

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 29 January 2025 (10:00 – 13:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

10:00 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

10:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (17.09.24)

10:10 Action points

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

10:15 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet

- Presentation of the 2024 edition by Raúl Prellezo (STECF EWG Chair)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:00 European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)

- Overview of 2025 work programme by Commission representative (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

11:30 Break

11:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Update on the testing of the sustainability criteria tool by Gerd Heinen (MARE A4)
- Consideration of new proposal of draft advice on the development of fishery sustainability indicators by STECF
- Way forward

12:30 Common Market Organisation

- Presentation on the section on Producer Organisations of the ongoing study on the Common Market Organisation commissioned by DG MARE by the external consultant
- Exchange of views
- Way forward



13:00 Producer Organisations

- Exchange of views about the workshop on Producer Organisations (28 January 2025)
- Way forward

13:20 AOB

13:25 Summary of action items

13:30 End of meeting

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Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet	The report is published every year by STECF, providing a comprehensive overview on the structure and economic performance of EU fishing fleets. Previously, the MAC adopted advice with suggestions for the Terms of Reference. It is established practice to hold a presentation of the report.	Presentation of the report by the Chair of the Expert Working Group. Decision on way forward (e.g., launch of questionnaire to prepare advice on the Terms of Reference of the next edition)	- MAC Advice - STECF Report
Information	EUMOFA	EUMOFA is a market intelligence tool on the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector developed by the European Commission. Under the annual Work Programme, the MAC committed to providing advice on the work programme of EUMOFA, including suggestions of case studies and talks.	Presentation of the 2025 work programme of EUMOFA by DG MARE representative. Decision on way forward (e.g., later in the year, launch of questionnaire to prepared advice)	- EUMOFA - MAC Advice
Consideration	Sustainability Criteria	At the request of DG MARE, STECF has been developing sustainability criteria and indicators for fishery and aquaculture products. The latest report focused on three fisheries-specific indicators (impact on seabed, impact on targeted stocks, impact on sensitive species), which will be integrated into a voluntary tool. At the 17 September 2024 meeting, there was agreement on a draft advice on the development of the fishery sustainability indicators, but the Executive Committee concluded that further worked was needed. A questionnaire was circulated to gather feedback for a new proposal of draft advice. Additionally, MARE A4 established a group to test the new tool.	Update on the testing of the sustainability criteria tool by DG MARE representative. Consideration of the new proposal of draft advice on the development of fishery sustainability indicators.	- STECF Report - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)
Information	Common Market Organisation	Following up on the report on the functioning of the Common Market Organisation, DG MARE	Presentation on the section on Producer Organisations of the	- Recommendation Letter

		commissioned a study on the provisions related to professional organisations and consumer information. The study will contribute to the ongoing evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy.	ongoing study by a member of the consortium of external consultants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAC Advice - CMO Report
Decision	Producer Organisations	In 2023, the MAC adopted advice on raising awareness on the role of Producer Organisations and committed to the organisation of a workshop. A workshop was organised by the MAC and the SWWAC on 28 January 2025. One of the purposes of the workshop is to develop advice on the functioning of Producer Organisations, and implementation of Production and Marketing Plans.	Exchange of views on the outcomes of the workshop. Decision on way forward (e.g., drafting of advice).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop - Terms of Reference

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