

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Monday, 23 May 2022 (14:30 – 18:00 CEST)

Zoom / Martin's Brussels EU Hotel (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 (28.03.22)

14:40 Action points

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

14:45 EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives

- Exchange of views on development by the Platform on Sustainable Finance of technical screening criteria for fisheries with Commission representative (TBC)
- Presentation of MSC's contribution to the call for feedback by MSC representative (TBD)
- Exchange of views & way forward

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

- Presentation of EU IUU Coalition's report "Impact of the EU IUU Carding Scheme on Belize, Guinea, Solomon Islands and Thailand" by TNC representative (TBD)
- Presentation of EJF's report "The Ever-Widening Net" by EJF representative (TBD)
- Exchange of views & way forward

16:15 *Break*

16:30 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (TBC), including on:
 - Exporting of Brown Crab to People's Republic of China
 - Brazil's prohibition to export fishery products to EU
 - New Zealand and Australia as sourcing countries under FTAs
- Exchange of views & way forward



17:00 Focus Group on Trade

- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference
- Way forward

17:30 Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting

19:00 *Networking dinner*

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives	<p>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 28 March 2022 meeting, DG MARE presented the initiative. It was agreed, as action items, that a presentation from DG FISMA would be requested, plus that MSC's contribution to the feedback call would be circulated.</p>	<p>Exchange of views with COM representative (DG FISMA) to better understand the development of the Platform on Sustainable Finance's technical screening criteria for fisheries. Presentation by MSC of their contribution to the call for feedback of the Platform on the proposed draft technical screening criteria. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page - Regulation - MSC Contribution
Decision	IUU	<p>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. In March 2022, EU IUU Coalition published a report on the impact of the carding system in several countries. EJF published a report on IUU fishing by the Chinese distant-water fleet.</p>	<p>Presentation of reports on impact of the carding system and on IUU fishing by the Chinese distant-water fleet. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page - EU IUU Coalition report - EJF report

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. At March 2022 meeting, it was agreed, as an action item, that an exchange of views with DG SANTE and DG TRADE representatives concerning recognition of health certificates and exports of brown crab to People's Republic of China would be requested.	Presentation and exchange with COM representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice on Brown Crab - Trade Mechanism
Consideration of draft Terms of Reference	Focus Group on Trade	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. Advice on improvement of data was adopted in March 2022. It was agreed, as an action item, to prepare new draft Terms of Reference to launch the next stage of the work on trade policy instruments.	Consideration of draft Terms of Reference to establish new Focus Group on Trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report - Advice
Decision	Russian Invasion of Ukraine	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.	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).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Response