



# 10th Anniversary of Aquaculture Advisory Council & Market Advisory Council



## Programme

**WEDNESDAY**

**10 JUNE 2026**

**14:00 – 19:00 CET**

**Palais des Académies**

**Albert II Auditorium**

**(Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Brussels)**

**Interpretation in EN, ES, FR, IT**

- 14:00** ● **Welcome remarks** - Yobana Bermúdez (Chair, MAC) & Brian Thomsen (Chair, AAC)
- 14:15** ● **High-level address - European Commission**
- Costas Kadis (European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans)
- 14:30** ● **High-level address – Presidency of the Council of the European Union**
- Yiannos Kyriacou (Fisheries Counsellor, Cyprus)
- 14:45** ● **Special address – Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations**
- Manuel Barange (Assistant Director-General, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO)
- 15:00** ● **Roundtable I – Evolution and Achievements of the AAC and of the MAC**
- **Moderator:** Christine Absil (Vice-Chair, MAC)
  - Stylianos Mitolidis (Director, DG MARE D, European Commission)
  - Aurora de Blas Carbonero (Director General of Fisheries Management and Aquaculture, General Secretariat of Fisheries, Spain)
  - Mário Santos (Head of Unit - Mediterranean, Black Sea, Indian Ocean and South Atlantic, European Fisheries Control Agency)
  - Javier Ojeda (Former Chair, AAC)
  - Sean O'Donoghue (Former Vice-Chair, MAC)
- 16:00** ● **Roundtable II – The Future of Sustainable EU Aquaculture Production & of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products**
- **Moderator:** Charlotte Epinay (Vice-Chair, AAC)
  - Delilah Al Khudhairy (Director, DG MARE A, European Commission)
  - Paulo do Nascimento Cabral (Vice-Chair, Committee on Fisheries, European Parliament)
  - Richard Donnelly (Chief Executive Officer, Seafood Development Agency, Ireland)
  - Sébastien Metz (President, European Association of Fisheries Economists)
  - Maria Cozzolino (Senior Researcher, NISEA; independent expert in the STECF Aquaculture Working Group)
- 17:00** ● **Closing remarks** - Yobana Bermúdez (Chair, MAC) & Brian Thomsen (Chair, AAC)
- 17:30** ● **Reception at the Marble Room**
- Performance by Shantykoor Blankenberge

