Market Advisory Council

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (14:00 – 16:45 CET)

Zoom

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meetings' minutes (17.09.26)

14:10 Action points

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

14:15 Membership of the General Assembly

- Endorsement of applications for membership:
  - Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements (CFFA-CAPE)

14:20 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- Presentation of 2026 edition of "The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture" report and update on ongoing market-related initiatives by Marcio Castro de Souza (FAO)
- Exchange of views

15:00 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on the proposal of EU autonomous tariff quotas for certain fishery products beyond 2027 by Laurène Jolly (MARE B3)
- Request for feedback on the marketing conditions under the partial agreement on mackerel for 2026-2028 between the UK, Norway, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands

15:30 Budget of Year 11 (2026-2027)

- Potential amendment to the budget of the ongoing financial year

15:45 External Performance Review

- Consideration of the draft Terms of Reference for the external performance review

16:00 Working Groups

- Reporting by Julien Lamothe (Chair of Working Group 1)
- Reporting by Stefan Meyer (Chair of Working Group 2)
- Reporting by Benoît Thomassen (Chair of Working Group 3)

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16:15 External Representation

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
  - Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency (Online, 20 October 2026) by Daniel Voces (Europêche)
  - EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (Online, 10 November 2026) by Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)
- Preparation for upcoming meetings:
  - Inter-Advisory Councils with DG MARE (Online, 26 November 2026)
  - European Ocean Board (Brussels, 27 November 2026)
  - Reality check workshop with post-harvest businesses (Brussels, 26 February 2027)

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16:40 Summary of action points

16:45 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	Membership	As foreseen by the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the MAC is composed of representatives of the entire fisheries and aquaculture value chain (primary producers, processors, traders, retailers, trade unions) and other interest groups (environmental and development NGOs).	Decision on the endorsement of the most recent membership applications.	- CFFA-CAPE
Information	FAO	The SOFIA report is the biennial flagship report of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. The report provides the most up-to-date and evidenced-based information, supporting policy, scientific and technical insights on challenges, opportunities and innovations shaping the present and future of the sector, for the benefit of a wide and expanding audience of policymakers, managers, scientists, fishers, farmers, traders, civil society activists and consumers	Presentation of the latest edition of the report and update on ongoing market-related initiatives by FAO representative.	- Report
Information	Trade	On 9 October 2026, MARE B3 sent a letter inviting suggestions on the EU autonomous tariff quotas for certain fishery products beyond 2027. Separately, MARE B3 invited views on the partial arrangement between the UK, Norway, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands on mackerel for the period 2026-2028, specifically on the potential restriction of the free movement of goods and services. In practice, the agreement could limit Icelandic operators' ability to market their catches freely and EU/EEA buyers' ability to purchase directly at market conditions.	Update on the proposal for EU autonomous tariff quotas for certain fishery products beyond 2027 by DG MARE B3 representative. Request for feedback on the marketing conditions under the partial agreement on mackerel for 2026-2028 between the UK, Norway, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands.	- Letter - Advice

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Decision	Budget	In line with the Rules of Procedure, the annual budget is prepared by the Executive Committee. The budget for Year 11 (1 October 2026 – 30 September 2027) was prepared at the meeting of 3 July 2026. Afterward, the Secretariat started negotiations with DG MARE for an increase of the annual operating grant above the standard annual 2% inflation rate. DG MARE agreed to an exceptional increase for staff costs, but no increase for other headings.	Decision on potential reallocation of funds across budgetary headings, including potential increases to the ceilings for travel reimbursements.	- Budgetary amendment (via e-mail / Members Area)
Decision	External Performance Review	In accordance with Article 7a of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242, every five years, the MAC must subject itself to an independent performance review. The review shall aim to identify best practices and shortcomings, list recommendations aiming at improving the functioning, and assess the overall contribution to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation. The previous performance review concluded in 2022.	Consideration of the draft Terms of Reference for the second external performance review.	- Draft Terms of Reference (via e-mail / Members Area) - External Performance Review
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	External Representation	On 20 October 2026, there was a meeting of the Advisory Board of the European Fisheries Control Agency, of which the MAC is a member. On 10 November 2026, there was a meeting of the EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory, of which the MAC is an observer. On 26 November 2026, there will be an Inter-Advisory Councils meeting with DG MARE. On 27 November 2026, there will be a meeting of the European Ocean Board, of which the MAC is an observer. On 26 February 2027, there will be a reality	Reporting back by the various representatives on the external meetings. Preparation for upcoming meetings.	- EFCA Advisory Board - EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory - European Ocean Board - Draft mandate (via-email / Members Area) - Reality check workshop

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		check workshop with post-harvest businesses. The MAC will be invited to send five representatives.		

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