

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Monday, 28 March (14:30 – 18:00 CET)

Zoom / Radisson Collection Hotel, Grand Place Brussels (Hybrid)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

13:30 *Buffet Lunch*

14:30 **Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère**

14:35 **Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (25.01.22)**

14:40 **Action points**

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

14:45 **EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives**

- Presentation of the initiative by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

15:15 **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance**

- Update on existing procedures regarding third countries by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

15:45 **Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments**

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representative (TBC), including on:
 - Exporting of Brown Crab to People's Republic of China
 - Anti-subsidy measures against aquaculture products from Turkey
 - Application of EU health and environmental standards to imported agricultural and agri-food products
- Exchange of views & way forward

16:30 *Break*

16:45 **Initial Focus Group on Trade**

- Presentation of updated report by Poul Melgaard Jensen, FG Chair
- Consideration of draft advice on improvement of trade data
- Way forward



17:30 Russian Invasion of Ukraine

- Exchange of views about market impacts with Commission representative
- Way forward

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives	In the context of the EU's climate and energy targets 2030, the objectives of the European Green Deal, and the Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth, COM committed to the creation of a common classification system for sustainable economy activities, an "EU taxonomy". It provides companies, investors and policymakers with definitions of economic activities that can be considered environmentally sustainable. On 22 June 2020, the Taxonomy Regulation was published in the Official Journal. COM will develop a Delegated Act to establish the legal base for fisheries criteria. At the 19 January 2022 Inter-ACs meeting, COM presented the initiative. At the 25 January 2022 meeting, it was agreed, as an action item, that the topic would be included in the draft agenda of the next meeting.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG MARE / DG FISMA) for better understanding of the initiative by members, including on the expert group defining "sustainable fisheries" criteria. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page - Regulation
Decision	IUU	Under WP of Y6, commitment to produce advice on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis when significant cases of IUU fishing products entering the EU market are known or when actions take place under COM's carding system. It is established practice for COM to provide update on existing and planned procedures regarding third countries.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG MARE) for information on procedures. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page
Decision	Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments	It is established practice for COM to update on latest trade policy developments affecting the market. Under the WP of Y6, MAC committed to producing advice on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis when relevant developments in trade negotiations become publicly known.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative (DG MARE). Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice on Brown Crab - Proceedings against Turkey (trout) - Better Regulation page

<p>Consideration of draft advice</p>	<p>Initial Focus Group on Trade</p>	<p>WG2 established an Initial Focus Group on Trade to collect data on imports in the frame of various trade policy instruments and to contribute with factual information to the development of an advice on trade policy instruments. Report was presented at the 25 January 2022 meeting. As action items, it was agreed that the report would be completed with additional species (trout, seabass, and seabream) and that, based on the conclusions, draft advice would be prepared.</p>	<p>Presentation of the updated report. Consideration of draft advice on improvement of trade data, based on the conclusions of the report.</p>	<p>- Report - Draft advice (via email)</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Russian Invasion of Ukraine</p>	<p>Following a large-scale military build-up and weeks of extreme tensions, on 24 February 2022, Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine. The EU condemned Russia's military aggression and has progressively adopted packages of sanctions, while providing assistance to Ukraine. The Management Team and the Secretariat maintain informal exchanges with MARE A4 to transmit information from individual members concerning impacts on the market.</p>	<p>Exchange of views with COM representative (DG MARE) about market impact and potential policy proposals. Decision on way forward (e.g., advice, continuation of informal exchanges).</p>	<p>- EU Response</p>