



# Working Group 2

# Shellfish

**31.05.2023 | 09.00 –  
13:30 CET**



# **WG2 – Shellfish 31.05.23**

**Coming up next:**

**Adoption of the agenda**

## **WELCOME WORDS BY CHAIR**



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## Coming up next:

**Approval last meeting  
minutes (09:05)**

## 1. Approval of the Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda and last meeting's minutes (09:05)
2. Good practices in shellfish farming (09:10)
3. Shellfish farming as a nitrogen sink (09:35)
4. Food safety: arsenic levels (10:00)
5. Action Plan for Marine Ecosystems (10:25)  
//COFFEE BREAK (10:50 – 11:05) //
6. Shellfish health: Norovirus (11:05)
7. Molluscan welfare (11:45)  
//COFFEE BREAK (12:05 – 12:20) //
8. Understanding carbon capture by molluscs (12:20)
9. Emergent pathogens (12:50)
10. WG2 Work Programme and Strategic Guidelines (13:05)
11. AOB & Conclusion (13:20)
  - Fitness check on the Polluter-pays principle



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**Coming up next:**

**Good practices in  
shellfish farming (09:10)**

## **1. Approval of the last meeting's minutes**



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## **Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views with  
the Working Group  
members and next steps**

## **2. Good practices in shellfish farming**

Update on Focus Group activities by Rapporteur **Thibault Pivetta (EMPA)**



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## **Coming up next:**

**Shellfish farming as a  
nitrogen sink (09:35)**

## **2. Good practices in shellfish farming**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps



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the Working Group  
members and next steps

## 3. Shellfish farming as a nitrogen sink

Update on Focus Group activities by Rapporteur **Bruno Guillaumie**  
(EMPA)



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**Coming up next:**

**Food safety: arsenic  
levels (10:00)**

## **3. Shellfish farming as a nitrogen sink**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps





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## Coming up next:

**Exchange of views  
with the Working Group  
members and next  
steps**

## **4. Food safety: arsenic levels**

Information point on the EC consultation on the levels of inorganic arsenic (iAs) by **Wouter Van Zandbrink (CEP)**



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**Coming up next:**

**Action Plan for Marine  
Ecosystems (10:25)**

## **4. Food safety: arsenic levels**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps



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## **Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views with  
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## **5. Action Plan for Marine Ecosystems**

Update by Addy Risseeuw (PO Mosselcultuur) and the Secretariat



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## **5. Action Plan for Marine Ecosystems**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

**Coming up next:**

**Coffee Break (10:50 –  
11:05)**

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**Coming up next:**

**Shellfish health:  
Norovirus (11:05)**

## COFFEE BREAK

10:50 -11:05





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## **Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views with  
the Working Group  
members and next  
steps**

## **6. Shellfish Health: Norovirus**

Presentation of preliminary results of Oxyvir 2 by **Dr Nicolas Boudaud**



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**Coming up next:**

**Molluscan welfare  
(11:45)**

## **6. Shellfish Health: Norovirus**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps



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**Coming up next:**

**Decision on next steps**

## **7. Molluscan welfare**

Update on the Focus Group activities by **Paul Denekamp (FG leader)**





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**Coming up next:**

**Coffee Break (12:05-  
12:20)**

## **7. Molluscan welfare**

Decision on next steps

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**Coming up next:**

**Understanding carbon  
capture by molluscs  
(12:20)**

## COFFEE BREAK

12:05 -12:20





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**Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views with  
the Working Group  
members**

## **8. Understanding carbon capture by molluscs**

Presentation by **Matthias Heilweck**



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**Coming up next:**

**Emergent pathogens  
(12:50)**

## **8. Understanding carbon capture by molluscs**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members



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## **Coming up next:**

**Update on the state of  
play on the Nature  
Restoration Law and the  
Urban Waste Directive**

## **9. Emergent pathogens**

Information on funding opportunities for research by the **Secretariat**



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Exchange of views with  
the Working Group  
members and next steps

## 9. Emergent pathogens

Update on the state of play on the Nature Restoration Law and the Urban Waste Directive by the **Secretariat** and Focus Group leader **Audrey Lainé (CNC)**

## 9. Emergent pathogens

Elements concerning funding for research included in the Commission's response:

- Climate issues related to aquaculture are also in the scope of **Horizon Europe** Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.
- The **EMFAF** may provide funding for animal health monitoring of shellfish stocks and for improving shellfish water quality directly linked to good health of the shellfish if they are included in the national programmes, and in accordance with the eligibility rules defined by the MS.

You can check the eligibility of the projects for EMFAF support with the national authorities in the different Member States (see updated list of contact points: [https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/funding/emfaf\\_en#emfaf-support](https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/funding/emfaf_en#emfaf-support)).

