

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 2 December 2025 (14:00 – 16:30 CEST)

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 (18.09.25)

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:
 - Organización de Productores Pesqueros de Almería (OPP-71)
 - Organización de Productores de Mejillón de Galicia (OPMEGA)

14:20 UN Trade and Development

- Presentation on ocean economy and fisheries initiatives, including South-South trade in the marine fisheries and aquaculture sectors, by David Vivas Eugui (UNCTAD)
- Exchange of views

14:50 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

15:00 Functioning of the Advisory Councils

- Exchange of views on the participation of the various stakeholder groups

15:30 Areas of Competence

- Exchange of views on the areas of competence foreseen in point 1 of Annex III of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation
- Consideration of draft letter to DG MARE requesting clarification

16:00 External Representation

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency (Online, 21 October 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)



- Inter-Secretariats Meeting with DG MARE (Online, 13 November 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Inter-Advisory Councils Meeting with DG MARE (Online, 18 November 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Implementation Dialogue on small-scale fisheries with Commissioner Costas Kadis (Brussels, 24 November 2025) by Julien Lamothe (Vice-Chair)

16:15 Chairs, Vice-Chair(s) and Executive Committee

- Information on appointments for Chair, Vice-Chair(s), Chairs of Working Groups, and Executive Committee for the 2026-2029 period by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

16:20 AOB

16:25 Summary of action points

16:30 End of meeting

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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.	- OPP-71 Almería - OPMEGA
Information	UN Trade and Development	UNCTAD helps developing countries benefit from the global economy. UNCTAD has a mandate on oceans and seas, covering conservation and sustainable use, implementation of the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies as well as marine litter and plastic pollution mitigation. UNCTAD published a technical note on South-South trade in the marine fisheries and aquaculture sectors.	Presentation on ocean economy and fisheries initiatives, including South-South trade in the marine fisheries and aquaculture sectors by UNCTAD representative.	- UNCTAD - Technical Note
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	Functioning of the Advisory Councils	The Advisory Councils are composed of representatives of the fisheries and aquaculture value chain and other interest groups. In September 2025, several environmental NGOs sent a letter to Commissioner Kadis on the participation of environmental NGOs in the Advisory Councils. The letter includes an Annex with suggestions and examples of good practices.	Exchange of views on the participation of the various stakeholder groups in the Advisory Councils.	- Letter
Information	Areas of Competence	Point 1 of Article 43 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation foresees that Advisory Councils shall be established for each of the geographical areas or fields of competence set out in Annex III. Point 1 of Annex III	Exchange of views on the areas of competence foreseen in the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation. Consideration of a	- Draft letter (Via email / Member Area)

		foresees specific geographical areas for nine Advisory Council. For the Aquaculture Advisory Council, the area of competence is “aquaculture, as defined in Article 4”. In the case of the MAC, the area of competence is “all market areas”. In recent years, several Advisory Councils broadened their exchanges and recommendations to topics related to the market of fishery and aquaculture products.	draft letter requesting clarification from DG MARE.	
Information	External representation	On 21 October 2025, the Secretary General attended the Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency. On 13 November 2025, the Secretary General attended a coordination meeting between the various Secretariats and DG MARE. On 18 November 2025, DG MARE help an Inter-Advisory Councils meeting. On 24 November 2025, one of the Vice-Chairs attended the Implementation Dialogue on small-scale fisheries with Commissioner Costas Kadis.	Reporting back by the various representatives on the external meetings.	- EFCA Meeting - Implementation Dialogue
Information	Chairs, Vice-Chair(s) and Executive Committee	In accordance with the Statutes, the Chairmanship and the Vice-Chairmanship(s) of both the General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years. The composition of the Executive Committee is also appointed for periods of three years. The established practice is to apply the same period to the Chairs and potential Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups. At the 4-5 February 2026 meetings, new appointments for the 2026-2029 period will take place. Prior to that, the Secretariat will launch a call for expressions of interest via email message.	Information on the appointments for the 2026-2029 period by the Secretary General.	- Statutes