



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

Zoom

Friday, 28 March 2025

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (18.09.24)
- 14:10 Action Points
- 14:15 Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
- 14:45 Membership of the General Assembly
- 14:50 Working Groups
- 15:05 Planning of meetings
- 15:15 External Representation
- 15:30 European Oceans Pact
- 16:05 AOB
- 16:10 Summary of actions points

16:15 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (30 JANUARY 2025)

European Oceans Pact:

- Secretariat to launch a written consultation on the draft mandate for the 21 February 2025 High-Level Roundtable
 - Mandate approved on 20 February 2025
 - Representation by Yobana Bermúdez (MAC Chair)

PACKAGING AND PACKAGING WASTE REGULATION

➤ Presentation of the new legislation

▪ Ioannis Antopoulou (DG ENV)

- Publication in the Official Journal: 22 January 2025
- Applicability: From 12 August 2026
- Obligations on reuse targets, establishment of collaborative system for reuse, responsibility for collection, traceability system

- MAC Advice (18 March 2025)
 - Collaboration across COM services to understand implications and challenges, including food safety, environmental impacts, sanitation, costs
 - Assessment of uneven playing field (imports, competitiveness)
 - Study on environmental footprint and costs
 - Monitor the ability of each Member State to reach compliance
 - Increase the recycling rate to reach 100%
 - Assess practical feasibility of the reuse targets for operators

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ Endorsement of applications for membership

- **Vereniging Vlaamse Visveilingen (VVV)**
 - Sylvie Becaus (VVV)
- **Organizacion de Productores de Pesca de Altura de Ondarroa (OPPAO)**
 - Mikel Ortiz (OPPAO)



Vereniging
Vlaamse Visveilingen



WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

➤ Working Group 2

- Pierre Commère

➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

PLANNING OF MEETINGS

➤ Exchange of views on the date, location, and organisation of the September 2025 meetings

- Proposal for a joint CCRUP-MAC General Assembly meeting
 - Location: Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain
 - Date: 16 (joint GA + local visits) to 18 September 2025 (separate WGs + ExCom)
 - Format: Hybrid
 - Chairs: Yobana Bermúdez (MAC) & José Basilo Otero (CCRUP)
 - Main theme: Situation of the market in the Outermost Regions
 - Agenda:
 - Presentations by high-level representatives (Spain, France, Portugal)
 - Presentation by DG MARE Director-General
 - Presentation by local government
 - Presentation by market expert (to be suggested by MAC)

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Expert Group for Markets and Trade in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (6 February 2025)

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

▪ “Presentation of the MAC: Structure and Roles”

▪ Requests made to Member States:

- Participation as active observers (email addresses & attendance of meetings)
- Promotion of membership applications from national stakeholders
- When relevant, send letter of reply to advice
- Provision of annual financial support

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ High-Level Roundtable on the European Oceans Pact (21 February 2025)

■ Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)

- Ministers from the Trio Presidencies and the co-host of the UN Ocean Conference
- Chairs of the EP Committees and Intergroup (PECH, ENVI, TRAN, ITRE, SEARICA)
- Former Commissioners Damanaki, Vella
- First stakeholder round
 - European Institutions and services: EESC, CoR, EIB, EIF
 - Advisory Councils
 - International Organisations, Think Tanks, Foundations and Research community
- Second stakeholder round
 - NGOs
 - Blue Economy Industry Associations
 - Regional organisations

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ 5th United Nations Ocean Forum on trade-related aspects of SDG 14 (3-5 March 2025)

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

- Decarbonisation of ocean economies (climate action plans, reporting commitments)
- Harnessing and strengthening ocean trade, maritime transport and port infrastructure
- Promoting sustainable South-South trade in fisheries and aquaculture (value added and diversification)
- Enabling innovation in food and non-food marine-based and natural product sector in response to food security and pollution reduction challenges
- Urgent need to scale up novel forms of public and private investment and finance in sustainable ocean sectors under a proposed call for a New Blue Deal.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Preparation for the next Inter-Advisory Councils meeting (8 and 9 April 2025)

- **Yobana Bermúdez (Chair), Christine Absil (Vice-Chair), Julien Lamothe (Vice-Chair & WG1 Chair, Pierre Commère (WG2 Chair), Benoît Thomassen (WG3 Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Round table on the Vision for EU Fisheries in 2040 with Commissioner Costas Kadis
 - EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, Agri-Food Chain Observatory, European Board on Agriculture and Food
 - Dialogue with DG MARE on key fisheries topics related to the CFP
 - Development of Fishery Sustainability Indicators by STECF
 - Upcoming Delegated Act on Traceability Rules and Marking of Lots
 - Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation
 - Dialogue with DG MARE on EU Fisheries External Action (including update on SFPAs)
 - MAC Advice on “Roadmap on the Evaluation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)” (9 March 2021)

EUROPEAN OCEANS PACT

➤ Update on the development of the communication

▪ Felix Leinemann (MARE A2)

▪ Mandate for the High-Level Roundtable (February 2025)

- Coverage of the entire fisheries & aquaculture supply chain + market perspective
- Adequate implementation of consumer information
- Three pillars of sustainability
- Trade with fair conditions & level-playing-field in the market
- Support for Producer Organisations
- New realities (Brexit, climate change, decarbonisation)

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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