

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 18 September 2024 (13:30 – 16:00 CET)

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room A), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 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 (03.07.24)

13:40 Action points

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

13:45 Common Fisheries Policy

- Presentation on the ongoing evaluation by Commission representatives (MARE D3 & A4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

15:00 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

15:15 European Parliament

- Information on the organisation of joint event with the Aquaculture Advisory Council and the North Sea Advisory Council to raise awareness about the role of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

15:30 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

- Reporting back on the 36th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (Rome, 8 – 12 July 2024) by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

15:40 Financial Reserves

- Decision on reinvesting part of the accumulated reserves in a savings account

15:50 Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- Decision on relevance of maintaining membership

15:55 AOB



15:55 Summary of action points

16:00 *End of meeting*

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Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Common Fisheries Policy	<p>In March 2024, Commissioner Sinkevičius announced a full evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation with the aim of providing a solid basis to make the best-informed decisions for the future of fisheries and aquaculture. The evaluation, which will also cover Common Market Organisation provisions, will assess the policy's performance in achieving its objectives, economic and environmental implications, and relevance in the context of emerging needs. The Commission launched a call for evidence from 20 June to 6 September 2024. In the Autumn of 2024, an evaluation study will be carried by an external contractor, which will be followed by a public consultation. The Commission agreed to hold dialogue sessions with each Advisory Council. Under the work programme of year 9 (2024-2025), the MAC committed to producing advice on the Common Fisheries Policy and on the Common Market Organisation.</p>	<p>Presentation on the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy by DG MARE representatives. Decision on way forward for the preparation of draft advice by the Working Groups.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Announcement - Call for evidence - 2022 CFP Advice - 2022 CMO Advice
Information	Working Groups	<p>Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.</p>	<p>Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.</p>	
Information	European Parliament	<p>Following the 2024 European elections, a new European Parliament, including Committee on Fisheries, has been established. In a similar manner to 2019, the Secretariat initiated contacts with the Secretariats of the Aquaculture Advisory Council and the North Sea Advisory Council for the organisation of a cross-party event in the European Parliament to raise</p>	<p>Update on the organisation of a joint event in the European Parliament to raise awareness on the role of the Advisory Councils by the Secretary General.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PECH Committee - 2019 Event

		awareness among the newly elected members about the role of the Advisory Councils.		
Information	FAO	The Executive Committee agreed to maintain a collaborative relationship with the FAO, particularly concerning the Committee on Fisheries and the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade. As agreed at the 5 June 2024 meeting, the Secretary General attended the 36 th Session of the Committee on Fisheries from 8 to 12 July 2024, as part of the EU's delegation.	Reporting back on the session by the Secretary General.	- FAO Meeting
Decision	Financial Reserves	At the 31 January 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee agreed that the Finance Officer would proceed with a six-month investment of part of the accumulated financial reserves. The investment in a savings account concluded in August 2024. The Secretariat would like to propose reinvesting again for the next six-month period.	Decision on reinvesting part of the accumulated financial reserves in a savings account.	
Decision	Inter-AC Forum	Brexit The Inter-AC Brexit Forum is composed of the MAC, the NSAC, the NWWAC, the PELAC, the LDAC, the CCRUP. The purpose is to discuss topics of common interest related to the United Kingdom's withdrawal of the UK. The meetings are organised on rotation by the Secretariats of the involved ACs. Until now, the meetings have been focused on fisheries management topics outside of the MAC's area of competence.	Decision on the relevance of maintaining membership.	