

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 16 September 2026 (09:30 – 13:00 CEST)

Martin's Brussels EU (Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Stefan Meyer

09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (11.06.26)

09:40 Action points

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

09:45 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by MARE B3 representatives, including:
 - Autonomous Tariff Quotas (proposal to extend the current regulation, planned introduction of sustainability requirements)
 - Australia (market access offers under the Free Trade Agreement)
 - India (market access offers under the Free Trade Agreement)
 - Indonesia (adoption of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement)
 - Mexico (signing of Modernised Global Agreement and interim Trade Agreement)
 - Philippines (negotiation of the Free Trade Agreement)
 - Thailand (negotiation of the Free Trade Agreement)
 - Turkey (rules of origin under the trade regime of agricultural products)
 - USA (section 301 investigations)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

10:30 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries

- Presentation of the 2025 edition of the Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry by Loretta Malvarosa (NISEA)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:15 Break

11:30 Due Diligence

- Presentation of recent report of the EU IUU Fishing Coalition by Laure Guillevic (WWF)
- Presentation on the potential contribution to the due diligence processes of aquaculture companies by Froukje Kruijssen (ASC)



- Presentation on internal benchmarking exercises by Erin Priddle (MSC)
- Presentation on due diligence requirements applicable to the processing industry by Katarina Sipic (Seafood Europe)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

12:30 Sustainability

- Exchange of views on the potential establishment of a Focus Group
- Way forward

12:50 AOB

12:55 Summary of action items

13:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
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 Autonomous Tariff Quotas, Australia, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, and USA.	Presentation and exchange with DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	- Advice - EU-Australia Trade - EU-India Trade - EU-Indonesia Trade - EU-Mexico Trade - Advice - EU-Philippines Trade - EU-Thailand Trade - EU-Turkey Trade - EU-USA Trade
Information + Decision	Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries	Every two years, STECF publishes the economic report on the EU fish processing sector, one of the main sources of economic and social data for scientific advice on the performance of the industry. Under the annual work programme, the MAC committed to providing advice on the Terms of Reference of the next edition of the report. The Terms of Reference are expected to be drafted before summer 2027.	Presentation of the latest edition of the STECF's economic report on the EU fish processing sector by the Chair of the Expert Working Group. Decision on the way forward (e.g., drafting of advice on the next Terms of Reference).	- Advice - Report
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. Under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, sector-specific reporting standards were being developed, including for "Agriculture, Farming, and Fisheries". The "Omnibus I" package, amendments were introduced to the Directives. The work on the sector-specific standards was discontinued.	Presentations by stakeholders on ongoing initiatives to address due diligence requirements. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitoring developments).	- Information Page - Information Page - Letter

Consideration + Decision	Sustainability	At the 11 June 2026 meeting of Working Group 2, in the context of the agenda point on “Autonomous Tariff Quotas”, the Working Group discussed the importance of delving further into the concept of sustainability, considering both operational and regulatory criteria. The Working Group agreed, as an action point, to proceed with the development of Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Focus Group on the applicability of sustainability elements.	Exchange of views on the potential establishment of a Focus Group. Decision on way forward.	- Advice - Advice
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