

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Monday, 23 March 2026 (14:00 – 17:30 CEST)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Stefan Meyer

14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (05.02.26)

14:10 Action points

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

14:15 Traceability

- Presentation of the results of the Commission's questionnaire to stakeholders by Marta Moren Abat and Pierandrea Leucci (MARE D4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

14:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Kinga Malinowska-Facci (MARE B3), including:
 - India (conclusion of Free Trade Agreement)
 - Mercosur (decisions on Partnership Agreement and interim Trade Agreement)
 - USA (internal procedures to implement the Framework Agreement)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

15:30 Break

15:45 CATCH

- Presentation of proposal of draft advice on the implementation of CATCH by Katarina Sipic (Seafood Europe)
- Consideration of the proposed draft advice
- Way forward

16:30 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

- Presentation of the IUU Fishing Coalition's guide "The Fisheries Import Control Scheme Handbook" by Thomas Walsh (IUU Fishing Coalition)
- Exchange of views



17:00 Due Diligence

- Exchange of views on the revision of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the upcoming sector-specific reporting standards
- Way forward

17:20 AOB

17:25 Summary of action items

17:30 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Traceability	On 9 February 2024, the amendments of the Fisheries Control Regulation entered into force. From January 2026, the new rules on lots and digital traceability rules for fresh and frozen products became applicable. Following a feasibility study, traceability rules will be applicable to prepared and preserved products within five years. On 10 December 2025, the European Commission published an information note, which included a questionnaire to stakeholders to collect technical input from stakeholders.	Presentation of the results of the questionnaire by DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., timing of new advice, monitoring of developments).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice - Advice - Information Note
Information + Decision	Trade	Under the Work Programme, trade developments are a priority. Commission representatives periodically provide updates on the latest trade policy developments affecting the market. There are several trade developments of relevance, including in relation to India, Mercosur, and USA.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU-India Trade - EU-Mercosur Trade - EU-USA Trade
Consideration	CATCH	The revision of the Fisheries Control Regulation introduced a new IT tool for the submission of catch certificates. SINCE 10 January 2026, EU importers must 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.	Presentation of proposal of draft advice on the implementation of CATCH by Seafood Europe representative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation - Press Release - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

Information	IUU Fishing	On 21 November 2025, the EU IUU Fishing Coalition (EJF, Oceana, TNC, Pew, WWF EU) and partners in the IUU Forum Japan and the U.S. IUU Fishing and Labor Rights Coalition released a joint global guide on import control schemes to block illegal seafood from entering the market. The guide aims to show how well-designed import control schemes can be developed to effectively block fish and seafood caught illegally.	Presentation of the guide by a representative of the IUU Fishing Coalition.	- Guide
Information + Decision	Due Diligence	Under the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, from July 2029, a first batch of companies will be obliged to conduct environmental and human rights due diligence. In 2025, under the “Omnibus I” package, amendments were introduced to the Directive. Furthermore, under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, sector-specific reporting standards are being developed, including for “Agriculture, Farming, and Fisheries”. In the past, the Working Group held several exchanges on due diligence and submission a letter to the European Commission on the implementation of the Directive.	Exchange of views on the revision of the Directive and the upcoming sector-specific reporting standards. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice).	- Information Page - Letter