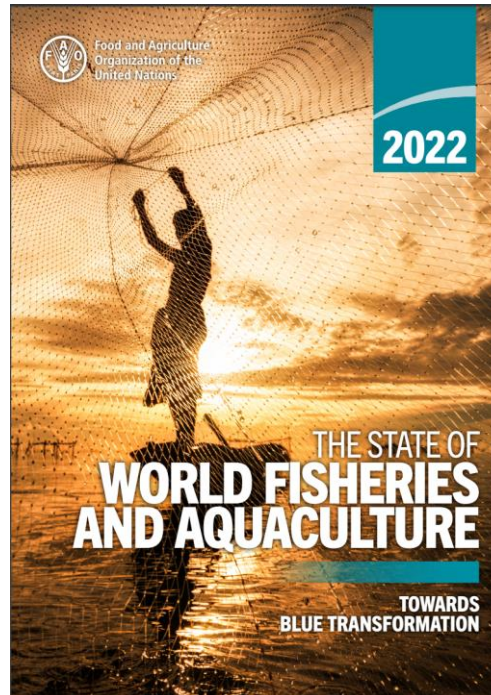
- Carmen Preising, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Cabinet of Commissioner Virginijus Sinkevičius (Environment, Ocean, Fisheries)

➤ Exchange of views

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)

- Presentation of 35th COFI Session (5-9 September 2022) and 2022 SOFIA Report
 - Marcio Castro de Souza, Senior Fishery Officer (Trade Issues), FAO

- Exchange of views



BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 16:00**

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

➤ Presentation of priorities, deliverables and planning

▪ Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

- Preparation by Executive Committee (7 July 2022 meeting)
- Submission to European Commission (30 July 2022)
- Approval by General Assembly (September 2022)

➤ Presentation of draft budget

- Change to lump-sum financing
- Full amount of COM's annual financial contribution to be received, if 50% of the deliverables (meetings and recommendations) are met

➤ Approval of the work programme and annual budget

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ Operating Expenses (October 2022 – September 2023)

	Budgeted
A. STAFF	€137,040.00
B. PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS	€62,526.00
C. INFORMATION & PREPARATION OF MEETINGS	€40,404.00
D. OPERATING COSTS	€20,054.80
E. INTERPRETATION and TRANSLATION	€76,600.00
F. OTHER CONTRACTS	€7,580.00
Total	€344,204.80

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ Income (October 2022 – September 2023)

	Budgeted
Financial contribution from European Commission	€294,204.80
Financial contribution from Member States	€14,000.00
Financial contribution from Members	
General Assembly - 57 Members	€11,400.00
Executive Committee - 21 Members	€8,400.00
Working Group members - 54 Members	€16,200.00
TOTAL	€344,204.80

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ A. Staff

- **Secretariat consists of three employees:**
 - Secretary General – 100% of time
 - Assistant to the Secretary General – 40% of time
 - Financial Officer – 20% of time
- **Total expenditure: 137 040 EUR**
 - Amount remains the same as the previous operational year
- **Last year of the contract between MAC and EBCD**
 - New call for tenders will be launched under the current operational year

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ B. Participation in meetings

- **Three in-person meetings (Brussels)**
 - January 2023
 - May 2023
 - September 2023
- **Total expenditure: 62 526 EUR**
 - COM requested to reduce the expenditure
- **Average budgeted expenditure per bundle of meetings: 18 000 EUR**
 - Travelling expenses for Secretariat and experts: 8 500 EUR

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ C. Information & Preparation of Meetings

- Rental of meeting rooms
- Lunch and/or dinner
- Rental of additional equipment (e.g., Audio-visual, cameras)
- **Average budgeted expenditure per bundle of meetings: 13 000 EUR**
 - Additional costs (i.e., subscription to Zoom): 1 300 EUR
- **Average expenditure during Year 6: 15 500 EUR**
 - Hybrid meetings with increased AV expenses

