



WORKING GROUP 1 – EU PRODUCTION

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AGENDA (WEST TIME ZONE)

- 09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe
- 09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (05.06.25)
- 09:40 Action points of the last meeting
- 09:45 Landing Obligation
- 10:15 Common Market Organisation
- 10:45 **Break**
- 11:00 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries
- 12:00 Implementation Dialogue
- 12:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- 12:50 AOB
- 12:55 Summary of actions points
- 13:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (5 JUNE 2025)

Common Fisheries Policy:

- Updated version of the draft advice “Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (2014-2024)” to be considered via urgent written procedure.
- Advice adopted on 7 July 2025

European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA):

- Updated version of the draft “European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA): Suggestions of studies to be integrated in the Work Programme (2025)” to be considered via written procedure.
- Advice adopted on 1 September 2025

LANDING OBLIGATION

➤ Presentation of the study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation

▪ Adolfo Merino Buisac (MARE C3)

- Advice adopted: 18 September 2024
 - Landing of all catches and the handling of unwanted catches
 - Operational challenges:
 - Insufficient port infrastructure
 - Difficulties with handling, storage, processing
 - Lack of national funding to adapt port infrastructure
 - Inexistence of economic outlet
 - Challenges related to control and enforcement
 - Generation of a market outlet for unwanted catches
- Study publication: 16 June 2025
 - CINEA Workshop: 8 July 2025



➤ Exchange of views

COMMON MARKET ORGANISATION

➤ Presentation on the section on Producer Organisations of the study on the Common Market Organisation

▪ Séverine Renault (AND International)

▪ Advice adopted: 7 May 2025

- Functioning (small-scale operators, aquaculture, democratic functioning, Associations of Producer Organisations, transnationality, Interbranch Organisations, Transnational Associations of Producer Organisations, competition rules)
- Production and Marketing Plans (scope, level-playing-field in the financial support to POs, impact of delays with the adoption of the EMFF/EMFAF on the PMPs, collaboration with competent authorities, adaptation to ongoing and future realities)

▪ Study publication: Soon

➤ Exchange of views

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:00**

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES

➤ Consideration of draft advice on STECF's Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector

- Questionnaire circulated (MAC & AAC): 3-17 July 2025
 - European Fishmeal, EATIP, Eurogroup for Animals, ROMFISH, EMPA, FEEAP
- Approval by AAC: 4 September 2025 (one amendment)
- Preliminary feedback: ADEPALE

➤ Way forward

IMPLEMENTATION DIALOGUE

➤ Exchange of views on the competitiveness in the market of the small-scale fisheries

▪ Purpose of Implementation Dialogues:

- Seeking feedback from stakeholders
- Strengthen and boost European competitiveness
- Facilitate the implementation of EU policies
- Simplification of EU rules and spending programs

▪ Competitiveness in the EU market of small-scale coastal fisheries:

- Administrative burden? Simplification?
- Commercialisation challenges? Prices? Producer Organisations? Consumer information and awareness? Integration in global value chains (processing & trade)? Balance in sourcing of EU market?

➤ Way forward

- Executive Committee to prepare mandate (written consultation) for Chair ahead of the 24 November 2025 Implementation Dialogue on small-scale coastal fisheries with Commissioner Kadis

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

➤ Update on the development of the sustainability criteria tool

▪ Gerd Heinen (MARE A4)

▪ STECF Report for fishery products:

Impact on seabed, impact on targeted stocks, impact on sensitive species

▪ DG MARE's (voluntary) tool:

- Call for expressions of interest for testing group: 29 November – 13 December 2024
- Beta testing

▪ Issues raised at the exchange of views of 5 June 2025:

- Impact on sourcing decisions
- Claims by operators
- Generation of virtual products
- Misrepresentation by third parties (e.g., media, activists)
- Reputational damages due to misinformation
- Application to imported products

➤ Exchange of views

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

➤ **AOB**

➤ **Summary of action points**

➤ **End of meeting**