



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Guus Pastoor

MAC Chair

Online (Zoom)

Thursday, 16 September 2021

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor
- 14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (23.09.20)
- 14:10 Work Programme of Year 6 (2021-2022)
- 14:40 Common Fisheries Policy & Common Market Organisation
- 15:20 EU Consumer Habits Regarding Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- 16:00 Functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy
- 16:30 Update on the work done per Working Group
- 17:00 Work Programme of Year 5 (2020-2021)
- 17:30 MAC Performance Review
- 17:50 AOB
- 17:55 Summary of actions points
- 18:00 End of the meeting

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 6 (2021-2022)

➤ **Priorities & Deliverables:**

- **Presentation by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General**
 - Preparation of the annual Work Programme by ExCom: July 2021
 - Approval of the annual Work Programme by GA: September 2021

➤ **Budget:**

- **Presentation by Panos Manias, Financial Officer**

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY & COMMON MARKET ORGANISATION

➤ **Common Fisheries Policy:**

- **Presentation by Fleur Breuillin, Team Leader, MARE D3**
 - Review report (Article 49)

➤ **Common Market Organisation:**

- **Presentation by Frangiscos Nikolian, Head of Unit, MARE A4**
 - Review report (Article 48)

➤ **Exchange of views**

EU CONSUMER HABITS REGARDING FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

- **Special Eurobarometer 515 Report:**
 - Presentation by Laurène Jolly, MARE A4

- **Exchange of views**

FUNCTIONING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCILS UNDER THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

➤ **Draft Delegated Act:**

- Aims to improve the functioning of the Advisory Councils
- Feedback period: 19 July – 10 September 2021

➤ **Structure & Organisation**

- Chair may originate from outside the membership
- Chair & Vice-Chair shall be designated from different categories (where possible, also for WG Chairs)

➤ **Performance Reviews (every five years)**

- Identify best practices and shortcomings, list recommendations aiming at improving the functioning of the Advisory Council and assess its overall contribution to the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy”

➤ **Criteria to classify members**

- “sector organisations” or “other interest groups”

UPDATE ON WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1 Reporting

- **Sean O'Donoghue, Chair of Working Group 1**
 - Impact & Mitigation of COVID-19 Pandemic: advice
 - Marketing Standards Framework: several pieces of advice + ongoing work
 - Biodiversity Strategy: advice
 - STECF: Representation in AER meetings + exchanges with experts
- Next year: EMFAF, EUMOFA studies, Marketing Standards

➤ Working Group 2 Reporting

- **Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2**

➤ Working Group 3 Reporting

- **Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3**

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

➤ Priorities and deliverables

- Update by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General
- **Under the Work Programme for Year 5, MAC priorities and deliverables cover the following topics:**
 - (1) Farm to Fork Strategy
 - (2) Future Funding Priorities for EMFF
 - (3) Revision of Control Regulation
 - (4) Brexit and implications for the market
 - (5) Ecolabels and Certification Schemes
 - (6) CATCH IT System
 - (7) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
 - (8) Marketing Standards Framework
 - (9) Health and Environmental Value of Seafood
 - (10) Biodiversity Strategy
 - (11) COVID-19 Pandemic
 - (12) Collaboration with STECF
 - (13) Other work

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(1) Farm to Fork Strategy

- Nutritional labelling & labelling of plant-based imitation products in the first half of Year 5. Other, as initiatives are launched
 - Nutri-Score Labelling on Fish Products (10 December 2020)
 - Roadmap on Food Supply Contingency Plan (22 January 2021)
 - Revision of Regulation on Food Information to Consumers (23 February 2021)
 - EU Promotion Programme for Agricultural and Food Products (18 March 2021)
 - Food Supply Contingency Plan (28 May 2021)
 - Code of Conduct for Responsible Business (28 May 2021)
 - Labelling of Vegetarian and Vegan Fish Imitations (22 July 2021)

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(2) Future Funding Priorities for EMFF

- As soon as tangible outcomes from trilogue negotiations become available
 - Discussed in WG. Inter-institutional negotiations concluded in December 2020. Entry into force in July 2021. To be included in Year 6

(3) Revision of Control Regulation

- As soon as tangible outcomes from trilogue negotiations become available
 - Discussed in WG. Council's position recently adopted. To be included in Year 6

(4) Brexit and implications for the market

- Once the results from the negotiations on the future partnership are known.
 - Advice adopted on 11 June. Reply on 30 June 2021
 - + Advice on bivalve molluscs on 14 April. Reply on 23 June 2021

(5) Ecolabels and Certification Schemes

- Based on workshop report outcomes, in January-March 2021
 - Advice adopted on 15 June. Reply on 30 June 2021

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(6) CATCH IT System

- Once the provisions on the mandatory use per the EU Member States and their national operators are published in the Official Journal
 - Legislative process on the revision of the Control Regulation still ongoing

(7) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Contributions to public consultations. Ad hoc advice. Advice on the impact of the EU's trade policy instruments by end of Year 5
 - Discussed in WG. Initial FG on Trade's work ongoing

(8) Marketing Standards Framework

- First half of Year 5, once the Commission's public consultation is launched
 - Advice adopted on 4 February. Reply on 16 February 2021
 - Ongoing work for new advice on incorporation of sustainability

(9) Health and Environmental Value of Seafood

- At the end of Year 5
 - Presentations in WG. Draft considered at 15 September meeting

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 5 (2020-2021)

(10) Biodiversity Strategy

- Along Year 5, as the initiatives are launched
 - (General) advice adopted on 14 April. Reply on 24 June 2021

(11) COVID-19 Pandemic

- Advice on the calculation and mitigation of the impacts by January 2021
 - Advice adopted on 11 December 2020. Reply on 10 February 2021

(12) Collaboration with STECF

- During the whole Year 5
 - Participation as observers in STECF AER meetings
 - Presentations by STECF in WG meetings

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(12) Other Work

- Multi-AC Advice on Sustainable Blue Economy (9 December 2020)
- DG's Potential Proposal on Substantiating Green Claims (10 December 2020)
- Plastics (11 December 2020)
- IUU Fishing by Ghana's industrial trawl sector (11 January 2021)
- 2020 Implementation of Landing Obligation (8 March 2021)
- Evaluation of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (9 March 2021)
- AAC Recommendation on Caviar Labelling (18 May 2021)

▪ **Total number of advice: 21**

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- **Decision of the Executive committee** – 14 April 2021 meeting
- **Request for budgetary amendment** – Maximum 15.000€ (“very low value tender”)
- **Signing of contract with external consultant** – September 2021
 - Benoît Guerin (BG Sea Consulting)
- **Conducting of interviews (selected MAC member, Secretariat, DG MARE)**
 - September to December 2021
- **Preliminary Report** – December 2021
- **Attendance of meetings + Final Report** – January 2022