



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Guus Pastoor

Chair

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Friday, 27 January 2023

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 15:15 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor
- 15:20 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (07.07.22)
- 15:25 Action Points
- 15:30 Membership of General Assembly
- 15:40 General Assembly and Executive Committee
- 15:55 Participation of Observers
- 16:15 Reimbursement Rules
- 16:30 Inter- Advisory Council's Coordination
- 16:40 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- 16:45 European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
- 16:50 AOB
- 16:55 Summary of actions points

17:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (7 JULY 2022)

Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023):

- Secretariat to prepare document, to be published in the Members Area, summarising the status of implementation of the Work Programme
- Amended draft Work Programme to be formally submitted to DG MARE and put forward for approval by the General. If, prior to that, there are substantial preliminary comments from MARE A4, draft to be recirculated to the Executive Committee
- Draft budget to be formally submitted to DG MARE and put forward for approval by the General Assembly
- Secretariat to encourage Member States to provide financial contributions of €3.000
 - Document on status of implementation of the Work Programme – in development
 - Work Programme and budget submitted to DG MARE and approved by GA (2022-2026 Framework Partnership Agreement + 2022-2023 Grant Agreement signed)
 - Member States have been encouraged to contribute with €3.000

ACTION POINTS (7 JULY 2022)

European Green Deal & Farm to Fork Strategy

- Background paper to be published on the Members Area and continuously updated
 - Background paper published

Inter-ACs Brexit Forum

- Secretariat to check with other AC Secretariats and with DG MARE on the preferred way to address the confidentiality of meeting reports
 - Meetings reports are not to be circulated or publicly published

Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

- Agenda item to be scheduled under the draft agenda of the next Working Group 3 meeting, including update on the upcoming UN Intergovernmental Conference
 - Item scheduled under the draft agenda of 20 September 2022 meeting

ACTION POINTS (7 JULY 2022)

AOB

- Concerning the draft advice on Maximum Levels of Sulphites for Crustaceans, Secretariat to proceed with the written procedure.
- Concerning the approved letter requesting information, per Member State, on volume of catch certificates, Secretariat to send the letter to DG MARE
- Advice on Maximum Level of Sulphites for Crustaceans adopted 27 July 2022 (reply from DG MARE on 27 September 2022)
- Letter on volume of catch certificates sent on 7 July 2022 (reply from DG MARE on 5 October 2022)

MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- **Endorsement of new member: Syndicate National du Commerce Extérieur des produits congelés (SNCE)**
 - **Endorsed by France**
 - French association of importers and traders
 - Objectives: Promote, advise and defend the activities of French importers and traders (fishery products mainly)



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Presentation of the candidacies for Vice-Chair(s) for the 2023-2026 period**
 - Appointed by members of Executive Committee (Article 25 of Statutes)
 - Designation by consensus of at least one Vice-Chair. At least one Vice-Chair from a different category of the Chair (Article 4.2 of Delegated Regulation 2015/242)
- **Appointment**
 - Expressions of interest sent to the Secretariat:
 - Christine Absil (Good Fish Foundation)
 - Julien Lamothe (EAPO)

PARTICIPATION OF OBSERVERS

- **Agreement on guidelines on the participation of observers in meetings**
 - Updated version of draft circulated on 19 January 2023
 - Previous version considered at the 6 July 2021 meeting

REIMBURSEMENT RULES

➤ Update of daily reimbursement rate for accommodation costs

- Current rule: 100 EUR flat rate per night is payable to members where an overnight stay is required (inspired by the STECF's reimbursement rules for experts)
- Proposal: Flat rate dependent on the country of the meeting (inspired by COM decision on unit costs, e.g.):
 - Belgium: EUR 137
 - France: EUR 166
 - Spain: EUR 117

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ **Inter-AC Brexit Forum (15 September, 20 October, 15 December 2022)**

- **Guus Pastoor, Chair**
- **Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**
 - Updates from COM on Specialised Committee on Fisheries & Working Groups
 - Non-quota species multi-year strategies

➤ **DG MARE – AC Secretariats meeting (11 October 2022)**

- **Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**
 - Planning of the work in 2023 (CFP Report)
 - Questions put forward by ACs (Lump sum approach, invitation of COM representatives, follow-up to written questions, promotion of ACs)

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Inter-Advisory Councils meeting (17 November 2022)

- **Guus Pastoor (Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretariat), Dawlat Bik (Secretariat), Yobana Bermúdez (Conxemar), Pierre Commère (ADEPALE), Paul Thomas (EAPO), Christine Absil (Good Fish), Daniel Voces (Europêche), Marine Cusa (Oceana), Yannis Pelekannakis (FEAP), Alessandro Manghisi (MSC)**
 - CMO Report
 - European Sustainable Food System Framework
 - STECF AER Data, foresight
 - European Year of Skills
 - Deep-sea access implementation
 - Ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management
 - Financial and organisation matters
 - Non-quota species multi-year strategies

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius (5 December 2022)

- **Guus Pastoor (Chair)**
- **Christine Absil (OIG Vice-Chair)**
 - Fishing opportunities for next year for fish stocks in the EU waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Kattegat and Skagerrak, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

➤ AC Chairs and Secretariats meeting (11 January 2023)

- **Guus Pastoor (Chair)**
- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - ACs 2023 Work Programmes and Coordination (joint work & tools)
 - Inter-AC Brexit Forum (organisational and structural aspects)
 - Internal functioning (external representation, code of conduct/good practices/procedures, recognition of ACs, COM participation in meetings, reimbursement ceilings)
 - Financial and administrative matters (lump sum, update of guidelines, qualified electronic signature)

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

➤ Reporting back on MIAC & MIACO meetings (12-13 January 2023)

▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Socio-economic dimension in ICES advice, rebuilding plans, stocks of specific areas
- Quality control, stakeholder engagement, renewable energy, benchmarks and reviews, emerging science needs, mixed fisheries, 2023 advice

EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY (EFCA)

➤ **Advisory Board (24 October 2022)**

- **Guus Pastoor (Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - ACs state-of-play, EFCA Multiannual work programme 2023-2027, annual work programme 2023, rotation of the representative in the Administrative Board

➤ **Seminar on Five-Year Independent External Evaluation (25 October 2022)**

- **Guus Pastoor (Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General), Francesca Peretti (ClientEarth)**
 - Evaluation findings, operational coordination, international dimension, cooperation with other EU agencies

➤ **Administrative Board (26 October 2022)**

- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Recommendations from external evaluation, adoption of programming document

➤ **Launch of EFCA's chartered patrol vessels (17 January 2023)**

- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General), Daniel Voces (Europêche)**
 - Naming event and onboard tour

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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