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members and next steps**

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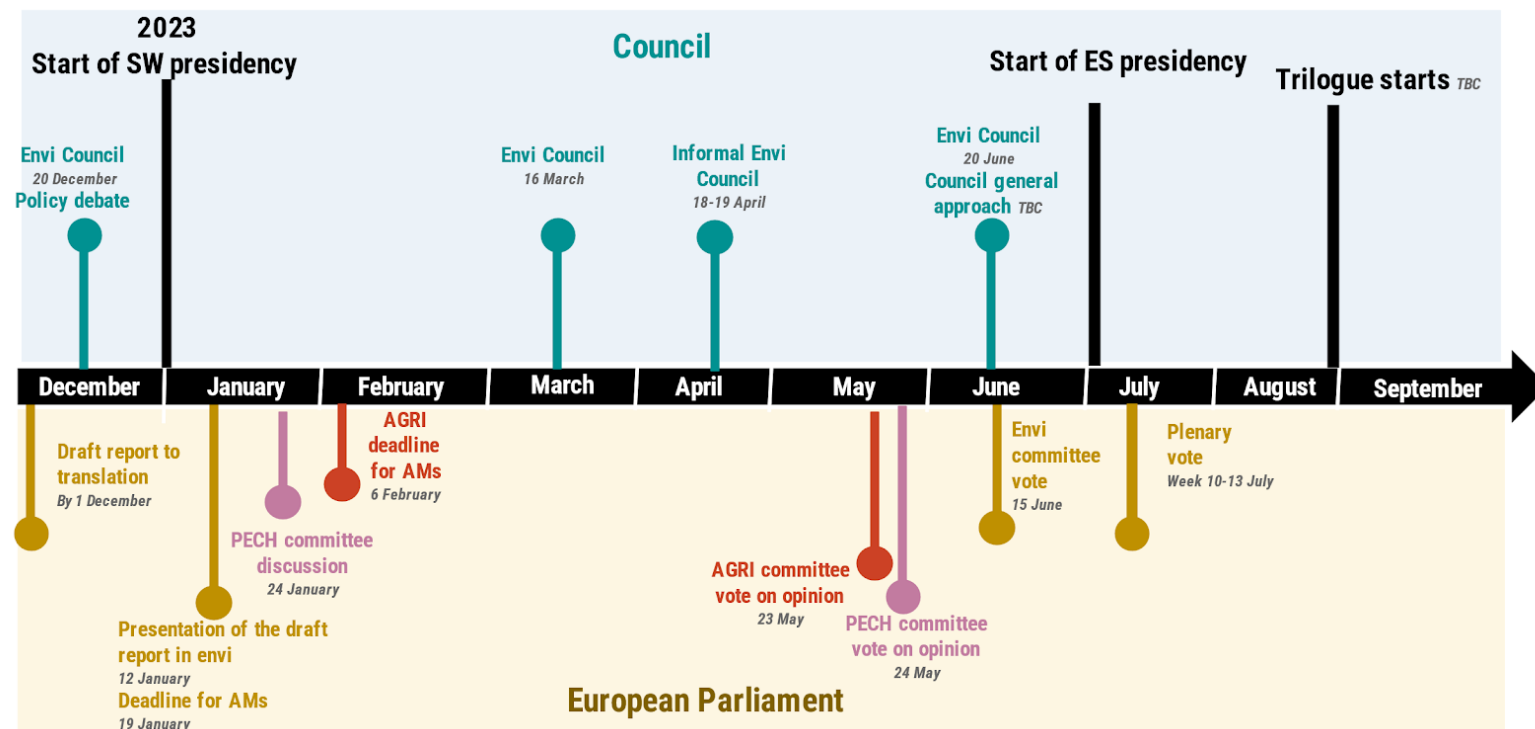
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## 9. Emergent pathogens

Update on the Nature restoration Law negotiations:

### NRL provisional timeline





## **9. Emergent pathogens**

### **Update on the Urban Wastewater treatment Directive negotiations:**

The European Commission tabled its proposal on 26 October 2022, as part of a zero-pollution legislative package.

Draft report by MEP Torvalds presented in COM ENVI on 26 April 2023.  
Deadline for amendments: 5 May. Indicative vote in Plenary: October 2023.

A policy debate took place at the Environment Council on 16 March 2023.  
No general approach yet.

#### **Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views with  
the Working Group  
members and next steps**



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**Coming up next:**

**WG2 Work Programme  
and Strategic Guidelines  
(13:05)**

## **9. Emergent pathogens**

Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps



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**Coming up next:**

**AOB & conclusions  
(13:20)**

## **10.WG2 Work Programme and Strategic Guidelines**

Presentation by the Secretariat

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## Coming up next:

**Approval of Work  
Programme for 2023-  
2024**

## 10.WG2 Work Programme and Strategic Guidelines

Presentation by the **Secretariat** and **DG MARE's** Aquaculture programme for 2024:

- Animal Welfare
- Integration of the aquaculture sector in local communities
- Data collection
- Energy transition
- Guidance on environmental performance
- Ecosystem services of aquaculture (we note that you already contributed with a recommendation on this matter)
- Aquaculture and nature restoration



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**AOB & conclusions  
(13:20)**

## 10.WG2 Work Programme and Strategic Guidelines

Priorities for 2023-2024:

- Shellfish health
- Molluscan welfare

The need to create a stem cell bank and multiplier centers to develop algae aquaculture, and the inventory of good environmental practices of the shellfish sector.

Commitments for 2023-2024:

- Using DG MARE studies to draw a map for the development of low-trophic aquaculture
- Preserve our sovereignty in terms of hatcheries and develop a "pathogen free" label to allow secure exports



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**Coming up next:**

**AOB & conclusions  
(13:20)**

## **10.WG2 Work Programme and Strategic Guidelines**

Approval of Work Programme for 2023-2024



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## **11.Any Other Business & Conclusions of the meeting**

Fitness check on the Polluter-pays principle

# Date and place of the next WG2 meeting



## Date and place of the next WG2 meeting

**BRUSSELS - 25 October 2023, afternoon**

### OCTOBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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**THANK YOU!**

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