



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

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

Thursday, 30 January 2025

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 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
- 16:15 Membership of the General Assembly
- 16:30 Working Groups
- 16:40 European Parliament
- 16:50 European Oceans Pact
- 17:00 External Representation
- 17:20 AOB
- 17:25 Summary of actions points

17:30 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (18 SEPTEMBER 2024)

Common Fisheries Policy:

- Secretariat to circulate a questionnaire to the members on the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy to gather feedback from the members to be considered at the Working Groups at the January 2025 meetings
- Pending the publication of the public consultation by the European Commission to serve as basis for future advice

Working Groups:

- Draft advice on “development of fishery sustainability indicators by STECF” to be put forward for consideration and potential adoption via written procedure
- Proposal of letter with questions on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive to be put forward for consideration and potential approval via written procedure
- Draft advice considered from 23 September to 8 October 2024 (decision to return the file to Working Group 1)
- Letter approved on 9 December 2024

ACTION POINTS (18 SEPTEMBER 2024)

European Parliament:

- **Secretary General to maintain members informed on the co-organisation of the event in the European Parliament on the role of the Advisory Councils**
 - Agenda item scheduled (16:40 CET)

Financial Reserves:

- **Finance Officer to proceed with a brief comparison of offers from various financial institutions and, in case of similar rates, to proceed with a six-month savings account under ING**
 - Six-month savings account under ING established

Inter-AC Brexit Forum:

- **Withdrawal to be formally communicated to the other members of the forum**
 - Withdrawal communicated at the 19 September 2024 meeting of the forum

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ Presentation of new member Feedback EU

- Yves Reichling (Feedback EU)



➤ Endorsement of applications for membership

- Safe Food Advocacy Europe (SAFE)
- Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST)



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)**
- **Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair)**
- **Christine Absil (MAC Vice-Chair)**
- **Pierre Commère (WG2 Chair)**
 - Agenda:
 - DG MARE
 - NSAC, MAC, AAC
 - Exchange with the audience (other ACs)
 - Expected Outcomes:
 - “Liaison MEPs”
 - Appropriate consultation of stakeholders,
 - Recognition of the role of the ACs under the CFP



THE ROLE OF ADVISORY COUNCILS UNDER THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

Hosted by

Sander SMIT MEP – Vice-Chair of the European Parliament’s Committee on Fisheries

André RODRIGUES MEP – S&D Coordinator for the European Parliament’s Committee on Fisheries

Ana MIRANDA PAZ MEP – Member of the European Parliament’s Committee on Fisheries



27 January 2025
18.40 - 20.00
European Parliament,
Room Spinelli 3H1,
Brussels

Followed by:
Networking drinks at Place
du Luxembourg
at 20.00 -22.00
More information to follow.

[Register here](#)



EUROPEAN OCEANS PACT

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

▪ Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair)

- Draft mandate circulated on 14 January 2025

1. The key challenges facing the EU's ocean governance model, and the priorities for addressing these challenges
2. The key measures needed to protect biodiversity and promote ecosystem-based management of the ocean, to sustain its climate function, health and productivity
3. Withdrawal to be formally communicated to the other members of the forum
4. An effective marine knowledge value chain that supports EU competitiveness in ocean technologies and solutions, translated into market innovation
5. The priorities for supporting the resilience and sustainability of coastal communities in the various sea basins of the EU

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Inter-AC Brexit Forum (19 September 2024)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Specialised Committee for Fisheries and Working Groups
- Remove electronic monitoring via CCTV projects in the UK
- Fisheries management of non-quota species
- UK waters management and control
- Guidelines for the management of special stocks
- Enforcement by Scottish authorities
- Designation and consultation process by DEFRA DMMO of Marine Protected Areas (MCZ) in UK waters
- TCA post-2026 (NWWAC)
- Seabass in the SCF, particularly UK catch reporting for commercial shore-based netting

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Inter-AC Meeting with DG MARE (4 October 2024)

▪ Yobana Bermúdez (Chair), Julien Lamothe (Vice-Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Exchange with Director-General Vitcheva
 - Upcoming feasibility study on traceability for prepared and preserved products
 - Challenges in the trade relationship between the EU and Norway
 - Sustainable fishing and trade of sharks
- Update on Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems socio-economic analysis
- Functioning of the ACs - Implementation of Delegated Regulation 2022/204
 - No issues in the balance of chairmanship positions
 - Classification of members as sector / OIG can be complex
 - Entire supply chain & NGOs represented in the membership + efforts to attract aquaculture representatives & more NGOs
 - Working practices (more meetings per year, active role of Secretariat, consensus)
 - Independent performance review (positive results)
 - Welcome the change to a lump-sum approach in the financing

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (15 October 2024)

▪ Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)

- EU agri-food chain state of play
- Monitoring the agri-food supply chain
- Fostering market transparency by making data on the agri-food supply chain publicly available: Analysis of the inputs received from AFCO members
- Case studies and topics for discussion: Proposals received from AFCO members
- Case studies: focus on the organic sector

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency (15 October 2024)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Terms of Reference for the Study on Feasible Traceability Systems for Prepared and Preserved Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- EU – Norway Trade Relationship
- Better protecting sharks through sustainable fishing and trade
- Study supporting the evaluation of the Landing Obligation

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ External Advisory Board of VeriFish project (28 November 2024)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

▪ Overall indicator framework presentation, plus focus on aquaculture attributes

- Coverage for processed products
- Coverage of economic sustainability
- Better differentiation of data from public authorities and from private certification schemes

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

- **Roundtable discussion on 2025 fishing opportunities (3 December 2024)**
 - **Yobana Bermúdez (Chair) & Christine Absil (Vice-Chair)**
 - Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet
 - Economic Report on the EU Fish Processing Sector
 - Consumer information for both fishery and aquaculture products, particularly in the context of the HORECA sector



EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Inter-AC Secretariats coordination meeting (22 January 2025)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Performance reviews
- Public consultation on the Common Fisheries Policy
- Lump-sum guidelines
- Relationship with the European Parliament
- European Maritime Day
- Inter-AC coordination (energy transition partnership, Inter-AC Forum on North East Atlantic fisheries governance and bilateral/trilateral negotiations, management of small pelagic species, horizontal topics of revised Fisheries Control Regulation)

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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