



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

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

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 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
- 15:00 Working Groups
- 15:15 Membership of the General Assembly
- 15:30 Financial Reserves
- 15:45 European Maritime Day
- 16:00 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination
- 16:15 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- 16:20 AOB
- 16:25 Summary of actions points
- 16:30 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (30 NOVEMBER 2023)

Membership of General Assembly:

- At the next meeting, Secretariat to provide an overview of the composition of the membership, including distribution across the various categories of the supply chain
 - Agenda item scheduled (15:15)

Finances:

- Finance Officer to consult various banks in Belgium about the possibility to invest around half of the accumulated reserves in a risk-adverse manner, for example a savings account
 - Information note prepared by the Finance Officer sent to the Management Team
 - Agenda item scheduled (15:30)

ACTION POINTS (30 NOVEMBER 2023)

Organisation of meetings:

- For Year 8 (2023-2024), the organisation of the meetings and the calendar to be maintained as foreseen in the annual work programme
- For Year 9 (2024-2025), when preparing the annual work programme, Secretariat to consider the possibility of introducing one hybrid meeting as a trial
- Ongoing

AOB:

- Consultation via written procedure of the three Working Groups concerning the proposed joint draft advice with the CCRUP on the proliferation of invasive algae species in the Outermost Regions
- Secretariat to prepare and circulate a written document with the suggested talking points for the roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius
 - WGs Written Procedures: 5-20 December 2023 & 5-19 January 2024
 - Talking points for the roundtable circulated: 6 December 2023

WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

➤ Working Group 2

- Pierre Commère

➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

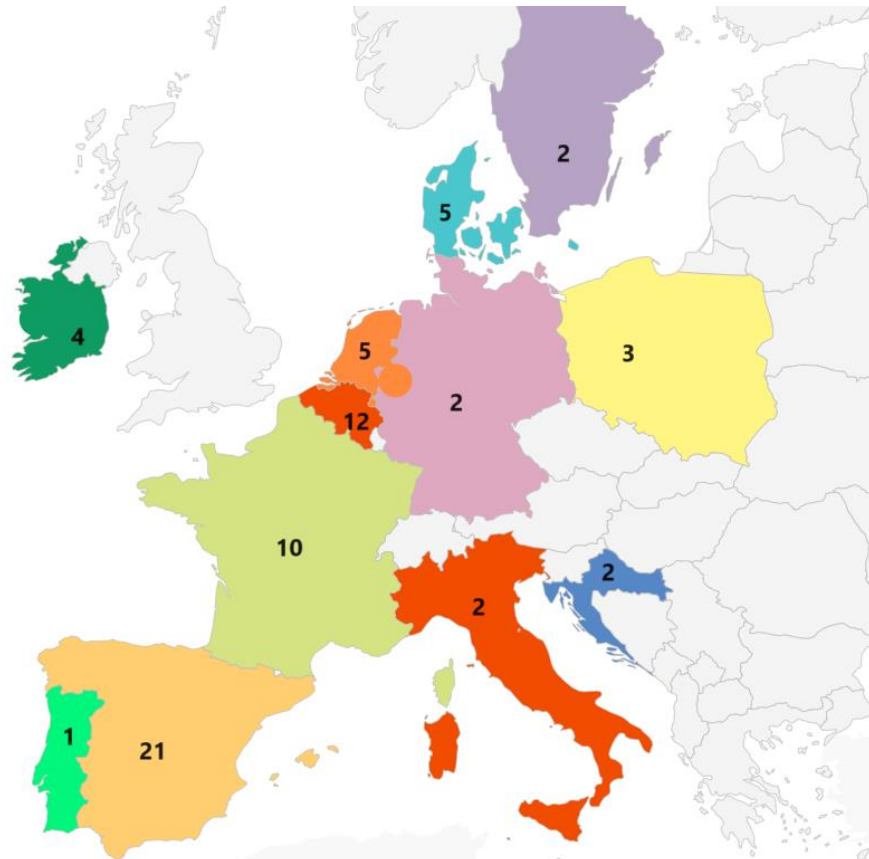
- Overview of the composition of the membership, including distribution across the various categories of the value chain
 - Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

