

AGENDA

How should the next generation of EU Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) look like?

Brussels, Wednesday 8 April 2026 (09:30-17:30h)

Key words:

Policy coherence for development and fisheries; Transparency of fishing activities; International Ocean Governance; Ocean Diplomacy; Regional network; Level Playing Field for EU and non-EU fleets; Environmental sustainability; Economic competitiveness of EU fishing fleets; traceability of value chain; Cohabitation with relevant actors; Social responsibility; development of coastal communities in Africa; Fishing access, value addition and sectoral support; stakeholder engagement;

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

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MORNING SESSION (09:30-13:00)

09:30-10:00 h - Opening – welcome and institutional statements:

09:30 – 09:45h – Welcome by hosts (5 min each):

- Iván López van der Veen (LDAC Chair)
- Javier Garat (EESC NAT)

09:45 – 10:00h (5-7 minutes each)

Keynote speakers:

- Fernando Andresen Guimaraes – Director B, DG MARE
- Isabella Lövin – European Parliament Vice Chair of DEVE / PECH MEP
- EU Presidency of the Council (Cyprus)

10:00-11:15h

Session 1: The value of EU SFPAs for international governance and sustainable fisheries.

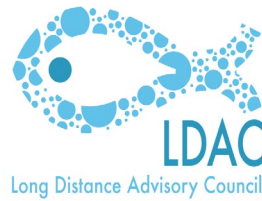
Keynote speaker: Francisco Millán Mon (MEP EPP)

Moderator /rapporteur: Daniel Voces (LDAC Vice-Chair of WG5 Horizontal Issues)

Members of the Panel: Luis Molledo (Head of Unit B3 SFPAs MARE); Teresa Molina (Spain MAPA); Guus Pastoor (Seafood Europe); Anne-France Mattlet (EUROPECHE); Vanya Vulperhost (OCEANA);

COFFEE BREAK& NETWORKING (11:15-11:45h)





11:45-13:00h

Session 2 - Exploring future Pathways: How can SFPAs contribute to achieve social, economic and environmental sustainability of partner countries?

Moderator/rapporteur: Béatrice Gorez (LDAC Chair of WG4 SFPA)

Members of the Panel: Javier Garat (CEPESCA); Taoufik El Ktiri (ATLAFCO-COMHAFAT); Gaoussou Gueye (AFRIFISH-Net); Sven Biermann (FiTI); Benoit Caillart (F&S);

LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING (13:00-14:30h)

AFTERNOON SESSION (14:30-17:30h)

14:30-17:15h

Session 3: The SFPAs in practice: Operational & practical aspects.

This session will be subdivided in three separate panels (45 min each) to allow reflecting on different fleet segments and modalities.

14:30 – 15:15h

Sub-Panel 3.1. Demersal and deep-sea fisheries

Keynote speaker: Nicolas González (MEP S&D);

Moderator/rapporteur: Carlos Aldereguía (Director General for Fisheries - Junta de Andalucía)

Members of the Panel: Euclides dos Santos Cunha (Guinea Bissau); José Ramón Muriel (ANAMAR); Juan C. Martín (ANACEF-OPROMAR); Barbara Pilz (EJF).





15:15-16:00h

Sub-Panel 3.2. Tuna fisheries

Keynote speaker: Oihane Agirregoitia (MEP RENEW)

Moderator / rapporteur: Ixone Soroa – Director General Fisheries - Basque Country;

Members of the Panel: Julio Morón (OPAGAC); Michel Goujon (ORTHONGEL); Edelmiro Ulloa (OPNAPA); Alessandro Buzzi (WWF).

HEALTH BREAK & NETWORKING (16:00-16:30h)

16:30 – 17:15h

Sub-Panel 3.3. Small pelagics in West Africa

Moderator / rapporteur: Esteban Cipriano (Director General Pesca - Gobierno de Canarias)

Members of the Panel: Anaid Panossian (DGAMPA France); Tim Heddema (Dutch pelagic freezer trawler association); Dr Hamady Diop (Independent Consultant); Arni Matthiesen (GRMI).

17:15-17:30H

Closing Session: Summary and next steps

Co-rapporteurs: Daniel Voces, Béatrice Gorez, LDAC Secretary

Closing by LDAC Chair / Vicechair



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