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ D. Operating Costs

- Rent
- Data Processing Equipment
- Overheads
- **Total expenditure: 20 055 EUR**
 - The majority of the expenses are covered under the contract with EBCD
 - Additional data processing equipment: 2 500 EUR
- **Last year of the contract between MAC and EBCD**
 - New call for tenders will be launched under the new operational year

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ E. Interpretation and Translation

- Interpretation is foreseen for all four groups of meetings, plus ExCom in July
- 3 groups in-person
- 1 group online
- 1 online ExCom meeting
- **Total expenditure: 76 600 EUR**
 - Interpretation services: 51 200 EUR
 - Translation services: 25 400 EUR
- **Average expenditure for interpretation per bundle of meetings: 10 000 EUR**
 - Additional 2 000 EUR for the online ExCom meeting and/or for equipment and technical assistance

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET (YEAR 7)

➤ F. Other Contracts

- External accounting services
- External auditor
- **Total expenditure: 7 580 EUR**
 - Amount increased due to inflation

WORKING GROUPS

➤ Reporting – Working Group 1

▪ Sean O'Donoghue, Chair of Working Group 1

- Year 6: Transnationality of POs, STECF Annual Economic Report, Functioning of the CMO & CFP COVID, Production & Marketing of Brown Crab
- Year 7: Russian invasion of Ukraine, Awareness on POs & CMO, Marketing Standards Sustainability, STECF, Landing Obligation

➤ Reporting – Working Group 2

▪ Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2

➤ Reporting – Working Group 3

▪ Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ Update on priorities and deliverables by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

- (1) Outstanding Work: Revision of Fisheries Control, Catch IT System, EMFAF Funding Priorities
- (2) Farm to Fork Strategy
- (3) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- (4) Marketing Standards Framework
- (5) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance
- (6) European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)
- (7) Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)
- (8) Food Information to Consumers
- (9) Technologies for the transmission of data in the supply chain
- (10) Landing obligation
- (11) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
- (12) Sanitary & Hygiene Rules
- (13) Substantiating Green Claims
- (14) Empowering the Consumer for the Green Transition
- (15) Other work

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(1.1) Outstanding Work – Revision of Fisheries Control Regulation

- As soon as tangible outcomes from trilogues, follow-up advice
 - Latest update at the September 2021 WG2 meeting

(1.2) CATCH IT System

- Advice, once provisions on the mandatory use are published
 - Awaiting developments with revision of Fisheries Control Regulation

(1.3) EMFAF Funding Priorities

- As national programmes are prepared by MS and approved by EC, advice on the objectives and implementation
 - Exchange of views with Spain at January 2022 WG1 meeting
 - Exchange of views with Poland at May 2022 WG1 meeting
 - Exchanges with additional MS expected in January 2023

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(2) Farm to Fork Strategy

- Follow-up initiatives of Year 5: contingency plan, EU Code of Conduct, Food Contact Materials, marketing standards, FIC Regulation, promotion programme
- Initiate work on new initiatives:
 - Sustainable Food Systems – Advice adopted on 15 February 2022
 - Animal welfare legislation – Advice adopted on 30 March 2022
 - Position of primary producers in food chain – No new work
 - Corporate governance framework – Agenda item in January 2022 WG2 meeting
 - FIC Regulation – Advice adopted on 30 March 2022
 - Food Fraud – No new work
 - EU School Scheme – Advice on Health and Environmental Value (Recommendation j)
 - EU-level targets for food waste reduction – Advice adopted on 30 March 2022

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(3) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Contributions to public consultations. Ad hoc advice.
 - Exchanges of views with COM in WG2 meetings
 - Advice on EU-Ukraine FTA: 18 October 2021
 - Trade Policy Instruments (Improvement of data): Advice adopted on 30 March 2022

(4) Marketing Standards Framework

- When published, advice on the legislative proposal
 - Advice on incorporation of sustainability aspects: 15 October 2021
 - Exchange of views with DG MARE at September 2022 WG1 meeting

(5) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance

- Advice on ad hoc basis
 - MAC-LDAC Advice on Flags of Convenience: 8 October 2021
 - Exchange of views with DG MARE at March 2022 WG2 meeting
 - Presentations by NGOs on carding system, Chinese fleet, import controls

