

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 (09:30 – 13:00 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (31.01.24)

09:40 Action points

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

09:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation on validation of selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies by Fabio Grati (STECF EWG Chair)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:30 Fishers of the Future

- Exchange of views about the survey on challenges and drivers, profiles of today's fishers, and scenario planning workshops
- Way forward

11:00 Break

11:15 Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Consideration of draft advice on energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture
- Way forward

12:00 Social Data in Fisheries

- Consideration of draft advice on the development of social indicators and a vademecum on the allocation of fishing opportunities
- Way forward

12:30 European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)

- Consideration of draft advice on the mid-term evaluation of the fund
- Way forward



12:50 AOB

12:55 Summary of action items

13:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Sustainability Criteria	<p>In 2018, the European Commission launched an evaluation of the marketing standards framework for fishery and aquaculture products. An inception impact assessment identified shortcomings in the objective to enable the market to be supplied with sustainable products. In April 2021, STECF published a report on criteria and indicators to incorporate sustainability aspects, which includes the recommendation of a scoring system. In 2023, the MAC expressed the view that the Sustainable Food System Framework would be the most appropriate policy option for the incorporation of the measurement and communication on environmental and social sustainability. Even though the Sustainability Food System Framework's labelling system is currently on hold, continued to work on three fisheries-specific indicators (impact on seabed, impact on targeted stocks, impact on sensitive species). In the 11-15 December 2023 meeting, an Expert Working Group worked on the last two mentioned indicators.</p>	<p>Presentation of the selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies, as developed in the December 2023 meeting, by the Expert Working Group Chair. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice based on the STECF report, monitoring developments, none).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Page - STECF 20-05 Report - MAC 2021 Advice - MAC 2023 Advice - STECF Meeting
Information + Decision	Fishers of the Future	<p>On 21 November 2023, the European Commission launched an EU-wide participatory project to examine the future role of fishers in society up to 2050. The project was presented at the 31 January 2024 meeting. The Commission's consultant prepared a survey and "12 profiles of today's fishers" for feedback from stakeholders. Additionally, the consultant held a participatory event on 19 March 2024, and invited the</p>	<p>Exchange of views about the survey on challenges and drivers, profiles of today's fishers, and scenario planning workshops. Decision on way forward (e.g., joint positions, encouragement of individual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News Announcement - Presentation - Survey - 12 Profiles - Event

		Secretary General to attend a series of scenario planning workshops on 19 March, 26 March, 4 April.	contributions, monitoring of developments, none).	
Consideration	Energy Transition	On 2 February 2023, the European Commission published a communication “On the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector”, which aims to accelerate the energy transition of the sector. At the 29 November 2023 meeting, DG MARE delivered a presentation about the Energy Transition Partnership. A questionnaire was circulated to the members from 3 to 15 January 2024. A first version of the draft advice was considered at the 31 January 2024 meeting. As agreed, the draft text was recirculated from 9 to 26 February to gather additional feedback.	Consideration of the new version of the draft advice on the energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative - News Announcement - Presentation - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)
Consideration	Social Data	In February 2024, the European Commission sent a letter about ongoing work to further develop social indicators and to prepare a vademecum on the allocation of fishing opportunities. The letter includes an annex with two questionnaires about the mentioned topics. Members were asked to submit their replies to the Secretariat between 14 and 29 February 2024 to prepare a common position.	Consideration of draft advice on the development of social indicators and a vademecum on the allocation of fishing opportunities.	- DG MARE Letter
Consideration	European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund	In January 2024, the European Commission hired an external consultant for a study on the mid-term evaluation of the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. The consultant developed a survey for individual stakeholders and another for Advisory Councils. Members were asked to submit their replies on the latter to the Secretariat between 7 and 21 March 2024 to prepare a common position.	Consideration of draft advice on the survey on the mid-term evaluation of the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DG MARE Letter - Questionnaire