

Aquaculture Advisory Council

General Assembly meeting

14th September 2022 (10:00-12:00 & 14:00–15:00 CET)

Online meeting via Zoom – Interpretation available in EN - FR – ES – IT

Minutes

PARTICIPATION LIST

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Javier Ojeda (Chair)	Laurine Tertre (CNC)	Catherine Pons (FEAP)
Paul Denekamp (1 st Vice-Chair)	Philippe Le Gal (CNC)	Marco Gilmozzi (FEAP)
Addy Risseeuw (2 nd Vice-Chair – Treasurer)	Benoit Salaun (CRC Bretagne Nord)	Luisa Alvarez (FEDEPESCA)
Giuseppe Prioli (AMA)	Phil Brooke (CIWF)	Sandrine Rambert (Fédération Française d’Aquaculture)
Andrea Fabris (API)	Gauthier Lannelongue (CNPMEM)	Alexander Döring (FEFAC)
Garazi Rodriguez (APROMAR)	Angeles Longa Portabales (Consello Regulador do Mexillón de Galicia)	Nancy De Briyne (FVE)
Pier Antonio Salvador (COPA)	Brian Thomsen (Danish Aquaculture)	Yannis Pelekanakis (HAPO)
Bernhard Feneis (COGECA)	Douglas Waley (Eurogroup for Animals)	Christophe Derrien (IPIFF)
Federico Facchin (COPA-COGECA)	Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)	Steven Barbosa (IPIFF)
Leo Kirchmaier (ALFAA)	Danilo Santini (FAI CISL)	Teresa Morrissey (IFA)
Giulia Malerbi (ALI)	Pierpaolo Piva (FAI CISL)	Anna Pýc (Polish Trout Breeders Association)
Marine Levadoux (CIPA)		Stéphane Angeri (SENC)
Anne-Laure Prego-Cauchet (CNC)		Ola Öberg (RECIRKFISK)
		Catalin Platon (ROMFISH)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Excused: Philippe Le Gal (CNC), Ole Christensen (FEFAC)

Invited : Tomáš Vacenovský (Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union)

Observers: Marian Brestovansky (ESSA), Soizic Schwartz (France Ministry for Agriculture), Wasseem Emam (Ethical Seafood Research), Morgane Jolivet (CEREMA), Sarah Horsfall (SAGB)

Secretariat: Cécile Fouquet (AAC Secretariat), Charlotte Musquar (AAC Secretariat)



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MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome words by the Chair

Javier Ojeda (JO) welcomed the participants and confirmed the quorum.

2. Adoption of the agenda and approval of the last extraordinary GA minutes (10 February 2022)

The agenda was approved without any change.

The minutes from the previous Extraordinary General Assembly (GA) meeting (February 10, 2022) were adopted without any change.

3. EU institutions' support to the new aquaculture strategic guidelines for a more sustainable, resilient and competitive aquaculture sector

[The July EU Council Conclusions](#)

Tomáš Vacenovský (Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union – Representative of the Czech Presidency) presented the Council Conclusions on the new aquaculture strategic guidelines for a more sustainable, resilient, and competitive aquaculture sector adopted on the 8th of July 2022¹.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/07/18/council-approves-conclusions-on-the-new-aquaculture-strategic-guidelines-for-a-more-sustainable-resilient-and-competitive-aquaculture-sector/>



The Chair thanked him and recalled that the AAC members are looking forward to the actions in favour of the development of a sustainable EU aquaculture listed in the strategic guidelines and supported by the Council conclusions.

The European Parliament Initiative Report

MEP Clara Aguilera (S&D, Spain) presented via a pre-recorded video² the European Parliament (EP)'s Initiative Report on "striving for a sustainable and competitive EU aquaculture" that had been adopted by the EP PECH Committee and that was expected to be adopted in plenary on the 4th of October³.

4. AAC achievements in 2021-2022

The Secretariat presented the AAC achievements during the past year⁴. These included the work of 27 Focus groups and the approval of 19 sound recommendations.

The AAC members thanked the Chair and the Secretariat for the work and mentioned the good relationship between them, as well as a dynamic and active collaboration that allowed for excellent results. They also thanked the Chair for his inclusive mandate.

Pier Antonio Salvador (COPA) and Stéphane Angeri (SENC) stressed that the relevant European Commission (EC)'s experts should be attending the AAC meetings to have interesting and useful exchanges.

The Chair thanked the Treasurer (Addy Risseeuw) for his work during the past mandate.

5. Update on progress budget 2021-2022

The Secretariat presented an update of the 2021-2022 progress budget.

The GA approved the decision on spending the remaining budget on renewing the AAC website and the leaflet.

6. AAC Elections (Part I)

The Chair presented the process for the Executive Committee (ExCom) elections for the next three years (2022-2025).

The GA elected the following ExCom:

Sector organisation's elected candidates:

Fish farmers • Ola Öberg (Recirkfisk) • Marco Gilmozzi (FEAP) • Pier Salvador (Copa) • Bernhard Feneis (Cogeca)

² <https://aac-europe.org/en/news/multimedia>

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2022-0215_EN.html

⁴ https://aac-europe.org/components/com_rseventspro/assets/images/files/BACKGROUND%20PPT%20-%20GA%20-%2014.09.2022.pdf



Processors and sellers • Luisa Alvarez (Fedepesca) • Wouter Van Zandbrink (CEP)

Feed manufacturers • Ole Christensen (FEFAC)

Shellfish producers • Teresa Morrissey (IFA) • Angeles Longa (Mexillon de Galicia) • Giuseppe Prioli (AMA) • Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)

Workers • Laurine Tertre (CNC)

Other interest groups' (OIG) elected candidates: • Paul Denekamp (Stichting Vissenbescherming) • Douglas Waley (Eurogroup for Animals) • Phil Brooke (CIWF)

Five empty seats remain in the OIG side.

7. AAC 2022-2023

The Secretariat presented the draft Work Programme (WP) for 2022-2023 and explained that it followed the new template requested by the EC. The list of recommendations should only include topics on which the AAC will be able to deliver during the year.

The WP for 2022-2023 was adopted without changes.

The Secretariat presented the draft budget for 2022-2023.

The Treasurer recommended the adoption of the budget as presented.

The budget for 2022-2023 was adopted without changes.

The draft calendar and suggested format of meetings for 2022-2023 were presented by the Secretariat.

The calendar and format of meetings for 2022-2023 were adopted without changes.

8. Election of the AAC Chair, Vice-Chairs and Treasurer for 2022-2025

Brian Thomsen (Danish Aquaculture) was elected by consensus as Chair of the AAC.

Paul Denekamp (Stichting Vissenbescherming) was elected by consensus as 1st Vice-Chair of the AAC.

Philippe Le Gal (CNC) was elected by consensus as 2nd Vice-Chair of the AAC.

Addy Risseeuw (PO Mosselcultuur) was elected by consensus as Treasurer of the AAC.

9. Any other business

Alexander Döring (FEFAC) informed that DG AGRI will be organising a virtual ad-hoc European food security crisis preparedness and response mechanism (EFSCM) meeting on energy crisis impact on food security on the 23rd of September.



10. Date and place of the forthcoming General Assembly meeting

The next GA meeting will take place virtually for an extraordinary meeting on the 1st of February 2023 to approval the final AAC accounts.

The departing Chair (Javier Ojeda) thanked the members of the AAC for their trust and stressed on the importance of increasing the participation of Other Interest Groups representatives in the AAC.

