



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

BusinessEurope, Av. de Cortenbergh 168, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, 8 June 2023

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.03.23)
- 13:40 Action Points
- 13:45 Farm to Fork Strategy
- 14:30 Membership of General Assembly
- 14:40 Working Groups
- 15:00 Horizon Europe
- 15:15 Reimbursement Rules
- 15:25 Secretariat
- 15:35 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination
- 15:45 European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
- 15:50 AOB
- 15:55 Summary of actions points

*16:00 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2023)

## Working Groups:

- Draft advice on “Improving the Labelling Legislation for Plant-Based Imitations of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products” to be considered via written procedure
  - Advice adopted (via written procedure) on 8 May 2023

## Reimbursement Rules:

- Suggested changes to be integrated into the new draft guidelines on reimbursements
- Once the new financial guidelines of DG MARE are finalised, adoption of the new draft guidelines on reimbursements to be considered
  - Pending finalisation of the new financial guidelines of DG MARE

# ACTION POINTS (30 MARCH 2023)

## Statutes and Rules of Procedure:

- Secretariat to proceed with the necessary update of the Statutes and Rules of Procedure to meet the requirements of the new Code of Companies and Associations of Belgium
  - Pending

## AOB:

- Under the draft agenda of the next meeting, agenda item on impact of inflation on the consumption of fisheries and aquaculture products to be scheduled
- Invitation send and accepted to Secretary of State for Fisheries of Portugal, but agenda item had to be cancelled

# FARM TO FORK STRATEGY

## ➤ Keynote speech

- Delilah Al Khudhairy, Director, MARE A

## ➤ Exchange of views

# MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## ➤ Endorsement of new member

- **Irish South & East Fish Producers Organisation Limited (ISEFPO) - Ireland**
  - Objective: To represent members as a Producers Organisation, to protect and ensure sustainable employment, equal opportunities and future viability in the fishing industry for all their members, their families and the coastal fishing communities.
  - Representative: John Lynch (CEO)

# WORKING GROUPS

- **Reporting on Working Group 1**
  - Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1
  
- **Reporting on Working Group 2**
  - Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2
  
- **Reporting on Working Group 3**
  - Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

# HORIZON EUROPE

- **Exchange of views about project call “Choose your fish: a campaign for responsible consumption of products from the sea”**
  - **Expected outcomes of the projects**
    - Accessible and engaging media products to inform on seafood and aquaculture consumption choices
    - More informed purchase choices by European citizens
    - Encouraging sustainability of consumption patterns (food waste, carbon footprint, future viability of stocks)
    - Support knowledge and consumption of local and seasonal products
    - Create an awareness campaign, including communication products (e.g., social media)
  - **Deadline date:** 20 September 2023



# REIMBURSEMENT RULES

- **Update of the guidelines on reimbursement of travel expenses and subsistence allowances**
  - Pending finalisation of new financial guidelines of DG MARE

# SECRETARIAT

- **Exchange of views about appointment of the Secretariat**
  - Rules of Procedure - Executive Committee is responsible for the organisation and management of the Secretariat
  - Current service contract for secretariat services – 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2023
  - Next steps: Launch of procurement procedure (service contract) or negotiations for work contracts

# INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

## ➤ **Inter-Advisory Councils Secretariat with DG MARE (18 April 2023)**

### ▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General) & Dawlat Bik (Financial Officer)**

- Update from COM – Action points on the policy package:
  - CFP Report
  - Marine action plan
  - Energy transition and CMO Report
  
- Update from COM – Procedures
  - Recommendations
  - Commission participation in AC meetings
  - Inter-AC
  - Financial aspects including guidance on the lump sum

# INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

- **Inter-Advisory Councils Secretariat with DG MARE (18 April 2023)**
  - **Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair ) & Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
    - Specialised Committee for Fisheries (SCF) and Working Groups (WGs):
      - Debriefing on recent meetings by COM representatives
      - Information on timeline of upcoming meetings
    - Management and enforcement measures by Scottish authorities
    - List of horizontal topics

# INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

## ➤ European Maritime Day (24-25 May 2023)

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- High Level Panels on the Blue Economy
- Workshop – Sustainability from producers to consumers (EAPO)
  - EAPO, WWF, MSC, EuroCommerce, DG MARE
- DG MARE's Pitch Session – Common Fisheries Policy – today and tomorrow

# EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY (EFCA)

- **Reporting back on Advisory Board (19 April 2023) meeting**
  - **Alexandra Philippe (Administrative Officer)**

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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