



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

Zoom

Thursday, 30 March 2023

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (27.01.23)
- 13:40 Action Points
- 13:45 Common Market Organisation, Supply of Raw Material, Future Strategies
- 14:30 Common Market Organisation (CMO)
- 15:15 **Break**
- 15:30 Working Groups
- 15:50 Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)
- 16:20 Reimbursement Rules
- 16:30 Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- 16:40 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination
- 16:50 AOB
- 16:55 Summary of actions points

17:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (27 JANUARY 2023)

General Assembly and Executive Committee:

- Secretariat to initiate the administrative procedures to replace Mr Sean O'Donoghue with Mr Julien Lamothe in the MAC ASBL, including publication in the official publication in the Belgian Official Gazette
 - Changes filed with the services of the clerk's office of the Court of Enterprises
 - Change of mandate holders in the bank requested

AOB:

- Draft advice agreed by Working Group 1 (Ukraine, Annual Economic Report on the EU fishing Fleet, awareness on the role of Producer Organisations, EUMOFA studies) and by Working Group 2 (Economic Report on the Fish Processing Industry) to be put forward for consideration and approval through an urgent written procedure
 - Mentioned pieces of advice were adopted: 3 February 2023

COMMON MARKET ORGANISATION, SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIAL, FUTURE STRATEGIES

➤ Speech

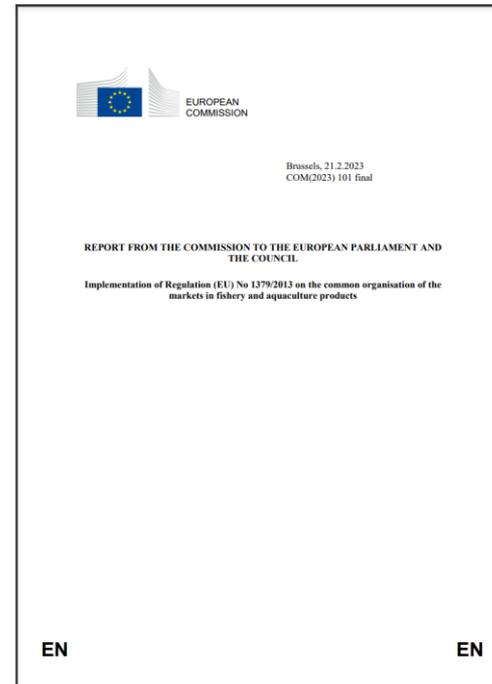
- **María Isabel Artime García, Secretary General of Fisheries of Spain**

➤ Exchange of views

COMMON MARKET ORGANISATION

- **Presentation of the report on the functioning of the Common Market Organisation**
 - **Frangiscos Nikolian & Christophe Vande Weyer (MARE A4)**
 - Report

- **Exchange of views**



BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 15:30**

WORKING GROUPS

- **Reporting on Working Group 1**
 - Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1

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

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

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

➤ Update on priorities and deliverables by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

▪ Overarching priorities:

- (1) Farm to Fork Strategy
- (2) Market disturbances, including COVID-19 and Russian Invasion of Ukraine
- (3) Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- (4) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing & Global Governance
- (5) European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)
- (6) Landing Obligation
- (7) Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)
- (8)) Substantiating Environmental Claims and Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) for unprocessed Marine Fish products
- (9) EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Activities and Draft Technical Screening Criteria for Fishing, Aquaculture Activities

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

▪ Planned recommendations:

1) Work Programme of EUMOFA, including suggestions of analysis topics

- EUMOFA Study on Aquaculture Outlets (19 October 2022)
- EUMOFA Work Programme (3 February 2023)
- EUMOFA Study on Tuna (under consideration in WG1)

2) Annual report on the implementation in 2022 of the landing obligation

- Under consideration in WG1

3) Russian Invasion of Ukraine

- Disturbances in the market of fisheries & aquaculture products (3 February 2023)

