

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 5 February 2026 (09:00 – 12:30 CEST)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:00 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère

09:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (01.12.25)

09:10 Action points

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

09:15 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products

- Presentation of 2025 edition of "The EU Fish Market" report by Commission representatives (MARE A4) and EUMOFA experts
- Exchange of views

09:45 EU Cluster for Food Traceability and Trust

- Presentation on cross-project collaboration for resilient, transparent and sustainable EU food supply chains by Elena Krikigianni (SEAB), Vlasios Tsezos (Agritrack)
- Exchange of views

10:15 Traceability

- Presentation on the implementation of traceability by Àngels Segura (AECOC)
- Presentation of MSC's digital traceability project by James Caldwell (MSC)
- Presentation on the adoption and implementation of digital interoperable data exchange by Huw Thomas (GDST)
- Exchange of views

11:15 Break

11:30 CATCH

- Update on the implementation of the IT tool by MARE B4 representatives
- Exchange of views

12:20 AOB

12:25 Summary of action items



12:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	EUMOFA	Every year, EUMOFA publishes “The EU Fish Market” report”. The report aims at providing an economic description of the whole European fisheries and aquaculture industry. It replies to questions such as what is produced/exported/imported, when and where, what is consumed, by whom and what are the main trends.	Presentation by DG MARE and EUMOFA experts of the annual report on the market.	- Report
Information	EU Cluster for Food Traceability and Trust	The EU cluster brings together multiple projects working on food safety, traceability, and fraud prevention, including THEROS, ALLIANCE, WATSON, FishEUtrust, SEA2SEE, CUES, TEALHELIX, TITAN, FOODGUARD, ROSETTA, INFOODMATION, DRG4FOOD, and EFF-CoP. The Cluster aims to bring together a dynamic ecosystem that harnesses cutting-edge technologies, cross-sector collaboration, and policy alignment to build food systems that are resilient, transparent, and trustworthy.	Presentation on cross-project collaboration by representatives of the EU Cluster.	- LinkedIn
Information	Traceability	On 9 February 2024, the amendments of the Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. From January 2026, new rules on lots and digital traceability rules for fresh and frozen products will be applicable. Following a feasibility study, traceability rules will be applicable to prepared and preserved products within five years. At the 1 December 2025, several members expressed doubts about the upcoming implementation of the new rules on traceability and marking of lots.	Presentations on the implementation of traceability by representatives of AECOC, MSC, and GDST	- AECOC - MSC - GDST

Information	CATCH	The revision of the Fisheries Control Regulation introduced a new IT tool for the submission of catch certificates. From 10 January 2026, EU importers will need to submit the catch certificates for the importation of fishery products in the EU market. The aim is to have a fully digitalised workflow that facilitates exchange of data, information and documents, simplifying and speeding up administrative procedures. The aim is also to make it easier to identify and prohibit imports of fishery products obtained from IUU fishing.	Update on the implementation of the CATCH IT tool by MARE B4 representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation- Press Release
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