

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 Due Diligence

- Presentation of EU IUU Coalition report on the importance of industry due diligence given IUU fishing risks in EU seafood supply chains by Laure Guillevic (WWF)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

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

11:00 Break

11:15 Traceability of fresh and frozen products

- Exchange of views on technical implementation of the additional traceability requirements for fishery and aquaculture products falling under Chapter 03 of the Combined Nomenclature with MARE D4 representatives (to be confirmed)
- Way forward



12:00 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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Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Due Diligence	Following the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, by 2027, a first batch of companies will be obliged to conduct environmental and human rights due diligence. In previous opportunities, the Working Group discussed the relevance of developing advice on the matter and submitted a letter to the European Commission about the implementation of the directive in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. The EU IUU Coalition published a report on importance of industry due diligence given IUU fishing risks in EU seafood supply chains.	Presentation of report by WWF representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page - Letter - 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	Presentations on the implementation of traceability by representatives of AECOC, MSC, and GDST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AECOC - MSC - GDST

		the 1 December 2025, several members expressed doubts about the upcoming implementation of the new rules on traceability and marking of lots.		
Information	Traceability of fresh and frozen products	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 are expected to be applicable. At the 1 December 2025 meeting, in the context of an exchange with MARE D4 representatives, several members shared their concerns about the upcoming implementation of the new rules. It was agreed, as an action point, to hold a more comprehensive exchange on the technical aspects. In December 2025, the European Commission shared an information note with the Member States on the traceability requirements.	Exchange of views on technical implementation of the additional traceability requirements for fishery and aquaculture products falling under Chapter 03 of the Combined Nomenclature with MARE D4 representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation - MAC Advice - Information Note
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