



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

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

Wednesday, 18 September 2024

# 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 (03.07.24)
  - 13:40 Action Points
  - 13:45 Common Fisheries Policy
  - 15:00 Working Groups
  - 15:15 European Parliament
  - 15:30 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
  - 15:40 Financial Reserves
  - 15:50 AOB
  - 15:55 Summary of actions points
- 16:00 End of the meeting*

# ACTION POINTS (3 JULY 2024)

## Sustainability Indicators:

- Once a formal invitation form the VeriFish project for engagement is received, a formal decision to be made at the next meeting or, beforehand, via a written consultation
- Following a letter of invitation, an urgent written consultation took place from 22 to 29 July 2024 to confirm the Secretary General as member of the project's External Advisory Board

## Work Programme of Year 9 (2024-2025):

- Secretariat to proceed with the formal submission of the draft work programme and of the draft budget to the European Commission
- Formal submission of the draft work programme & draft budget: 27 July 2024

# COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

## ➤ Presentation on the ongoing evaluation

- **Evelien Ranshuysen, Soumaya Bouker, Julia Rubeck (MARE D3)**
  - Call for evidence: 20 June – 6 September 2024
  - Public consultation: Q4 2024
  - Adoption: Q3 2025

# COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

## ➤ Exchange of views

- 1) Has the CFP been effective in meeting its objectives and in the current context?
    - Best use of unwanted catches, without creating a market for catches below MCRS
    - Economically viable & competitive fishing capture and processing industry
    - Development of sustainable Union aquaculture activities
    - Fair standard of living for those who depend on fishing activities
    - Efficient and transparent internal market + level-playing-field
    - Account for the interests of producers and consumers
  - 2) To what extent has the CFP been efficient in terms of cost-effectiveness and the proportionality of actual costs to benefits?
  - 3) To what extent is the CFP relevant to current and emerging needs?
  - 4) To what extent is the CFP coherent internally and externally with other EU actions ?
  - 5) To what extent does the CFP add value and does it produce results beyond what would have been achieved by EU countries alone?
- Increased stakeholder involvement in EU decision-making procedures & improved cooperation between the sector and other stakeholders?

# WORKING GROUPS

## ➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

## ➤ Working Group 2

- Pierre Commère

## ➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

- **Information on the organisation of joint event with the AAC and the NSAC to raise awareness about the role of the ACs under the CFP**
  - **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
    - Date: 12 November 2024 (lunch break of PECH Committee meeting)
    - Location: European Parliament (likely salon)
    - Hosts: MEP Sander Smit (EPP, NL) + two other MEPs (high-level & cross-party)
    - Agenda: Presentations by DG MARE, NSAC, MAC, AAC + exchange with the audience, including other ACs
    - Outcomes: “Liaison MEPs”, appropriate consultation of stakeholders, recognition of the role of the ACs under the CFP

# FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION (FAO)

- **Reporting back on the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, 8 – 12 July 2024)**
  - **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
    - SOFIA Report: New records (trade, consumption, jobs) + 1<sup>st</sup> time that aquaculture surpassed capture fisheries as the main producer of aquatic animals
    - Adoption of Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture
    - Role of small-scale fleet, food security & nutrition, promotion of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, fight against IUU fishing, livelihoods
  - Next meetings:
    - Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (Online, 2025)
    - 37<sup>th</sup> Session of COFI (Rome, Q3 2026)



# FINANCIAL RESERVES

## ➤ Decision on reinvesting part of the accumulated reserves in savings account

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- ING Terms Account: Six months
  - Gross effective rate: 1,9%
  - Net effective rate: 1,33%

# INTER-AC BREXIT FORUM

- Decision on relevance of maintaining membership

# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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