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(6) European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)

- Advice on EUMOFA work programme (studies: suggestions of species + MS)
 - Exchange of views with DG MARE at March 2022 WG1 meeting
 - Draft advice with suggestion of EUMOFA study (aquaculture): WG1 written procedure

(7) Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)

- Advice on evaluation report and Staff Working Document
 - Exchange of views with DG MARE at January 2022 WG2 meeting
 - Publication of evaluation and Staff Working Document still pending

(8) Food Information to Consumers

- Advice on initiatives, as these are launched
 - Advice on public consultation: adopted on 30 March 2022

(9) Technologies for the transmission of data in the supply chain

- Webinar to take place at end 2021, webinar report, potential advice
 - MAC-NSAC-NWWAC webinar: 2 December 2021 | Webinar report: 18 January 2022

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(10) Landing Obligation

- Advice on annual implementation of the landing obligation
 - Advice on 2021 implementation: 28 April 2022

(11) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)

- Collaboration along the year
 - Presentation of Annual Economic Report of Fishing Fleet at January 2022 WG1 meeting and September 2022 WG1 meeting
 - Presentation of 2022 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry at September 2022 WG2 meeting
 - Advice on 2022 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet: 25 May 2022
 - Participation as observers in STECF meetings

(12) Sanitary & Hygiene Rules

- Advice on ad hoc basis
 - Advice on sulphite levels in crustaceans under development in WG3: 28 July 2022

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

(13) Substantiating green claims

- Advice on ongoing developments, particularly PEFCR for Marine Fish
 - FG on PEFCR for Marine Fish established
 - Advice on PEFCR for Marine Fish: 25 May 2022

(14) Empowering the consumer for the green transition

- Advice on setting of minimum requirements for sustainability logos and labels
 - Advice under development in WG3

(15) Other Work

- Functioning of Common Fisheries Policy: Advice adopted on 23 March 2022
- Functioning of Common Market Organisation: Advice adopted on 30 March 2022
- Taxonomy: Advice under development in WG2

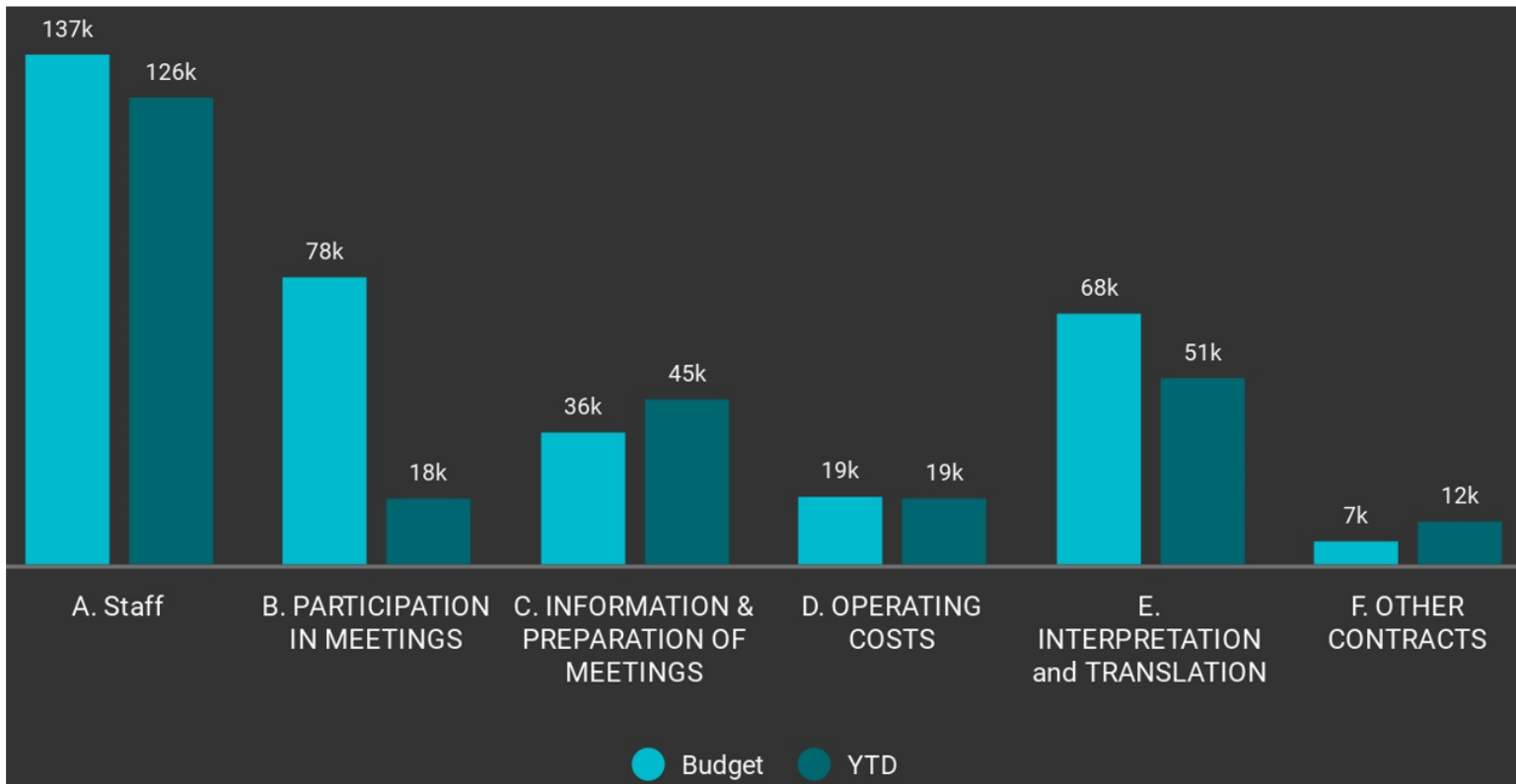
FINANCIAL UPDATE OF OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ Realised Operating Expenses (October 2021 – September 2022)

