



DRAFT AGENDA ([VERSION: 5 October](#))

38th meeting of LDAC Working Group 5 - HORIZONTAL ISSUES

**Venue: *Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont*
Bd Charlemagne 11/19, 1000 Bruxelles**

DAY 1 (Thursday 15th October) AFTERNOON SESSION (14:00-17:00h CET)

14:00h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of minutes of the last WG5 – 11-12 March 2026**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**

14:15h

4. EU Common Fisheries Policy: External Dimension

- 4.1- Summary of the Chair on state of play and timeline of DG MARE legislative
- 4.2- Presentation by the Spanish General Secretariat for Fisheries of the report on "[Strengthening the external dimension of EU fisheries in the context of the 2040 vision for fisheries and aquaculture](#)" (Information from Spain, France, Latvia, Lithuania and Portugal) TBC
- 4.3- European Ocean Board
- 4.4- Discussion and next steps

15:00h

5. EU fisheries Control Regulation

- 5.1- Report from Chair/secretary on Inter-AC session with MARE Control Unit (Brussels, 16 July 2026)
- 5.2- Analysis by WG5 to EC replies ([EC reply 1](#) & [EC reply 2](#)) to LDAC letters on implementation of new EC Fisheries Control Regulation - provisions related to EU external fishing fleet: issues pending of reply and way forward.

HEALTH BREAK 15:15h-15:30h

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

- 6.1- EC update on the state of play of the Due Diligence Directive
- 6.2- Presentation on "Hands for the Ocean" (OPAGAC)
- 6.3- Presentation on [Voices of the Sea](#) initiative (Margot Angibaud, EBFA)
- 6.4- Presentation on EU Social Partners project – Pillars of the Sea IV (ETF)
- 6.5- Update on draft LDAC Advice: "Guide to protective measures in the event of harassment on long-distance fishing vessels"



17:00h

CLOSE OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION

DAY 2 (Friday 16th October 2026) - MORNING SESSION (09:30-12:00h CET)

09:30h

7. Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU)

7.1- Overview of EU IUU carding process in relation to dialogues with non-EU countries: feedback by MARE on questions from members.

7.2- Exchange of views with LDAC members and identification of target countries to work on an advice

10:15h

8. International Ocean Governance:

8.1- BBNJ: Update from DG MARE on policy developments and state of play of [EC proposal for a directive](#)

8.2- Report from MARE on [COFI 37](#), FAO (7-11 September 2026)

HEALTH BREAK (11:00-11:20h)

8.3- Report from the Executive Secretary on [11th Our Ocean Conference](#) (Mombasa, June 2026)

8.4- Briefing on [ICES annual Science Conference](#) (ASC 2026) (by Margot Angibaut, Européche)

8.5- Next steps

12:00h - CLOSING REMARKS