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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Title:**

**Focus Group Climate and Environment**

**Chair:**

Alexandra Philippe, EBCD

**Vice-Chair:**

Arthur Yon, FROM Nord

**Rapporteur:**

Mo Mathies, NWWAC Secretariat

**Working language:**

English / French

**Time frame and deadline:**

This Focus Group is a standing group.

The group will work via virtual meetings and written electronic procedure. Face to face meetings for all group members may be organised should this be required.

The FG Climate Change and Environment will function within the Horizontal Working Group. Papers produced will undergo a written procedure at the NWWAC ExCom for revision and adoption.

**Objective:**

**Focus Group**

**Proposal:**

With the new mandate of the European Commission for 2024–2029 (Von der Leyen II), the political priorities centre on enabling the EU's decarbonisation objectives and achieving climate neutrality, while ensuring that European industries can continue to thrive and remain competitive globally. The *Competitiveness Compass* and the *Clean Industrial Deal* embody this ambition.

The *Ocean Pact*, released in June 2025, translates these objectives for the blue economy sectors, while the forthcoming *Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture 2040* will refine them further for the fisheries sector.



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The **Focus Group on Climate** will monitor the different initiatives of the Commission related to climate and the environment, particularly those concerning the implementation of the Nature Restoration Law, the energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, the revision of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, and developments on blue foods. It will also follow the relevant international processes.

To ensure a coherent approach, the group will liaise with the **FG CFP** on any developments arising from the Commission's CFP evaluation and potential reform. It will also coordinate with the joint **NWWAC-PelAC FG on the Spatial Dimension** on any relevant developments or overlaps, as well as with the **NWWAC geographic Working Groups** and the **FG Landing Obligation**, particularly regarding climate impacts on stock status where identified.

## Members

Name	Organisation	Country	
Jérôme Jourdain	Union Des Armateurs A La Peche De France	FR	IND
John Lynch	ISEFPO	IE	IND
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