- Exchange of views

MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ 69 members from 13 Member States:

- BE: 12 (17.4%)
- HR: 2 (2.9%)
- DK: 5 (7.2%)
- FR: 10 (14.5%)
- DE: 2 (2.9%)
- IE: 4 (5.8%)
- IT: 2 (2.9%)
- NL: 5 (7.2%)
- PL: 3 (4.3%)
- PT: 1 (1.4%)
- ES: 21 (30.4%)
- SE: 2 (2.9%)



MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ 62 members of Value Supply Chain:

- Primary Producers (Catching): 38 (55%)
- Primary Producers (Aquaculture): 3 (4.3%)
- Processors / traders / suppliers: 18 (26%)
- Retailers: 2 (2.9%)
- Workers (trade unions): 1 (1.4%)

➤ 7 members of Other Interest Groups:

- ExCom: MSC, Oceana, WWF, ClientEarth, EJF, Good Fish Foundation
- Other: Danish Society for a Living Sea
- 10.1%

➤ <https://marketac.eu/membership/>



EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

➤ Presentation of proposal for joint workshop with the other ACs

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**

- 30 & 31 May 2024 in Svendborg, Denmark (DG MARE request for annual joint workshop)
- Title: “Why should you eat fishery and aquaculture products? Stakeholder engagement on carbon footprint, nutrition, food security, and socioeconomics “
- Moderator: Mark Dickey-Collas
- Intro (10 minutes): Question about ACs
- Interaction (50 minutes): Boards with questions
 - Carbon Footprint: Ronan Cooney (BIM)
 - Nutritional Aspects: Dr. Iodia Sain Luis
 - Food Security & Socioeconomic: Mariana Toussaint (FAO)
- Conclusion (15 minutes): Word cloud



➤ Exchange of views

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

- **Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius (7 December 2023)**
 - **2024 Fishing Opportunities ahead of AGRIFISH Council meeting**
 - **Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair) & Christine Absil (MAC OIG Vice-Chair)**
 - Opening remarks of the Commissioner
 - Interventions of MAC Chair & Vice-Chair
 - Market disturbances due to Russian invasion of Ukraine
 - Economic data (fisheries & aquaculture)
 - Sustainable Food System Framework
 - Interventions by other ACs
 - Final remarks of the Commissioner



INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Inter-Advisory Councils Secretariat's meeting (17 January 2024)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Membership fees & financial contributions from Member States
- "Evaluation" of the results of the Common Fisheries Policy
- Preparation for 6 February 2024 Inter-AC meeting with DG MARE
- Financial & administrative matters
 - Bilateral meetings with MARE AC representatives
 - Lunchtime presentations of advice to COM
- European Maritime Day
- Work Programme update & collaboration opportunities

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Preparation for next Inter-Advisory Councils meeting (6 February 2024)

▪ 5 Representatives:

- Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair)
- Christine Absil (MAC Vice-Chair)
- Julien Lamothe (MAC Vice-Chair / WG1 Chair)
- Pierre Commère (WG2 Chair)
- Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

▪ Exchange of views with Director-General Vitcheva:

- Sustainable Food System Framework
- Forced Labour
- Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims

▪ Exchange of views with Unit D4 on new Fisheries Control Regulation:

- AIPCE-CEP, WWF, IS&WFPO, IFPO, VisNed, FEDEPESCA

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

➤ **MIAC (18 January 2024)**

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Stock assessment
- Stakeholder input in ICES work
- Ecosystem-based approach and mixed fisheries

➤ **MIACO (18-19 January 2024)**

- Quality Control
- Evolving advice
- Renewable energy opportunities and challenges
- Benchmarks and reviews
- Emerging science needs
- Overviews - are they advice?
- What messaging from ICES helps deliver your objectives?
- Mixed fisheries

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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