



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Chair

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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 (27.01.23)
- 13:40 European Green Deal
- 14:15 Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024)
- 14:45 Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)
- 15:00 Statutes
- 15:10 AOB

15:15 End of the meeting

EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL IN RELATION TO THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY AND MARKETS

➤ Keynote speech

- **Delilah Al Khudhairy, Director, MARE A**

- MAC Advice:

- Sustainable Food System Framework
- Marketing Standards Framework
- Food Information to Consumers
- Animal Welfare
- EU-level targets for food waste reduction
- Substantiating green claims
- Empowering the consumer for the green transition
- Code of Conduct for Responsible Business and Marketing Practices

➤ Exchange of views

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 8 (2023-2024)

➤ **Presentation of priorities, deliverables and planning**

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**

- Operational Year 8 (1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024)
- Preparation by Executive Committee: 3 July 2023
- Submission to DG MARE: 20 July 2023
- Approval by General Assembly: 20 September 2023

➤ **Presentation of draft budget**

- **Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**
- **Dawlat Bik, Financial Officer**

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

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

▪ Overarching priorities:

- (1) Farm to Fork Strategy
- (2) Market disturbances, including COVID-19 and Russian Invasion of Ukraine
- (3) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- (4) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance
- (5) European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)
- (6) Landing Obligation
- (7) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
- (8)) Substantiating Environmental Claims and Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for unprocessed Marine Fish products
- (9) EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities and Draft Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing, Aquaculture Activities

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

▪ Planned recommendations:

1) Work Programme of EUMOFA, including suggestions of analysis topics

- EUMOFA Study on Aquaculture Outlets (19 October 2022)
- EUMOFA Work Programme (3 February 2023)
- EUMOFA Study on Tuna (30 March 2023)

2) Annual report on the implementation in 2022 of the landing obligation

- Market perspective (30 March 2023)

3) Russian Invasion of Ukraine

- Disturbances in the market of fisheries & aquaculture products (3 February 2023)

4) Legislative Proposal on Revision of Food Information to Consumers Regulation

- Legislative proposal originally planned for Q4 2022 – postponed
- Outside of the Work Programme of DG SANTE for 2023

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

5) 2023 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- Timeline, data collection, terms of reference (3 February 2023)

6) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Harmonised import controls (21 April 2023)

7) Farm to Fork Strategies

- Sustainable Food System Framework (13 December 2022)

8) 2022 Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector

- Inclusion of indicators of economic sustainability (24 July 2023)

9) Legislative Proposal on the Revision of the Marketing Standards Framework

- Incorporation of measurement and communication on environmental and social sustainability in fishery and aquaculture products (13 December 2022)

➤ Update on the accounts by Dawlat Bik, Financial Officer

STATUTES

➤ Approval of modifications to the Statutes, in accordance with the Code of Companies and Associations of Belgium

- New Code of Companies and Associations (Belgium) – need to adapt by 1 January 2024
 - Removal of the precise address, but only mention of region
 - No longer required that number of members exceeds number of directors
 - Minimum notice period for convening general meetings is increased from 8 to 15 days
 - Liability of director is extended to correspond to the liability of company directors
 - Associations can be declared bankrupt
 - Clarifications of scope of day-to-day management
- Modifications and references to new code must be integrated in the Statutes to be proposed by the board of directors and approved by the General Assembly.
- Decision of the General Assembly to be filed in the clerk's office of the Commercial Court
- Publication in the Annexes of the Belgian Official Gazette

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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