

## The Role of Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy

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As foreseen under the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the Advisory Councils are composed of representatives of the fisheries and aquaculture value chain as well as Other Interest Groups. The Advisory Councils provide advice to the European Commission and to the Member States on the management and conservation as well on the socio-economic aspects of fisheries and aquaculture. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness among the newly elected members of the PECH Committee about the role of the Advisory Councils as well as to explore how balanced stakeholder views can be accounted for in decision-making.



## AGENDA

**18:40 – 18:50** Welcome & introduction by **Sander Smit** MEP

**18:50 – 19:00** The Role of Advisory Councils: **Commission representative**, DG MARE D3

**19:00 – 19:10** The North Sea Advisory Council  
**Kenn Skau Fischer**, NSAC Chair

**19:10 – 19:20** The Market Advisory Council  
**Yobana Bermúdez**, MAC Chair

**19:20 – 19:30** The Aquaculture Advisory Council  
**Brian Thomsen**, AAC Chair

**19:30 – 19:55** Questions and exchange with the audience,  
including representatives of other Advisory Councils;  
Moderated by **Ana Miranda Paz** MEP

**19:55 – 20:00** Concluding remarks by **André Rodrigues** MEP

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**20.00 – 22.00** *Networking drinks at Place du Luxembourg*



## Background

As foreseen by Article 43 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the Advisory Councils are stakeholder-led organisations composed of representatives of the fisheries and aquaculture value chain (e.g., primary producers, processors, retailers, trade unions) and Other Interest Groups (e.g., environmental and development NGOs, recreational fishers).

The Advisory Councils provide advice and suggestions to the European Commission and to the Member States on matters related to the management and conservation and the socio-economic aspects of fisheries and aquaculture.

When developing advice, members aim for consensus, considering the best available science, their empirical knowledge, as well as wider environmental, social, and economic sustainability concerns. The Advisory Councils are recognised as bodies pursuing aims of general European interest, co-funded by the European Commission.

For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/3BCArjY>



## Suggested outcomes of the event

- In line with the practice established in the previous mandate, via the Secretariat of the PECH Committee, assign one MEP to each of the eleven Advisory Councils to maintain close cooperation and exchange of information (“liaison MEP”);
- During the decision-making process, ensure appropriate consultation of the relevant stakeholders, including through due consideration of the advice of the Advisory Councils;
- In the context of the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy and any potential follow-up actions, recognise the important role of the Advisory Councils, as previously done in the European Parliament’s report on the state of play in the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and future perspective and in the report on the implementation of the Common Market Organisation (CMO) Regulation in fisheries and aquaculture.



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