

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 31 January 2024 (14:45 – 16:30 CET)

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room A), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:45 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

14:50 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.11.23)

14:55 Action points

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

15:00 Working Groups

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

15:15 Membership of the General Assembly

- Overview of the composition of the membership, including distribution across the various categories of the value supply chain, by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- Exchange of views

15:30 Financial Reserves

- Presentation on investment opportunities by Dawlat Bik, Finance Officer
- Exchange of views

15:45 European Maritime Day

- Presentation of proposal for joint workshop with the other Advisory Councils by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- Exchange of views

16:00 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius (7 December 2023)
 - Inter-Advisory Councils Secretariat's meeting (17 January 2024)
- Preparation for next Inter-Advisory Councils meeting (6 February 2024)



16:15 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

- Reporting back on MIAC (18 January 2024) and MIACO (19-19 January 2024) meetings by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

16:20 AOB

16:25 Summary of action points

16:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	Membership	As foreseen by the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the MAC is composed of representatives of the entire fisheries and aquaculture value chain (primary producers, processors, traders, retailers, trade unions) and other interest groups (environmental and development NGOs). At the 30 November 2023 meeting, it was agreed, as an action point, that the Secretariat would prepare an overview of the distribution of the membership across the different categories.	Overview of the composition of the membership, including distribution across the various categories of the value supply chain by the Secretary General.	- Membership
Information	Finances	At the 30 November 2023 meeting, the Finance Officer presented the current financial reserves. It was agreed, as an action point, that, at the next meeting, the Finance Officer would present various possibilities for investment of part of the reserve.	Presentation of the various investment possibilities by the Finance Officer.	
Information	European Maritime Day	The European Maritime Day is an annual event organised by the European Commission to raise awareness on the seas and their importance. The next edition will take place on 30-31 May 2024 in Svendborg, Denmark. DG MARE reserved a slot for a workshop by the Advisory Councils. The AC Secretariats suggested the organisation of a workshop titled “Why should you eat fishery and aquaculture products? Stakeholder engagement on carbon footprint, nutrition, food	Presentation of the proposal for a joint workshop with the other Advisory Councils.	- European Maritime Day

		security, and socioeconomics". A reply from the Commission services is still pending.		
Information	Inter-Advisory Councils Coordination	On 7 December 2023, Commissioner Sinkevičius held a roundtable discussion with the 11 Advisory Councils about the decisions on fishing opportunities for 2024. The MAC was represented by the Chair and the OIG Vice-Chair. On 17 January 2024, the AC Secretariats held a meeting for general coordination. On 6 February 2024, DG MARE will be holding an Inter-Advisory Councils meeting. The morning session will consist of an exchange of views with Director-General Vitcheva, while the afternoon will be an exchange about the new Fisheries Control Regulation with Unit D4.	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives. Preparation of the mandate of the representatives for the 6 February 2024 Inter-Advisory Councils meeting, plus preliminary questions on the new Fisheries Control Regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation Letter - Inter-AC Agenda - Inter-AC Secretariats Agenda
Information	ICES	The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) is an international organisation dedicated to marine sciences and research. ICES hold an annual meeting with Advisory Councils (MIAC) and an annual meeting with Advisory Councils and other observers to the advisory process (MIACO).	Reporting back on the meetings.	- ICES Calendar