

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Friday, 6 June 2025 (14:00 – 16:00 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:00 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

14:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (28.03.25)

14:10 Action points

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

14:15 Strategy for EU External Fisheries Action

- Presentation on the preparation of the upcoming communication by Fernando Andresen Guimarães (Director, MARE B), including:
 - Sustainable value chains and trade
 - Fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
 - Market contribution of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

15:15 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

15:30 External Representation

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
 - Inter-AC Meeting with DG MARE (8 & 9 April 2025) by Christine Absil (Vice-Chair) and Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (11 April 2025) by Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - Advisory Board and 20th Anniversary of the European Fisheries Control Agency (23 & 24 April 2025) by Daniel Voces (Representative), Guus Pastoor (Deputy Representative) and Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
 - European Maritime Day (21-23 May 2025) by Yobana Bermúdez (Chair) and Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Preparation for the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference (Nice, 9-13 June 2025)



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 + Decision	Strategy for EU External Fisheries Action	Under his mission letter, Commissioner Kadis is committed to the development of a strategic approach to fisheries external action, including by ensuring that Europe retains its international leadership with its zero-tolerance approach to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. At the April 2025 Inter-AC meeting, the Director of MARE B delivered a presentation on the preparation of the strategy. Several of the issues covered, such as sustainable value chains and trade, fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, and the market contribution of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements, fall under the area of competence of the MAC.	Presentation and exchange of views with the Director MARE B on the preparation of the upcoming communication. Decision on way forward (e.g., preparation of advice on the strategy).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission Letter - Presentation
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	External representation	On 8 and 9 April 2025, DG MRAE organised an Inter-AC meeting with the 11 Advisory Councils. On 11 April 2025, the Secretary General attended, as an observer, a meeting of the EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory. On 23 and 24 April 2025, the representative, the deputy representative, and the Secretary General attended a meeting of the Advisory Board and the 20 th anniversary event of the European Fisheries Control Agency. The European Maritime Day took place from 23 to 25 May 2025, which included a participation by the MAC shared at the workshop organised by the Advisory Councils.	Reporting back by the various representatives on the external meetings. Preparation for the 2025 United Nations Oceans Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inter-AC Agenda - AFCO Agenda - Advisory Board - Anniversary Event - European Maritime Day - 2025 United Nations Oceans Conference

		From 9 to 13 June 2025, there will be the 2025 United Nations Oceans Conference in Nice.		
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