4) Legislative Proposal on Revision of Food Information to Consumers Regulation

- Legislative proposal originally planned for Q4 2022 – postponed
- Outside of the Work Programme of DG SANTE for 2023

WORK PROGRAMME OF YEAR 7 (2022-2023)

5) 2023 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- Timeline, data collection, terms of reference (3 February 2023)

6) Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

- Harmonised import controls (under consideration in WG2)

7) Farm to Fork Strategies

- Sustainable Food System Framework (13 December 2022)

8) 2022 Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector

- Proposal to develop joint advice with AAC (WG1)

9) Legislative Proposal on the Revision of the Marketing Standards Framework

- Incorporation of measurement and communication on environmental and social sustainability in fishery and aquaculture products (13 December 2022)

➤ Update on the accounts by Dawlat Bik, Financial Officer

REIMBURSEMENT RULES

- **Update of the guidelines on reimbursement of travel expenses and subsistence allowances**
 - New financial guidelines from DG MARE to AC Secretariats (still not final)
 - Introduction of new suggested values for expenses:
 - Annex IX – Different scales and allowances based on the country of the meeting. In the case of Belgium, the hotel ceiling is 148 and the daily allowance is 102
 - Annex – Daily allowance of 113 and accommodation allowance of 168 per night

STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

➤ Information about update to the Statutes and Rules of Procedure

- New Code of Companies and Associations (Belgium) – need to adapt by 1 January 2024
 - Removal of the precise address, but only mention of region
 - No longer required that number of members exceeds number of directors
 - Minimum notice period for convening general meetings is increased from 8 to 15 days
 - Liability of director is extended to correspond to the liability of company directors
 - Associations can be declared bankrupt
 - Clarifications of scope of day-to-day management
- Modifications and references to new code must be integrated in the Statutes to be proposed by the board of directors and approved by the general assembly.
- Decision of the General Assembly to be filed in the clerk's office of the Commercial Court
- Publication in the Annexes of the Belgian Official Gazette

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Inter-AC Brexit Forum (24 February 2023)

▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Updates from COM:
 - Specialised Committee Fisheries coordination and work programme
 - DG ENV request to ICES on fishing pressure value
 - Management and enforcement measures by Scottish authorities
 - Effort calculation in Trade and Cooperation Agreement
 - Data exchanges between UK and EU on limits for non-quota species

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Inter-Advisory Councils (9 March 2023)

- **Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)**
- **Christine Absil (OIG Vice-Chair)**
- **Julien Lamothe (Sector Vice-Chair / WG1 Chair)**
- **Pierre Commère (WG2 Chair)**
- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Introduction and presentation of MARE A (Maritime Policy & Blue Economy) work
 - Presentation of CFP package
 - Mission Ocean
 - Court of Auditors report on IUU

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Informal meeting with MARE A4 (23 March 2023)

- **Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)**
- **Christine Absil (OIG Vice-Chair)**
- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**
 - Relevance of topics in Work Programme and meeting agendas
 - Topics for an exchange of views with Director Al Khudhairy at 8 June 2023 Executive Committee meeting (Farm to Fork Strategy initiatives)
 - Expansion of MAC membership (attracting more NGOs, broader geographical scope, awareness of Member States authorities)

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Informal meetings in the European Parliament (22 March 2023)

- **Yobana Bermúdez (Chair)**

- **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Informal meeting with MEP Izaskun Bilbao Barandica

- Rapporteur for upcoming EP INI report on CMO Regulation

- Overview of MAC advice on implementation of CMO Regulation

- Invitation for formal exchange about CMO report in the future

- Informal meeting with MEP Pierre Karleskind

- Rapporteur for EP INI report on Chinese fishing operations

- Shadow for EP INI report on impact of illegal fishing on food security

- Overview of MAC advice on CMO + MAC-LDAC advice on China

- Invitation for formal exchange about China report in September 2023



AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**