

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 8 June 2023 (13:30 – 16:00 CET)

BusinessEurope, Av. de Cortenbergh 168, 1000 Brussels

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (30.03.23)

13:40 Action points

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

13:45 Farm to Fork Strategy

- Keynote speech by Delilah Al Khudhairi, Director, MARE A
- Exchange of views

14:30 Membership of General Assembly

- Endorsement of new member Irish South & East Fish Producers Organisation Limited (ISEFPO) from Ireland

14:40 Working Groups

- Reporting by Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1
- Reporting by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2
- Reporting by Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

15:00 Horizon Europe

- Exchange of views about project call "Choose your fish: a campaign for responsible consumption of products from the sea"

15:15 Reimbursement Rules

- Update of the guidelines on reimbursement of travel expenses and subsistence allowances

15:25 Secretariat

- Exchange of views about appointment of the Secretariat

15:35 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Inter-Advisory Councils Secretariats with DG MARE (18 April 2023)



- Inter-AC Brexit Forum (15 May 2023)
- European Maritime Day (24-25 May 2023)

15:45 European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)

- Reporting back on Advisory Board (19 April 2023) meeting

15:50 AOB

15:55 Summary of action points

16:00 End of meeting

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Farm to Fork Strategy	In May 2020, COM published the Farm to Fork Strategy, as part of the European Green Deal, aiming to accelerate the transition of the food EU's food system. Several initiatives have direct and indirect relevance for the EU market of fisheries and aquaculture products. In the recent operational years, the MAC adopted advice on several of the initiatives. The topics is one of the priorities under the WP of Year 7.	Exchange of views with the Director of MARE A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COM Communication - Background Document - Work Programme
Decision	Membership of General Assembly	Irish South & East Fish Producers Organisation Limited (ISEFPO) 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. An endorsement request has been sent to the Irish authorities. In line with the rules of procedure, the Executive Committee shall endorse new nominations of membership.	Decision on endorsement of Irish South & East Fish Producers Organisation Limited (ISEFPO) as new member of the General Assembly.	
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	Horizon Europe	Under the Horizon Framework Programme, a call for "Choose your fish: a campaign for responsible consumption of products from the sea", with the deadline of 20 September 2023, was launched. The project aims for a campaign on seafood and aquaculture consumption choices, more informed decisions by consumers, sustainability of consumption patterns, and knowledge of local and seasonal food.	Exchange of views about the project, including relevance of involvement of the MAC.	- Project call

Decision	Reimbursement Rules	The original reimbursement rules of the MAC foreseen a 100 EUR flat rate per night payable to members where an overnight stay is required. At the 27 January 2023 meeting, there was agreement to raise the flat rate. In the context of the lump-sum approach, COM provided to the AC Secretariats new guidelines on the management of grants, which proposes higher rates of hotel allowance and daily allowance. At the 30 March 2023, the Secretariat presented a preliminary draft for new guidelines on new guidelines.	Consideration of new draft version of guidelines on reimbursements, if COM's guidelines on management of grants are finalised.	- Draft Guidelines on Reimbursements (via email / Members Area)
Information	Secretariat	In line with the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee shall appoint and dismiss the Secretariat. The current services contract, which followed a tender procedure, will conclude on 30 September 2023.	Exchange of views about appointment of the Secretariat.	
Information	Inter-ACs Coordination	On 18 April 2023, DG MARE organised a meeting with the Secretariats of the Advisory Councils, which focused on action points of the policy package and on administrative and financial procedures. On 15 May 2023, there was a meeting of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum, which was established by MAC, PELAC, LDAC, NWWAC and NSAC to exchange on Brexit-related topics. On 24-25 May 2023, the European Maritime Day, organised by COM, took place in Brest, France.	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives.	- Inter-AC Agenda - Brexit Forum Agenda - European Maritime Day
Information	EFCA	The EFCA Advisory Board is composed of one representative designated by each Advisory Council. On 19 April 2023, the Administrative Officer attended a meeting on behalf of the MAC.	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives.	- EFCA Advisory Board