

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 18 September 2025 (14:00 – 16:45 WEST / 15:00 – 17:45 CEST)

NH Imperial Playa, C. Ferreras, N.º1, 35008 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain / Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meetings' minutes (06.06.25 & 01.07.25)

14:10 Action points

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

14:15 Membership of General Assembly

- Endorsement of applications for membership:
 - Associazione Piscicoltori Italiani (API)
 - The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
 - Organización de Productores Pesqueros de Pescadores de Carboneras (CARBOPESCA – OPP66)

14:30 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

14:45 External Representation

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Workshop on Energy Transition Partnership (Online, 14 July 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - FAO's Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (Online, 8-12 September 2025)
- Preparation for upcoming meetings:
 - Implementation Dialogue on small-scale fisheries with Commissioner Costas Kadis (Brussels, 24 November 2025)

15:00 Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation on competitiveness, including simplification and reduction of administrative burden, by Commission representatives
- Exchange of views
- Way forward



15:45 European Oceans Pact

- Presentation of the communication on “The European Oceans Pact” by Commission representatives
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

16:20 Meetings

- Update on the planning for the 4 & 5 February 2025 meetings in Ostend and the 10th anniversary event (10 June 2025) in Brussels by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- Exchange of views

16:35 AOB

16:40 Summary of action points

16:45 End of meeting

DRAFT



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	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).	Decision on the endorsement of the most recent membership applications.	- API - TNC - CARBOPESCA
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	External representation	On 14 July 2025, the European Commission held a webinar to address the mid-term recommendations of the Energy Transition Partnership. From 8 to 12 September, the 20 th session of the FAO's Sub-Committee on Fish Trade will take place online. On 24 November 2025, Commissioner Costas Kadiš will hold an Implementation Dialogue focused on small-scale fisheries.	Reporting back by the various representatives on the external meetings. Preparation for upcoming meetings.	- FAO Sub-Committee
Information	Competitiveness	Under the Competitiveness Compass for the EU, the European Commission identified simplification as a priority, particularly a systematic effort to make procedures for accessing EU funds and making EU administrative decisions simpler, faster, and lighter. The Compass sets a target of cutting the administrative burden by at least 25% for firms and by at least 35% for SMEs. These efforts are also detailed in the Commission's communication on implementation and simplification "a simpler and faster Europe".	Exchange of views on competitiveness, simplification, and reduction of administrative burden, with Commission representatives.	- Compass - Communication

Information	European Oceans Pact	On 5 June 2025, the European Commission published a communication on “The European Oceans Pact” with the aim of setting a holistic approach to ocean-related policies. The Pact touches on several issues of relevance for market policy, such as labelling rules, an EU-wide campaign on aquatic foods, level-playing-field, sustainability of imported products, the World Trade Organisation’s Fisheries Subsidies Agreement, zero-tolerance approach to IUU fishing, and a new strategic approach to fisheries external action.	Presentation of the communication by Commission representatives. Exchange of views.	- Communication
Information	Meetings	In accordance with the annual work programme, the MAC periodically holds meetings. The meetings of 4 and 5 February (Working Groups, General Assembly, Executive Committee) are expected to take place in Ostend. To commemorate the 10 th anniversary of the MAC and of the AAC, a special conference is expected to take place on 10 June 2025 in Brussels.	Update on the planning for the 4 & 5 February 2025 meetings in Ostend and the 10th anniversary event (10 June 2025) in Brussels by the Secretary General.	- Calendar