



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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AGENDA (WEST TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (28.03.25)
- 14:10 Action Points
- 14:15 Membership of General Assembly
- 14:30 Working Groups
- 14:45 External Representation
- 15:00 Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- 15:45 European Oceans Pact
- 16:20 Meetings
- 16:35 AOB
- 16:40 Summary of actions points
- 16:45 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (1 JULY 2025)

Work Programme of Year 10 (2025-2026):

- Secretariat to proceed with the formal submission of the draft work programme and of the draft budget to the European Commission.
- Formally submitted to the European Commission on 14 July 2025.

European Ocean Pact:

- Once available, Executive Committee to consider draft joint letter on the potential establishment of a new Advisory Council for small-scale fisheries.
- Agreement on the joint letter reached on 5 September 2025.

MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ Endorsement for membership

- Associazione Piscicoltori Italiani (API) – Italy
 - Claudio Pedroni



- The Nature Conservancy (TNC) – Belgium
 - Grace Howe



- Organización de Productores Pesqueros de Pescadores de Carboneras (CARBO PESCA – OPP66) – Spain
 - Pedro Hernández Sáez



WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

➤ Working Group 2

- Pierre Commère

➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

- **Workshop on Energy Transition Partnership (Online, 14 July 2025)**
 - **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Mid-term recommendations & AC recommendations
 - Intervention based on 29 April 2024 advice (impact on supply, consideration of the entire supply chain, impacts on prices, improvement of business environment)
- **FAO's Sub-Committee on Fish Trade (Online, 8-12 September 2025)**
 - **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Outlook, Global Themes, and Cooperation with other International Organizations
 - The Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries
 - Compliance, Competitiveness and Market Access

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

➤ Implementation Dialogue on small-scale fisheries with Commissioner Costas Kadiš (Brussels, 24 November 2025)

▪ Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)

▪ 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

▪ WG1 Exchange: 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?

COMPETITIVENESS OF THE EU MARKET OF FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

➤ Presentation on competitiveness, including simplification and reduction of administrative burden

- Attila Schoenbaum (MARE A4)

- Competitiveness Compass for the EU:

- Commission's communication on implementation and simplification "a simpler and faster Europe"
- Simplification as a priority (access to EU funds & simpler, faster, lighter EU administrative decisions)
- Reduction of administrative burden by at least 25% for firms and at least 35% for SMEs

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

EUROPEAN OCEANS PACT

➤ Presentation of the communication on “The European Oceans Pact”

- Establishment of a high-level Ocean Board to monitor and implement the Pact
- Evaluation of the CMO Regulation to assess the effectiveness of the current labelling rules
- EU-wide campaign on the benefits and the value added of EU-produced and sustainable aquatic foods
- Level playing field for European fishers
- Evaluation and possible revision of the CFP Regulation
- Improvement of the sustainability of imported fishery and aquaculture products under the Autonomous Tariff Quotas (ATQs) regime
- Ratification and full implementation of the World Trade Organisation’s Fisheries Subsidies Agreement
- Addressing “flags of convenience”
- Zero-tolerance approach to Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing
- Digitalisation of the CACH IT system
- New strategic approach to fisheries external action

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➤ Way forward

MEETINGS

➤ Update on the planning for the 4 & 5 February 2025 meetings in Ostend

■ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Facilities offered by VVV (Wandelaarkaai 7 / 61, 8400 Oostende)
- Visit to fish auction on 4 February (7 AM), plus possibility of visit to:
 - Fish processing facility
 - Aquaculture platform for shrimps
- Possibility of networking dinner at Deschildere Streekproducten



MEETINGS

➤ Update on the 10th anniversary event (10 June 2025) in Brussels with AAC

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

▪ Agenda - Palais des Académies:

- Keynote speech on UN Sustainable Development Goals / FAO
- Addresses by European Commissioner & Cypriot Minister
- Roundtable I – Evolution & achievements of MAC & AAC
 - Former Chairs, DG MARE representative, Member State representative
- Roundtable II – Future of EU Aquaculture Production & EU Market
 - PECH MEP, DG MARE representative, market expert, aquaculture expert



AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

➤ AOB

➤ Summary of action points

➤ End of meeting