

Working Group 2: EU Markets

Draft Agenda

Monday, 19 September 2022 (14:30 – 18:00 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

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 (23.05.22)**

14:40 **Action points**

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

14:45 **Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)**

- Presentation of 2022 Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry by Loretta Malvarosa, STECF EWG Chair
- Exchange of views

15:15 **Banning Forced Labour**

- Presentation of initiative on effectively banning products produced, extracted or harvest with forced labour by Commission representative (TBC)
- Exchange of views & way forward

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

- Update on latest trade developments by Commission representatives (TBC), including on:
 - Revision of the Union Customs Code
 - WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies
- Exchange of views & way forward

16:00 *Break*

16:15 **Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance**

- Presentation on combating IUU fishing, import control schemes, and digitalisation of control, of by Quentin Marchais, ClientEarth
- Exchange of views & way forward



16:45 EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Initiatives

- Exchange of views on development of Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing Activities
- Way forward

17:15 Focus Group on Trade

- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference
- Way forward

17:45 Outermost Regions Advisory Council

- Reporting back on General Assembly and Working Group meetings (13-15 September 2022) by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2

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
Information	STECF	Every two years, STECF publishes the economic report on the fishing processing industry. It is one of the main sources of economic and social data for scientific advice on the performance of the industry.	Presentation of the latest economic report. Exchange of views on the data.	- Report
Decision	Banning Forced Labour	In 2021, President von der Leyen announced that further EU legislative action was needed to tackle the use of forced labour in the value chains of companies operating in the single market. The legislative initiative aims to ban the placing on the EU market of products made wholly or in part by forced labour. The ban would cover both domestic and imported products. It would be combined with risk-based enforcement framework. A call for evidence was open to feedback from 23 May 2022 to 20 June 2022. Adoption of the legislative proposal by the Commission is planned for Q3 2022.	Presentation and exchange with COM representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, 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. The Commission launched a public consultation on a revision of the Union Customs Code. On 17 June 2022, WTO adopted the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.	Presentation and exchange with COM representatives. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice, monitor developments, none).	- Information page - WTO Agreement
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. In	Presentation of reports on control of IUU fishing products entering the market. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of	- ClientEarth Report - ClientEarth Report

		January 2021, ClientEarth published a progress report on Spain's efforts to combat IUU fishing. In June 2022, ClientEarth published a report on digitising the control of fishery product imports.	advice, monitor developments, none).	
Information	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 (likely October/November 2022). At May 2022 meeting, it was agreed, as an action item, that draft advice would be developed via written procedure.	Exchange of views on the state-of-play of the development of Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing Activities as well as on the development of advice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information page - Regulation - Draft Screening Criteria - MSC Contribution - Europêche Contribution - Draft Advice (via email)
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. DG MARE sent a letter informing the preparation of comprehensive feedback. At May 2022 meeting, new draft ToR to launch the next stage of the work were considered. It was agreed, as an action item, that a new version would be prepared with a more specific list of outcomes.	Consideration of draft Terms of Reference (new version) to establish new Focus Group on Trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report - Advice - MARE Letter - Draft Terms of Reference (via email)

Information	CCRUP	WG2 previously agreed to cooperate with CCRUP on IUU matters, including the potential development of joint advice on the entrance of IUU products in the market (of the Outermost Regions). From 13-15 September 2022, CCRUP held Working Group and General Assembly meetings in Mayotte, France. WG2 Chair was invited to attend on behalf of the MAC.	Reporting back by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2.	- CCRUP Draft Agendas
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