

General Assembly

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 5 February 2026 (13:30 – 15:00 CEST)

European Food Centre (Wandelaarkaai 7 / 61, 8400 Oostende)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meetings' minutes (30.01.25 & 16.09.25)

13:40 Classification of members

- Decision on pending classification of members under the categories of “sector organisations” or “other interest groups”

14:00 Executive Committee

- Presentation of the candidacies for membership for the 2026-2029 period
- Appointment

14:15 General Assembly and Executive Committee

- Presentation of the candidacies for Chair for the 2026-2029 period
- Appointment

14:25 Working Groups

- Presentation of the candidacies for Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the 2026-2029 period
- Appointment

14:35 Work Programme of Year 10 (2025-2026)

- Presentation of priorities and deliverables by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Presentation of budget by Dawlat Bik (Finance Officer)
- Approval of the work programme and of the annual budget

14:45 Work Programme of Year 9 (2024-2025)

- Reporting on priorities and deliverables by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Reporting on the accounts by Dawlat Bik (Finance Officer)
- Approval of the final technical report and financial statement

14:55 AOB

15:00 End of meeting



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	Classification of members	According to point c) of paragraph 3 of Article 4 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2422, the General Assembly of the Advisory Council shall decide on the classification of the members of the Advisory Council under the categories 'sector organisations' or 'other interest groups' using the criteria laid down in Annex I and based on objective and verifiable information, such as the provisions of the statutes, the list of the members and the nature of the activities of the organisation concerned.	Decision on pending classification of members under the categories of "sector organisations" or "other interest groups"	- Letter
Decision	Executive Committee	According to the Statutes, members of the Executive Committee are appointed for a three-year period by the General Assembly. In line with Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, 60% of the seats shall be allotted to representatives of fishermen, aquaculture operators, representatives of the processing and marketing sectors, and 40% to representatives of other interest groups.	Appointment of members of the Executive Committee for the 2023-2026 period.	- Background document
Decision	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility. The practice has been the election of the Chairs of the Working Groups for a term of three years by the General Assembly. By analogy, the rules foreseen for the election of the MAC Chair will be applied.	Appointment of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups for the 2023-2026 period.	- Background document
Information + Decision	Work Programme of Year 10	The operational year of the MAC corresponds to 1 October to 30 September. In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee shall prepare the	Presentation of the work programme and budget. Formal approval of the work	- Work Programme - Budget (via email / Member Area)

		strategic plan and the budget for the next operational year. In line with the applicable financial rules, the draft must be submitted to DG MARE two months before the start of the new operational year. In line with the Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall approve the Work Programme and budget. Following the change to a lump-sum approach by DG MARE, 50% of the work programme's deliverables must be met to receive the full annual grant.	programme and of the budget of the current operational year.	
Information + Decision	Work Programme of Year 9	The ninth operational year concluded on 30 September 2025. Until up to two months after the end of the year, the Secretariat must submit a final report to the European Commission explaining the implementation of the work programme of the budget. In line with the Rules of Procedure, the General Assembly shall approve the annual report, including the financial statements.	Reporting on the implementation of the previous work programme. Reporting on the accounts. Formal approval of the final report submitted to DG MARE.	- Work Programme - Final Report