

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 18 September 2025 (09:30 – 13:00 WEST / 10:30 – 14:00 CEST)

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Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (06.06.25)

09:40 Action points

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

09:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Pawel Szatkowski (MARE B3), including:
 - Indonesia (political agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)
 - Thailand (negotiation of Free Trade Agreement)
 - USA (new trade agreement)
 - Mercosur (decisions on Partnership Agreement and interim Trade Agreement)
 - Mexico (decisions on Global Agreement and interim Trade Agreement)
- Update on India (imports of shrimps and prawns) by DG SANTE representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:30 Unfair Trading Practices

- Presentation of the legislative proposal on cooperation among enforcement authorities by Antigoni Tsakona (AGRI E1)
- Presentation on the ongoing evaluation by Francesco Gianola (AGRI A3)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:15 Break

11:30 EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action

- Consideration of draft advice on "EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action"
- Way forward

12:50 AOB

12:55 Summary of action items



13:00 *End of meeting*

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. It is established practice for Commission representatives to deliver updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. There are several ongoing trade negotiations of relevance, including with Indonesia, Thailand, and USA. In the recent years, the inspection rate for antibiotic residue in India shrimp has increased. The EU also took measures to officially delist Indian operators.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU – Indonesia Trade - EU – Thailand Trade - Advice (Thailand) - Statement (EU-USA) - Audit Report (India) - EU-Mercosur Trade - EU-Mexico Trade
Information + Decision	Unfair Trading Practices	The Directive on unfair trading practices in the agricultural and food supply chain sets minimum rules to better protect farmers and small and medium sized suppliers working in the supply chain. On 10 December 2024, the European Commission proposed a new Regulation to strengthen cooperation between national enforcement authorities when unfair trading practices span multiple Member States. The Commission is also conducting an evaluation of the Directive.	Presentation of the legislative proposal and of the ongoing evaluation by DG AGRI representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation - Regulation proposal - Legislative Observatory
Consideration	External Fisheries Action	The European Commission will be developing a strategy for “fisheries external action”. The initiative aims to set out a strategic approach and steps to ensure a level playing field. The initiative will be integrated in a broader mission to develop a strategic approach to EU ocean diplomacy and of the EU’s wider regional strategies and priorities. The Commission launched a call for evidence from 7 July to 15 September 2025. The Secretariat circulated a questionnaire from 9 to 31 July	Consideration of draft advice on “EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		2025. Based on the replies, a proposal of draft advice was circulated afterward.		
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