



Draft AGENDA

36th meeting of LDAC Working Group 5 - HORIZONTAL ISSUES

Wednesday 15th October 2025, afternoon session 14:00-17:00h CEST

Thursday 16th October 2025, morning session 09:30-12:30h CEST

Venue: NH Brussels Carrefour de l'Europe

(Rue Marche aux Herbes-Grasmarkt Straat, 110, Brussels

Metro/train: Brussels Central)

AFTERNOON SESSION (15th October, 14:00h-17:00h)

14:00h

- 1. Welcome by the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of minutes of the last WG5 – 12 March 2025**
- 3. Adoption of the agenda**

14:10h

- 4. Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)**
 - 4.1- Update from DG MARE regarding the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy regulation
 - 4.2- Exchange of views and way forward

14:30h

- 5. Implementation of revised Fisheries Control Systems: aspects related to external fleets**
 - 5.1- Update from MARE on state of play and next Inter-AC stakeholder meeting
 - 5.2- Feedback from LDAC on provisions related to external fleet
 - 5.3- Way forward

15:00h

- 6. Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU)**
 - 6.1- Presentation/film by EJF on IUU fishing in the squid fishery of the Southwest Atlantic and reaction by the members

15:30h

- 6.2- Overview of EU IUU carding process in relation to dialogues with non-EU countries: feedback by MARE on questions from members.
- 6.3- Exchange of views with MARE
- 6.4- Way forward: next steps for drafting LDAC advice.



HEALTH BREAK 15:50-16:00 h

16:00h

7. Presentation by Sabina Goldagacena on ITF investigated report on labour and human rights abuses of migrant fishers

[Labour Exploitation in Distant Water Fishing Vessels Registered With the SPRFMO: | ITF Global](#)

16:30h

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

8.1- Presentation of the Commission's [proposals to amend the due diligence Directive](#)

8.2- EC update on the [Forced Labour Regulation](#) (expert group on forced labour...)

8.3- Update of work by the European Social Committee (Europêche and ETF)

8.4- Next steps

16:55h

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MORNING SESSION (16th October, 09:30h-12:30h)

09:30h

9. EU strategy for fisheries external action: exchange of views with DG MARE

9.1- Update by Secretariat on process

9.2- Next steps

10:00h

10. International Ocean Governance: BBNJ

10.1- Update/presentation from DG MARE on the proposal for a [directive](#)

10.2- How is the EU preparing for this International Framework? (EP-TBC)

10.3- Way forward: identification of elements for draft LDAC advice on the Implementation of the IOG agenda of the EU.

10:50h

11. Commission proposal for a Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034:

11.1- Presentation by the European Commission

11.2- Exchange of view with members

HEALTH BREAK 11:30-11:45h

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12. European Fisheries Control Agency



- 12.1- Update from EFCA on work priorities related to the international dimension (including catch certification checks and state of play of involvement in EU projects outside Europe and Indian Ocean JDP).
- 12.2- Exchange of views with LDAC
- 12.3- Members' priorities for the next EFCA Advisory Board (21 Oct 2025)

12:20h

AOB (only information points)

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