	Budgeted	Actual
A. STAFF	€137,040	€125,590.90
B. PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS	€77,858	€18,357.09
C. INFORMATION & PREPARATION OF MEETINGS	€36,120	€45,036.50
D. OPERATING COSTS	€19,011.28	€18,658.16
E. INTERPRETATION and TRANSLATION	€68,150	€50,739.03
F. OTHER CONTRACTS	€7,220.72	€12,162.55
Total	€345,400	€271,301.03

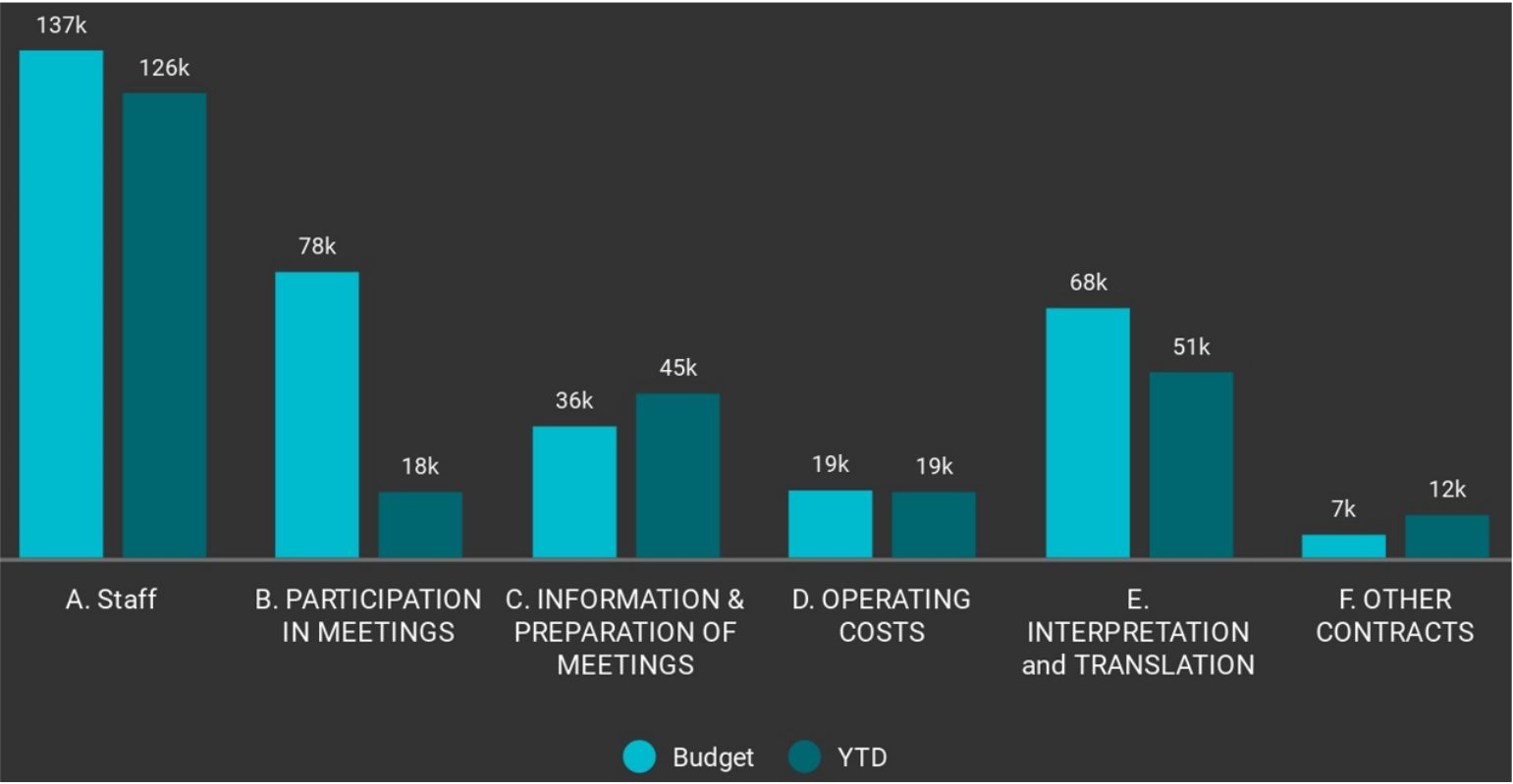
FINANCIAL UPDATE OF OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ Budgeted vs realised expenditure (78.3%)



