



# Working Group 3 Horizontal Issues

## Meeting

11.06.2024 | 15.00 - 17.30 CET

12.06.2024 | 10.30 - 12.15 CET



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**Coming up next:**

**Adoption of the agenda  
and last meeting's  
minutes (15:00)**

**WELCOME WORDS BY THE CHAIR**



## 1. Adoption of the agenda (1/3)

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2. DG MARE updates (15:05)

///COFFEE BREAK: 16:00 -16:30///

3. Consumer information (16:30)
4. Aquaculture Policy Reform (16:45)

Conclusion of the first day of meeting (17:30)

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**Coming up next:**

**Adoption of the agenda  
(2/3)**



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**Coming up next:**

**Adoption of the agenda  
(3/3)**

## **1. Adoption of the agenda (2/3)**

Welcome words by the Chair for day 2 (10:30)

5. Research for aquaculture (10:30)

6. Update on ongoing WG3 work (11:00)

7. AAC WG3 Work Programme (11:30)

8. AOB and conclusions of the WG3 meeting (11:55)

End of the meeting: 12:15



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**Coming up next:**

**Adoption of the last  
meeting's minutes**

## **1. Adoption of the agenda (3/3)**

### **AOB**

- Any Other Business?



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**Coming up next:**

**2. DG MARE updates  
(15:05)**

**1. Adoption of last meeting's minutes**



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## **2. DG MARE updates**

Presentation by **Lorella De La Cruz** and **Lana Bezinovic Sostar** (DG MARE, A2, “Aquaculture Team”)

**Coming up next:**

**Exchange of views  
with the members**



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**Coming up next:**

**Coffee break (16:00)**

## **2. DG MARE updates**

Exchange of views with the members



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**Coming up next:**

**3. Consumer information  
(16:30)**

## COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 16:30





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### **Coming up next:**

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

## **3. Consumer information**

Update on FG activities by the Secretariat and Pedro Reis Santos (MAC Secretariat)



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## **3. Consumer information**

Joint Focus Group with the MAC

Observers joining from HOTREC and FoodServices Europe

Expert presentations by DG MARE's Market Unit and FEDEPESCA

First draft recommendation discussed at online FG meeting on 28/5



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## **3. Consumer information**

### **Structure of the recommendation**

1. Introduction
2. Policy initiatives from the European Commission
3. Previous advice/recommendations of the AAC and the MAC
4. Products and segments covered by article 35 of the CMO
  - a) Mandatory information
  - b) Products
  - c) Final customer/retail/mass caterer
5. The core issues
6. Recommendations

## **3. Consumer information**

### **Draft recommendations**

1. Access by consumers to information on CN code 16 products including: a) The commercial designation of the species and its scientific name, b) The production method (caught or farmed) and c) The area where the product was caught or farmed should be further facilitated.
2. The Commission is encouraged to consider the above in the planned legislative proposal for a framework for a sustainable food system, in the ongoing evaluation and potential revision of the CFP (CMO included), and in the planned legislative proposal for a revision of Regulation No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.
3. The Commission is asked to draft a guidance to retailers, mass caterers and Member States on how to distinguish between CN code 3 and Code 16 products. The guidance should also include options for how the information can be effectively communicated (i.e., posters, billboards, websites, apps). The guidance should take into account that the mass catering sector is mainly composed of SMEs and microenterprises.



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## **3. Consumer information**

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**4. Aquaculture Policy  
Reform (16:45)**



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## **4. Aquaculture Policy Reform**

Presentation of draft recommendation by the Secretariat

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**Exchange of views with  
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## 4. Aquaculture Policy Reform

Focus Group leader: Brian Thomsen

Recommendation status: **adopted by the Focus Group**

Structure:

### Background

- Current EU aquaculture policy framework
- Policy impact and efficiency

### Justification

- The need for a new policy framework on aquaculture
- The aquaculture policy reform
- The reform elements

### Recommendations



## 4. Aquaculture Policy Reform

### Justification

- The aquaculture policy reform

Explicit mention of a split of views between “sector organisations” and “other interested stakeholders”.

- The reform elements

### → **Establish an Aquaculture Sustainability Regulation (ASR)**

For aquaculture to contribute to the transition towards fairer and more sustainable EU food systems.

Including clear sustainability indicators (environmental, economic viability, social and animal welfare).

### → **Performance and Evaluation Framework (PMEF)**

To overcome the current policy implementation failures by introducing a robust framework for monitoring progress and impact of the APR – Indicators and monitoring



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## **4. Aquaculture Policy Reform**

### **. The reform elements**

- Establish a CMO regulation on aquaculture products**
- Amend the legal framework for POs and IBOs**
- Improve coherence between aquaculture policy objectives and EU environmental directives**

### **Recommendation:**

**Call to Member States and the Commission to open a dialogue on aquaculture policy.**

**Creation of an Aquaculture Unit in the European Commission.**



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## **4. Aquaculture Policy Reform**

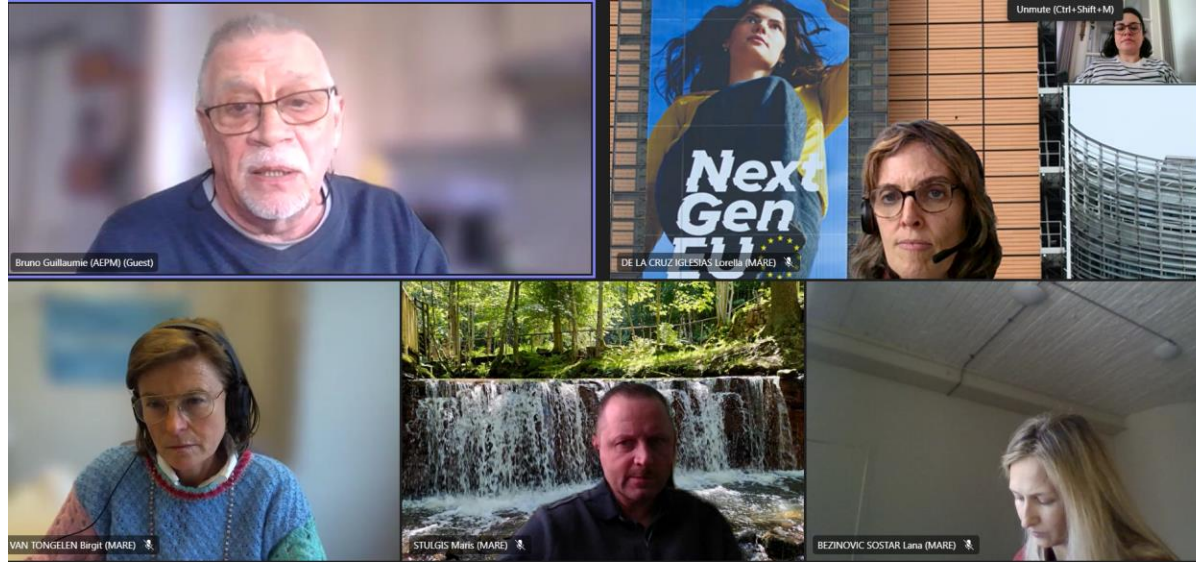
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**Coming up next:**

**End of first meeting  
day (17:30)**



# Last AAC meetings session for Bruno Guillaumie



Merci pour tout, Bruno! You will be missed.





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**Conclusion of the first day of meeting**

See you again tomorrow at 10:30!

**Coming up next:**

**End of the meeting  
(17:30)**



# THANK YOU!

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