

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 30 January 2025 (16:00 – 17:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

16:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

16:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (18.09.24)

16:10 Action points

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

16:15 Membership of the General Assembly

- Presentation of new member Feedback EU by Yves Reichling (Feedback EU)
- Endorsement of applications for membership:
 - Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE)
 - Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST)

16:30 Working Groups

- Reporting by Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1
- Reporting by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2
- Reporting by Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

16:40 European Parliament

- Reporting back on the joint event with the Aquaculture Advisory Council and the North Sea Advisory Council to raise awareness about the role of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

16:50 European Oceans Pact

- Preparation of the mandate for the High-Level Roundtable (21 February 2025)

17:00 External Representation

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Inter-AC Brexit Forum (19 September 2024) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - Inter-AC Meeting with DG MARE (4 October 2024) by Yobana Bermúdez (Chair), Julien Lamothe (Vice-Chair), and Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (15 October 2024) by Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)
 - Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency (15 October 2024) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)



- External Advisory Board of VeriFish project (28 November 2024) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Roundtable discussion on 2025 fishing opportunities (3 December 2024) by Yobana Bermúdez (Chair) and Christine Absil (Vice-Chair)
- Inter-AC Secretariats coordination meeting (22 January 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

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17:25 Summary of action points

17:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Membership	As foreseen by the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the MAC is composed of representatives of the entire fisheries and aquaculture value chain (primary producers, processors, traders, retailers, trade unions) and other interest groups (environmental and development NGOs). Recently, Feedback EU was endorsed as a new member.	Presentation of the most recent member organisation by their representative. Decision on the endorsement of recent membership applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership - Feedback EU - SAFE - GDST
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	European Parliament	Following the 2024 European elections, a new European Parliament, including Committee on Fisheries, has been established. The MAC together with the Aquaculture Advisory Council, and the North Sea Advisory Council organised an event in the European Parliament to raise awareness about the role of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.	Reporting back on the event by the Secretary General.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PECH Committee - Event
Decision	European Oceans Pact	President von der Leyen announced a European Ocean Focus focused on ensuring the good governance and sustainability of our ocean in all of their dimensions, n boosting the sustainable blue economy and on extending the marine knowledge framework. The MAC Chair was invited to participate, as a stakeholder, in the first High-Level Roundtable as a “Fisheries and Oceans Dialogue”, which will take place on 21 February 2025.	Preparation of the mandate of the MAC Chair for the High-Level Roundtable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation - Draft Agenda
Information	External representation	On 19 September 2024, the MAC organised a meeting of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum. On 4 October 2024, DG MARE organised an Inter-AC meeting with the 11	Reporting back by the various representatives on the external meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inter-AC Brexit Forum - Inter-AC Meeting - EU AFCO

		<p>Advisory Councils. On 15 October 2024, the MAC Chair attended, as an observer, a meeting of the EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory. On the same day, the Secretary General attended a meeting of the Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency. On 28 November 2024, the Secretary General attended a meeting of the External Advisory Board of the VeriFish project. On 3 December 2024, the Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans and the Director-General of DG MARE held a roundtable meeting with the Chairs and Other Interest Groups Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Councils.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EFCA Advisory Board- VeriFish- Roundtable meeting
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