

Executive Committee

Draft Agenda

Thursday, 5 February 2026 (15:15 – 17:30 CEST)

European Food Centre (Wandelaarkaai 7 / 61, 8400 Oostende)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

15:15 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez

15:20 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meetings' minutes (02.12.25)

15:25 Action points

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

15:30 General Assembly and Executive Committee

- Presentation of the candidacies for Vice-Chair(s) for the 2026-2029 period
- Appointment

15:45 EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action

- Comprehensive exchange of views on the upcoming communication with Fernando Andresen Guimarães (Director, MARE B), Isabelle Garzon (Adviser on International Affairs) and MARE B3 representatives

17:15 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

17:20 AOB

17:25 Summary of action points

17:30 End of meeting



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Decision	General Assembly and Executive Committee	According to the Statutes, the Vice-Chairmanship of both the General Assembly and the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the members of the Executive Committee. As determined by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242, the Advisory Council shall designate, by consensus, at least one vice-chairperson. In case the chairperson is designated amongst representatives of member organisations, at least one of the vice-chairpersons shall be designated amongst members of the category of sector organisations and other interest groups to which the Chairperson does not belong.	Appointment of the Vice-Chair(s) for the 2026-2029 period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegated Regulation - Statutes - Rules of Procedure - Background document
Information	EU Strategy for External Fisheries Action	The European Commission will be developing a strategy for “fisheries external action”. The initiative aims to set out a strategic approach and steps to ensure a level playing field. The initiative will be integrated in a broader mission to develop a strategic approach to EU ocean diplomacy and of the EU’s wider regional strategies and priorities. On 17 November 2025, the MAC adopted advice on the matter. In the context of the ongoing preparatory work, DG MARE expressed interest in holding a comprehensive exchange of views.	Exchange of views on upcoming strategy with Director of MARE B, MARE Advisor on International Affairs, and MARE B3 representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiative - Advice
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.	