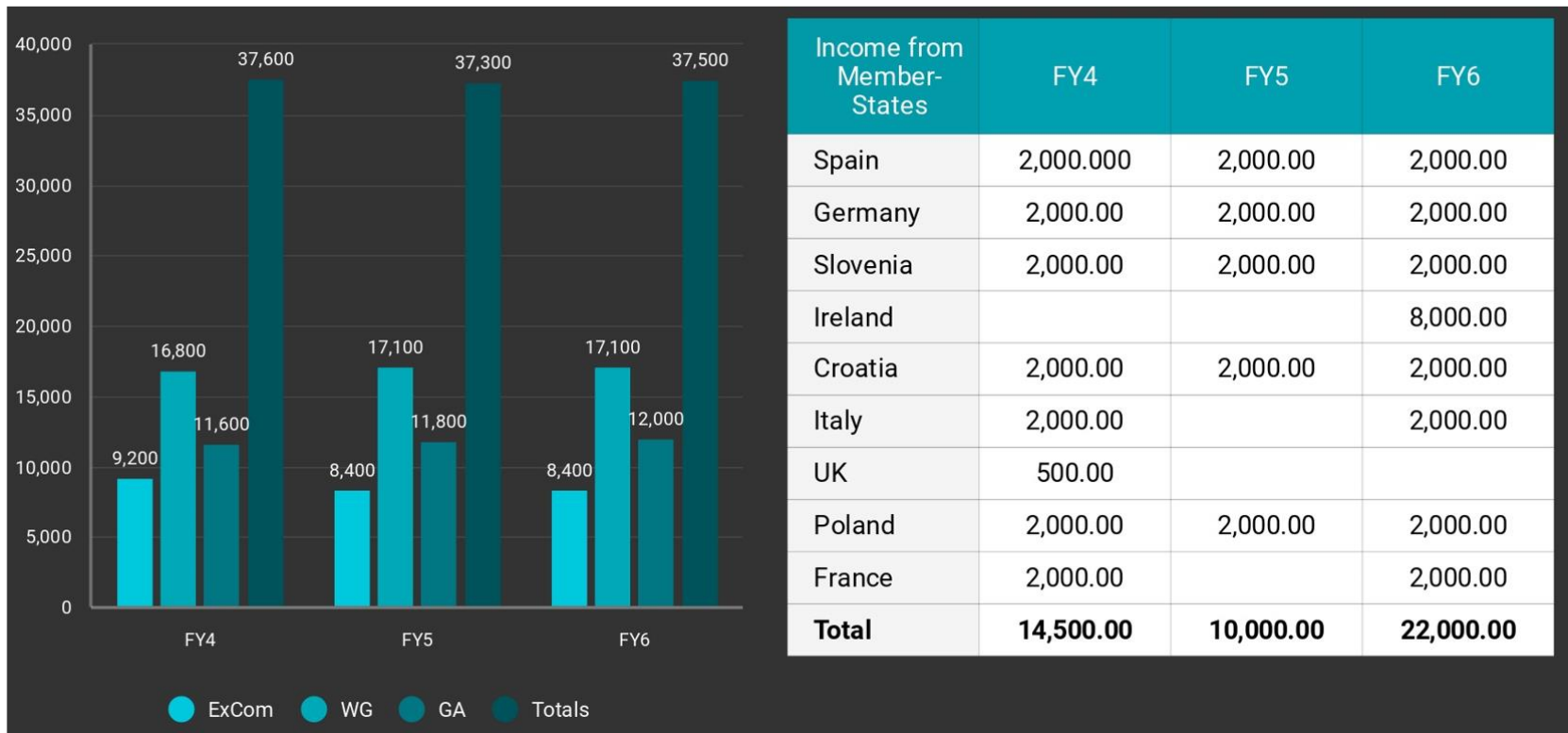
FINANCIAL UPDATE OF OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ Month to Month expenditure



FINANCIAL UPDATE OF OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ Income from members & Member States



CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

➤ Information on appointments for Chair, Vice-Chairs, Chairs of Working Groups, and Executive Committee for the 2023-2026 period

▪ Executive Committee members

- Appointed for 3 years by the General Assembly (vote in person & proxy)
- 60% for value chain / 40 % to Other Interest Groups
- Up to 25 members

Sector	Number
Representatives of Value Supply Chain (60%)	
Primary producers catching sector	5
Primary producers sector (aquaculture)	2
Processors, traders, supplies and retailers	7
Workers (trade unions)	1
Other Interests Group	
Environmental or development non-governmental organisations (NGOs), Consumers organisations, Others	10
TOTAL	25

CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

➤ Members of the Executive Committee 2020-2023

■ Value Supply Chain (60%)

- Primary Producers (Catching)
 - EAPO, Europêche, COPA-COGECA, VisNed, Pêcheurs de Bretagne
- Primary Producers (Aquaculture)
 - EMPA, FEAP
- Processors, traders, suppliers, retailers
 - AIPCE, CEP, European Fishmeal, EuroCommerce, FRUCOM, CONXEMAR, ANFACO-CECOPESCA
- Workers (Trade Unions)
 - ETF

■ Other Interest Groups (40%)

- MSC, Oceana, WWF, ClientEarth, EJF, Good Fish
- 4 vacant seats

CHAIRS, VICE-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **MAC Chair (General Assembly & Executive Committee)**
 - Appointed for 3 years by General Assembly amongst the membership
 - By consensus
- **MAC Vice-Chair (General Assembly & Executive Committee)**
 - Appointed by Executive Committee amongst the membership
- **Working Group Chairs & Vice-Chairs**
 - Appointment for 3 years by General Assembly (analogical application of rules + established practice)

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**