



AGENDA

35th meeting of LDAC Working Group 5 - HORIZONTAL ISSUES

Wednesday 12 March 2025, 09:30-17:00h CEST

Morning session: 09:30h-13:30h

Lunch & Health Break – 13:30h-15:00h

Afternoon session: 15:00h-17:00h

Venue: Hotel Martins Brussels EU - Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels

MORNING SESSION (09:30h-13:30h)

09:30h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of minutes of the last WG5 – 16 October 2024**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**

09:40h

- 4. Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)**
 - 4.1- Discussion between LDAC members on the [public consultation regarding the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy regulation](#) (deadline 21 April 2025)
 - 4.2- Way forward: LDAC Focus Group for a dedicated advice.

10:40h

- 5. Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU)**
 - 5.1- Overview of EU IUU carding process in relation to dialogues with non-EU countries: questions from members to MARE.
 - 5.2- Presentation and discussion on a possible draft LDAC advice on control of imports of fisheries products into the EU market.
 - 5.3- Way forward: next steps for the draft LDAC advice.

HEALTH BREAK 11:45-12:15 h

12:15h

- 6. EU proposal on conservation of fish stocks in relation to products coming from non-sustainable fishing**
 - 6.1- Presentation of Advice from European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) - Javier Garat/Daniel Voces.
 - 6.2- Exchange of views with MARE on the EC reply LDAC advice on the need to address sustainability concerns in the EU-Norway relations (September 2024)
 - 6.3- Way forward: elements for formulation of LDAC letter/advice.



13:00h

7. Social Dimension of CFP and labour issues linked to import and trade

- 7.1- Update of work by the European Social Committee (Europêche and ETF)
- 7.2- Forced labour: proposal to start working on indicators for implementation of the Fisheries Control Regulation, Forced Labour Regulation and Due Diligence Directive.
- 7.3- Next steps: items for LDAC contribution/advice on social dimension.

LUNCH AND HEALTH BREAK 13:30h-15:00h

AFTERNOON SESSION (15:00h-17:00h)

15:00h

8. Update from MARE on the [European Oceans Pact](#)

15:30h

9. International Ocean Governance – Report and update on UN processes

- 9.1- Update on preparations for 3rd UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3, Nice, June 2025) and Our Oceans Conference (Korea, April 2025) and exchange of views with MARE on priorities for these events, in particular, UNOC3.
- 9.2- Way forward: identification of elements for draft LDAC advice on Implementation of IOG agenda of the EU.

16:00h

10. Impact of climate change for high seas fisheries and external fleets:

- 10.1- Update on LDAC work plan.
- 10.2- Next steps: Organisation of a Advice Drafting Focus Group/horizontal event.

16:30h

11. Update on EFCA forthcoming meetings

- 11.1- Outcomes of the last Advisory Board (October 2024) and preparation of the next Advisory Board (Vigo, 23 April 2025)
- 11.2- EFCA 20th Anniversary event (Vigo, 24 April 2025) – decision on LDAC participation and input.

16:50h

12. AOB (only information points)

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