



WORKING GROUP 2 – EU MARKET

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Chair

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AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Pierre Commère
- 14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (29.03.23)
- 14:40 Actions points
- 14:45 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FA)
- 15:15 Trade Agreements & Trade Policy Instruments
- 16:00 Sustainable Fisheries and Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)
- 16:15 *Break*
- 16:30 Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence
- 17:00 Banning Forced Labour
- 17:50 AOB
- 17:55 Summary of actions points
- 18:00 *End of the meeting*

ACTION POINTS (29 MARCH 2023)

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

- The Secretariat, in coordination with the interested members, to shorten the length of the main text of the draft advice on effectiveness of EU controls to prevent illegal imports, while maintaining the recommendations
- Amended draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval via written procedure
- Secretariat to contact the LDAC Secretariat for coordination of potential joint adoption of the draft advice
 - Advice jointly adopted by MAC and LDAC on 21 April 2023

Autonomous Tariff Quotas:

- In the work programme of the next operational year, consider the upcoming public consultation and impact assessment on the inclusion of sustainability requirements in the ATQs instrument
 - Pending

ACTION POINTS (29 MARCH 2023)

European Year of Skills:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval
 - Advice adopted on 30 March 2023 and Commission replied on 11 May 2023

EU-Angola Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement:

- Agreed draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval
 - Advice adopted on 30 March 2023 and Commission replied on 25 April 2023

ACTION POINTS (29 MARCH 2023)

Vice-Chair:

- Chair to inform the Executive Committee about the lack of expressions of interest, plus to schedule the agenda item again in a future meeting, if a member expresses interest
- Executive Committee informed at the 30 March 2023 meeting

AOB:

- Secretariat to circulate questionnaire on the Evaluation of 2019-2024 Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Cabo Verde
- Questionnaire circulated from 4 to 18 March 2023, but no reply received

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION (FAO)

- **Presentation on upcoming database on preferential trade agreements**
 - **Márcio Castro de Souza (FAO)**
- **Exchange of views**

TRADE AGREEMENTS & TRADE POLICY INSTRUMENTS

➤ Update on latest trade developments

▪ Paweł Szatkowski (DG MARE B3)

- EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
- EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement
- EU-Thailand Free Trade Agreement
- EEA Trade Agreement
- Economic Partnership Agreements with ACP countries
- USA's Marine Mammal Protection Act

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS (SFPAS)

- Update on latest trade developments with a focus on supply to local and EU markets
 - Catherine Chapoux (DG MARE B3)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 16:30**

CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE

➤ Update on state-of-play of legislative proposal

▪ István Nemeth (DG GROW)

- Proposal for a directive: 23 February 2022

➤ Exchange of views

GROUP 1

- Full due diligence obligation
- All sectors
- Plan to ensure that their business strategy is compatible with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C in line with the Paris Agreement
- CSRD reporting*
- Directors` duty on due diligence*
- Directors` duty of care *

GROUP 2- Phase-in 2 years

- Due diligence only for severe adverse impacts
- High impact sectors
- CSRD reporting*
- Directors` duty on due diligence*
- Directors` duty of care*

* *Not applicable for non EU companies*

BANNING FORCED LABOUR

- **Presentation of external study on forced labour in the fisheries and aquaculture market**
 - **Sébastien Metz & Nicolas Fournier (Sakana Consultants)**
- **Exchange of views**
- **Way forward**

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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