

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 26 January 2023 (10:15 – 14:00 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 *Welcome Breakfast*

10:15 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

10:20 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (19.09.22)

10:25 Action points

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

10:30 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)

- Presentation of "The EU Fish Market" 2022 report by Christophe Vande Weyer and Laurène Jolly (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

11:00 EU Market Supply

- Presentation of "Finfish Study 2022" by Mike Turenhout, Visfederatie
- Exchange of views

11:30 Focus Group on Trade

- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference
- Way forward

12:00 *Break*

12:15 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)

- Consideration of draft advice on 2021 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry
- Way forward

12:45 Banning Forced Labour

- Exchange of views among members
- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for external study
- Way forward



13:00 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance

- Presentation of study “Water-tight? Assessing the effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal seafood imports” by Thomas Walsh, EU IUU Fishing Coalition
- Presentation of study on IUU risks in Spanish market by María del Camino Troya, EU IUU Fishing Coalition
- Exchange of views & way forward

13:50 AOB

13:55 Summary of action items

14:00 End of meeting

Lunch

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	EUMOFA	Every year, EUMOFA publishes “The EU Fish Market” report”. The report aims at providing an economic description of the whole European fisheries and aquaculture industry. It replies to questions such as what is produced/exported/imported, when and where, what is consumed, by whom and what are the main trends.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG MARE) on the latest edition.	- Report
Information	EU Market Supply	Every year, AIPCE-CEP publishes the “Finfish Study”. The study is conducted to demonstrate the need for supply of imported seafood, particularly whitefish to produce added value seafood within Europe.	Presentation and exchange with AIPCE-CEP representative on the latest edition.	- Report
Consideration	Focus Group on Trade	WG2 established the Initial Focus Group on Trade to collect data on imports in the frame of various trade policy instruments to contribute with factual information to the development of an advice on trade policy instruments. The report was presented at the 25 January 2022 meeting. The advice on improvement of data was adopted in March 2022. DG MARE sent a letter informing about the preparation of comprehensive feedback. At the May and September 2022 meetings, new Terms of Reference to launch the next stage of the work were considered. It was agreed, as an action point, that a broader consideration of the draft Terms of Reference was to be scheduled.	Consideration of draft Terms of Reference (new version) to establish new Focus Group on Trade.	- Report - Advice - MARE Letter - Draft Terms of Reference (via email / Members Area)
Consideration	STECF	At the September 2022 meeting, it was agreed, as an action point, that draft advice on the Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry, particularly on	Consideration of draft advice on the Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry (2021).	- STECF Presentation - Draft Advice (via email / Members Area)

		improved data collection, would be developed. The Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to gather input. A proposal of draft advice, prepared by the Secretariat, was circulated on 2 December 2022.		
Decision	Banning Labour Forced	In 2021, President von der Leyen announced that further EU legislative action was needed to tackle the use of forced labour in the value chains of companies operating in the single market. The legislative initiative aims to ban the placing on the EU market of products 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. On 19 September 2022, COM adopted the legislative proposal. At the September 2022 meeting, the legislative proposal was presented by a COM representative. It was agreed, as an action point, that the Secretariat would consult members about their interest in the development of draft advice.	Exchange of views among members to determine their interest in the development of draft advice. Decision on way forward (e.g., appointment of rapporteur, hiring of external consultant, monitoring of developments, none).	- NGOs Briefing Note - COM Presentation - Draft Terms of Reference (via email / Members Area)
Information + Decision	IUU	Under the Work Programme of Year 7, the MAC committed to produce advice on an ad hoc basis when significant cases of IUU fishing products entering the EU market are known or when actions take place under the “carding system”. In November 2022, the EU IUU Coalition published the report “Water-tight? Assessing the effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal seafood imports”. Afterward, a report on fishing controls in Spain was published.	Presentation of the two reports by EU IUU Fishing Coalition representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring of developments, none).	- Report - Report - EU IUU Coalition