



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room B), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

Friday, 12 June 2026

# AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (24.03.26)
- 14:10 Action Points
- 14:15 Membership of the General Assembly
- 14:30 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture Products
- 15:15 Working Groups
- 15:30 External Representation
- 15:50 AOB
- 15:55 Summary of actions points
- 16:00 End of the meeting

# ACTION POINTS (24 MARCH 2026)

## AOB:

- Secretary General to contact the Secretariats of the other Advisory Councils to expand the planned collaboration on the ceilings of *de minimis* State aid to cover also fisheries production as well as the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.
- Joint AAC-MEDAC-NSAC-NWWAC-MAC-SWWAC Advice adopted on 24 April 2026

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## ➤ Endorsement of applications for membership:

- Assoittica – Italy
  - Giuseppe Palma



ASSOITTICA ITALIA  
ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE DELLE AZIENDE ITTICHE

# EUROPEAN MARKET OBSERVATORY FOR FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

## ➤ Presentation of the study “Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and the Russian War of Aggression against Ukraine on the EU Fishery and Aquaculture Sector”

- Margret Alsvik (EUMOFA)

## ➤ Exchange of views



# WORKING GROUPS

## ➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

## ➤ Working Group 2

- Stefan Meyer

## ➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

## ➤ European Ocean Board (Brussels, 31 March 2026)

### ▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Presentation by the Commission on the Ocean Pact implementation (outlook of actions planned for 2026 and 2027)
  - Governance: Ocean Act, Ocean Board, Ocean Pact Dashboard, State of the Ocean Pact Report
  - Priorities: 1) Protecting and restoring ocean health, 2) boosting the competitiveness of the sustainable blue economy, 3) supporting coastal and island communities, 4) advancing ocean research, knowledge and innovation, 5) enhancing maritime security and defence, 6) strengthening EU ocean diplomacy and international ocean governance
- First round of stakeholder interventions
  - Organisation, stakeholders represented, main pillars of the Ocean Pact
- Second round of stakeholder interventions
  - Strategic priorities, added value of the Board, collaboration and coordination, success and impact
- Interventions by observers

# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

- **European Ocean Board (Brussels, 31 March 2026)**
  - **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**



# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

- **Third EU-China Blue Partnership Forum for the Ocean (Brussels, 20 April 2026)**
  - **Christine Absil (Vice-Chair)**
    - Opening session
    - Session I: Strengthening Ocean Observation, Enabling a Sustainable Blue Economy
    - Session II: Fight against IUU fishing: Implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement, including through Regional Fisheries Management Organisations



# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

## ➤ **Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency (Vigo, 21 April 2026)**

### ▪ **Violaine de Neef (Administrative Officer)**

#### ▪ ACs: state of play (MAC)

- Advice on the upcoming EU Strategy for Fisheries External Action
  - Advice on the Terms of Reference of the 2026 edition of the STECF Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet
  - Advice on Competitiveness of the EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products – Simplification and reduction of administrative burden
  - Advice on the ongoing negotiations for an EU-UK SPS Agreement
  - Ongoing drafts (CATCH, risks in global squid fisheries, studies on Fisheries Control Regulation)
- EFCA's Annual Report 2025
  - EFCA's Single Programming Documents (SPD): Draft SPD 2027

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# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

## ➤ EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (Online, 5 May 2026)

### ▪ Yobana Bermúdez (Chair) & Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- EU agri-food chain state of play
- Monitoring the agri-food supply chain
  - Mediation and building trust in the food supply chain (Austria & Belgium)
  - Methodology to calculate cost indices for the food industry (DG AGRI)
  - The distribution and retail industry in selected Member States and its cost structure (distribution & retail sector)
- Topics of interest and case studies: fair trade schemes for farmers

# EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

## ➤ European Maritime Day (Limassol, 21-22 May 2026)

- Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

#EMD2026

Limassol **EMD**  
21-22 May 2026  
EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

WORKSHOP  
**“ADVISORY COUNCILS’ KNOWLEDGE ON SSCF, MSP & CO-MANAGEMENT”**

22 MAY 2026 | 11:25 - 12:40  
Limassol, Cyprus

**Opening Speech**  
Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

**Speakers:**  
**Simone Niedermueller (Marine biologist, Regional manager at WWF)**  
“Co-management and the RPOA SSF as an opportunity for embedding Local Ecological Knowledge in MSP”  
**Christian Tsangarides (Low Impact Fishers of Europe - LIFE)**  
“Securing space for SSCF within a MSP context - a Baltic Sea case study”

**Moderators:**  
Rosa Caggiano, MEDAC Executive Secretary  
Chloé Pocheau, CC SUD Executive Secretary

**Nicolas Blanc (Fisheries and Biodiversity Coordinator at Sciaena)**  
“CCRUP ocean basin examples (West Atlantic, East Atlantic, Indian Ocean)” & “CC SUD experience: co-management for sustainable octopus fisheries in the Algarve”

**Antonis Petrou (Marine Biologist & Scientific Advisor at Pancyprian Association of Professional Small-Scale Fishers)**  
“Case Study of Zygi Cyprus”



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# AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

## ➤ **AOB**

- Implementation Dialogue on EU Aquaculture Policy (Brussels, 30 June 2026)

## ➤ **Summary of action points**

## ➤ **End of meeting**