

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Friday, 27 January 2023 (15:15 – 17:00 CEST)

NH Brussels EU Berlaymont

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

Coffee break

15:15 Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor

15:20 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (07.05.22)

15:25 Action points

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

15:30 Membership of General Assembly

- Endorsement of new member Syndicat National du Commerce Extérieur des produits congelés et surgelés (SNCE) from France

15:40 General Assembly and Executive Committee

- Presentation of the candidacies for Vice-Chair(s) for the 2023-2026 period
- Appointment

15:55 Participation of Observers

- Agreement on guidelines on the participation of observers in meetings

16:15 Reimbursement Rules

- Update of daily reimbursement rate for accommodation costs

16:30 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination:

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Inter-AC Brexit Forum meetings (15 September, 20 October, 15 December 2022)
 - DG MARE – AC Secretariats meeting (11 October 2022)
 - Inter-Advisory Councils meeting (17 November 2022)
 - Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius (5 December 2022)
 - AC Chairs and Secretariats meeting (11 January 2023)

16:40 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

- Reporting back on MIAC and MIACO meetings (12-13 January 2023) by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General



16:45 European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

- Reporting back on Advisory Board (24 October 2022), Seminar on the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation (25 October 2022), and Administrative Board (26 October 2022) meetings

16:50 AOB

16:55 Summary of action points

17:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	Membership of General Assembly	Syndicat National du Commerce Extérieur des produits congelés et surgelés (SNCE) submitted a membership application. Under the terms of Article 2(h) of Annex III of the CFP Regulation, Member States shall agree on the members of the General Assembly. France endorsed the new membership. In line with the rules of procedure, the Executive Committee shall endorse new nominations of membership.	Decision on endorsement of Syndicat National du Commerce Extérieur des produits congelés et surgelés (SNCE) as new member of the General Assembly.	- Website
Decision	General Assembly and Executive Committee	According to the Statutes, the Vice-Chairmanship of both the General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the members of the Executive Committee. As determined by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242, the Advisory Council shall designate, by consensus, at least one vice-chairperson. In case the chairperson is designated amongst representatives of member organisations, at least one of the vice-chairpersons shall be designated amongst members of the category of sector organisations and other interest groups to which the Chairperson does not belong.	Appointment of the Vice-Chair(s) for the 2023-2026 period.	- Delegated Regulation - Statutes - Rules of Procedure - Background Document
Decision	Participation of Observers	According to the rules applicable to Advisory Councils, there can be observers in meetings. At the 14 April 2021 meeting, the Executive Committee agreed, as an action point, that guidelines would be developed. Draft guidelines were considered at the 6 July 2021 meeting. It was agreed that the Secretariat would incorporate amendments and recirculate for approval.	Agreement on revised version of draft guidelines on participation of observers in meetings.	- Draft Guidelines (via email / Member Area)

Decision	Reimbursement Rules	In accordance with the MAC's Reimbursement Rules, a 100 EUR flat rate per night is payable to members where an overnight stay is required. The current amounts of reimbursement have been inspired by the STECF's reimbursement rules for experts.	Consideration of a proposal to update the reimbursement rate for accommodation costs. Inspired by a COM decision on unit costs, the amount for accommodation would vary depending on the country of the meeting (e.g., 137 EUR flat rate per night in Belgium).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reimbursement Rules - COM Decision
Information	Inter-ACs Coordination	MAC, PELAC, LDAC, NWWAC, and NSAC established the Inter-AC Brexit Forum to exchange on Brexit-related topics. On 11 October 2022, DG MARE held a meeting with the AC Secretariats to discuss administrative and financial matters. On 17 November 2022, MARE organised an Inter-Advisory Councils meeting to discuss key policy files. On 5 December 2022, Commissioner Sinkevičius held a roundtable discussion with the Chairs and OIG Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Councils. On 11 January 2023, a meeting between Chairs and Secretariats of the Advisory Councils took place to coordinate Work Programmes.	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Calendar - MARE & Secretariats - Inter-ACs meeting - Commissioner Invite
Information	ICES	ICES organises an annual meeting with Advisory Councils (MIAC) and an annual meeting with Advisory Councils and other Observers (MIACO).	Reporting back on the meeting by the Secretary General.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICES Calendar
Information	EFCA	The EFCA Advisory Board is composed of one representative designated by each Advisory Council. The EFCA Administrative Board is composed of one representative of each Member State and six COM representatives. A representative of the Advisory Board takes part in the deliberations without the right to vote.	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EFCA Advisory Board - EFCA Administrative Board - Press Release

		<p>The MAC Chair and the Secretary General attended the 24 October 2022 meeting. On 25 October 2022, EFCA held a Seminar on the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation, which was attended by the MAC Chair, the Secretary General, and a ClientEarth representative. On 26 October 2022, the Secretary General attended the Administrative Board meeting.</p>		
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