



WORKING GROUP 1 – EU PRODUCTION

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Chair

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

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe
 - 09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (29.11.23)
 - 09:10 Action points of the last meeting
 - 09:15 Fishers of the Future
 - 09:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products
 - 10:15 EUMOFA
 - 10:45 **Break**
 - 11:00 Marine Action Plan
 - 11:30 Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture
 - 12:00 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
 - 12:20 AOB
 - 12:25 Summary of actions points
- 12:30 End of the meeting*

ACTION POINTS (29 NOVEMBER 2023)

Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet:

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on suggestions for the Terms of Reference of the 2024 edition of the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet
- At the next meeting, draft advice based on the input received to be considered
 - Questionnaire circulated: 3 – 15 January 2024
 - Draft advice circulated: 18 January 2024
 - Consideration of draft advice scheduled (12:00)

Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture:

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on the expected impact on the market of fisheries and aquaculture products
- At the next meeting, draft advice based on the input received to be considered
 - Questionnaire circulated: 3 – 15 January 2024
 - Draft advice circulated: 25 January 2024
 - Consideration of draft advice scheduled (11:30)

ACTION POINTS (29 NOVEMBER 2023)

Marine Action Plan:

- EAPO to prepare draft advice on expected impacts on the EU supply to the market, which will be considered at the next meeting
 - EAPO's proposal of draft advice circulated: 19 January 2024
 - Consideration of draft advice scheduled (11:00)

Market Disturbances:

- Compilation documentation on crises measures to be prepared ahead of the 2024 March meeting
 - Pending

FISHERS OF THE FUTURE

➤ Presentation of the project

▪ Joan Roussoulière-Azzam (MARE D3)

▪ EU-wide participatory project on future role of fishers in society up to 2050

- Long-term sustainability and profitability:
 - Climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, green and digital transition, need for skill development, aging workforce, market dynamics, trade developments
- Fishers' identity and roles:
 - Conservation and restoration of marine environment, promotion of environmental tourism, development of coastal areas
- Challenges and opportunities resulting from interactions with other maritime actors:
 - Maritime spatial planning, renewable energy deployment, organisation of the seafood supply chain, circular economy, diversification of the blue economy

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

- **Update on STECF Expert Working Group meeting on validation of selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies (11-15 December 2023)**
 - **Gerd Heinen & Laurène Jolly (MARE A4)**
 - Task 1: Assess and validate the data gathered and the pilot tool developed by the ad-hoc expert team
 - Task 2: Assess the approach proposed for a grading of the impact on sensitive species

- **Exchange of views**

- **Way forward**
 - Invitation of STECF Expert Working Group Chair for exchange at next meeting?

EUROPEAN MARKET OBSERVATORY FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (EUMOFA)

➤ Overview of 2024 work programme

- Laurène Jolly (MARE A4)

➤ Consideration of draft advice on suggestions of studies to be integrated in the 2024 work programme

- Questionnaire circulated: 3 – 15 January 2024
 - Replies: EAPO, WWF, EMPA, ADEPALE
- Draft advice circulated: 22 January 2024

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:05**

MARINE ACTION PLAN

- **Presentation of proposal of draft advice on expected effects on the supply to the EU market**
 - **Paul Thomas (EAPO)**
- **Consideration of proposed draft advice**
 - Draft advice circulated: 19 January 2024
- **Way forward**

ENERGY TRANSITION IN EU FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

➤ Consideration of draft advice on energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture

- Questionnaire circulated: 3 – 15 January 2024
 - Replies: EAPO, ClientEarth, European Fishmeal, Conxemar
- Draft advice circulated: 25 January 2024

➤ Way forward

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF)

➤ Consideration of draft advice on the Terms of Reference of the 2024 edition of the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- Questionnaire circulated: 3 – 15 January 2024
 - Replies: EAPO, Europêche
- Draft advice circulated: 18 January 2024

➤ Way forward

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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