

Workshop on Producer Organisations under the Common Market Organisation in Fishery and Aquaculture Products

Agenda

Tuesday, 28 January 2025 (10:30 – 17:00 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR, PT

10:30 Welcome

- Yobana Bermúdez, Chair, MAC

10:35 Keynote speech

- Sven Langedijk, Head of Unit, MARE A4 (Economic Analysis, Markets and Impact Assessment), European Commission

11:00 Panel & Presentations on Functioning of Professional Organisations across the EU

- Fabijan Hrvatín Peronja, Project Manager, Producer Organisation Friška Riba
- Yannis Pelekanakis, EU Affairs Manager, Hellenic Aquaculture Producers Organisation (HAPO)
- Juana Parada, Managing Director, OR.PA.GU
- Marine Levadoux, Director, Comité Interprofessionnel des Produits de l'Aquaculture (CIPA)
- Esben Sverdrup-Jensen, President, European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO)
 - Moderator – Raúl García, Vice-Chair, SWWAC

12:00 Break

12:15 Breakout session on how to improve the functioning of Producer Organisations

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Member States and Implementation of Production and Marketing Plans

- Cristina Borges, Director for Planning, Information and Structural Services, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Authority of Portugal (DGRM)

14:30 Panel & Presentations on use of Production and Marketing Plans by Producer Organisations

- Kenn Skau Fischer, CEO, Danish Fishers Producers Organisation (DFPO)
- Jacinta Ramírez Ramírez, Projects Director, Organización de Productores Pesqueros Artesanales Lonja de Conil (OPP72)
- Garazi Rodríguez Valle, Production and Marketing Plans Officer, APROMAR
- Laurent Chiron, President, Groupement Qualité Huîtres Marennes Oléron (GQHMO)
 - Moderator – Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1 (EU Production), MAC



15:30 *Break*

15:45 Breakout session on how to improve the financing and implementation of Production and Marketing Plans

16:30 Reporting back on the breakout sessions

16:55 Conclusion

- Sérgio López, Chair, SWWAC

17:00 *End of workshop*



Annotations

Welcome

- Introduction to the workshop, including information about the background (legislative framework, previous advice), purpose and proposed outcomes (understanding of role of Producer Organisations, functioning, implementation of Production and Marketing Plans).

Keynote speech

- Keynote speech on the legislative framework of Producer Organisations and implementation, information about the ongoing external study on the Common Market Organisation, ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (including provisions of the Common Market Organisation Regulation), and compliance with competition rules (guidance document on POs, definition of “dominance”).

Panel & Presentations on Functioning of Producer Organisations

- Panel composed of representatives of various types of fisheries and aquaculture producer organisations, including transnational and interbranch organisations. Brief presentation by each speaker about their organisation and key issues. Exchange of views among speakers, plus questions from audience.

Breakout Session on Functioning of Producer Organisations

- Division of participants into small groups (maximum ten participants per group) to prepare recommendations on the functioning of Producer Organisations. Focus on the setting and recognition of the various types of associations (Producer Organisations, interbranch organisations, transnational association of Producer Organisations), representation of small-scale fishers, uptake by aquaculture farmers, involvement of other professional organisations.

Member States and Implementation of Production and Marketing Plans

- Presentation on the legislative framework of Production and Marketing Plans and their implementation, including approval steps and financing. Information about the cooperation with national stakeholders for the development and implementation of the plans.

Panel & Presentations on use of Production and Marketing Plans by Producer Organisations

- Panel composed of representatives of fisheries producer organisations (including small-scale one) and aquaculture producer organisations (including both fish and shellfish ones). Brief presentation by each speaker about their organisation and key issues. Exchange of views among speakers, plus questions from the audience.



Breakout session on how to improve the financing and implementation of Production and Marketing Plans

- Division of participants into small groups (maximum ten participants per group) to prepare recommendations on the development and implementation of Production and Marketing Plans, including funding under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund, level-playing-field across the EU, adaptation to the current status of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Reporting back on the breakout sessions

- Brief presentation per representative of each breakout group on their recommendations to improve the functioning of Producer Organisations and on the use of Production and Marketing Plans by Producer Organisations across the EU.

Conclusion

- Conclusion of the workshop, including information about the next steps (writing of workshop report, development of advice to the European Commission and to the Member States on the functioning of Producer Organisations and implementation of Production and Marketing Plans).



Background Information

Under Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 on the Common Market Organisation in fishery and aquaculture products (CMO Regulation), grouping of fishers and aquaculture farmers can be formally recognised as Producer Organisations (POs), which are expected to play a key role in the day-to-day implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). In the pursuit of their objectives, POs must prepare Production and Marketing Plans (PMPs), which can be funded by the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF). In 2022, the Market Advisory Council (MAC) adopted [advice on the functioning of the CMO](#), which recognised that POs must be equipped with an operational tool for organising and planning their missions, combined with appropriate financing. In 2023, the MAC adopted [advice on raising awareness on the role of POs](#) and committed to the organisation of a workshop by Autumn 2024. In the past, the MAC issued [guidance](#) for POs and national administrations on PMPs.

Purpose

The workshop will bring together members of the MAC and of the South Western Waters Advisory Council (SWWAC), representatives of the EU institutions and of national administrations, and external experts with members of POs to exchange on the implementation of the CMO Regulation, particularly on the functioning and funding of POs. The workshop will address some of the issues raised in the Commission's 21 February 2023 [report on the implementation of the CMO Regulation](#) (e.g., differential treatment by national administrations, need to improve support for Transnational Producer Organisations (TPOs) and for Interbranch Organisations (IBOs), limited number of aquaculture POs, specificities of small-scale fishers). The workshop will also aim to collect feedback on the implementation and use of funding for PMPs under the EMFAF.

Proposed Outcomes

- Ensuring, within the MAC and the SWWAC and across EU and national authorities, a better understanding on the role of POs in the day-to-day implementation of the CFP, including through the recognition of the importance of their promotion in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.
- The development of advice to the European Commission and to the Member States on:
 - In the context of the ongoing evaluation of the CFP, the functioning of POs, including recommendations on improving the setting-up and recognition of TPOs and IBOs, the representation of small-scale fishers, and the uptake by aquaculture farmers. The involvement of other professional organisations may also be addressed.Through the provision of examples from POs from across the EU, implementation of PMPs, including funding under EMFAF, level-playing-field across the EU, and adaptation to the current status of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.



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