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European Union

Latest Official Journal Publications

Here are this month's Official Journal **publications** related to fisheries:

Implementing and Delegated Regulations

- [Commission Delegated Regulation](#) (EU) 2017/1575 of 23 June 2017 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the common fisheries policy
- [Commission Implementing Regulation](#) (EU) 2017/1756 of 26 September 2017 repealing Regulation (EU) No 1013/2010 laying down implementing rules on the Union Fleet Policy as defined in Chapter III of Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002

Opinion

- [Opinion](#) of the European Committee of the Regions on 'A new stage in the European policy on blue growth'

Agreement

- [Association Agreement](#) between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part
- [Framework Agreement](#) between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Australia, of the other part

Action

- [Action](#) brought on 14/07/2017: António Conde & Companhia vs EC.
The applicant claims that the Court should annul the EC's decision refusal to forward promptly to the Secretary of the NEAFC the names of the Portuguese-licensed vessels SANTA ISABEL and CALVÃO, and order the EC to pay the costs.

Judgement of the Court

- [Judgment of the Court](#) of 13/09/2017: Salvatore Aniello Pappalardo and Others v EC
By their appeal, Salvatore Aniello Pappalardo and Others asked the Court of Justice to set aside the [judgment of the General Court of the EU of 27 April 2016](#) regarding the action for damages brought by Italian fishermen following the Commission's early ban on bluefin tuna fishing in 2008. The Court dismissed the appeal and ordered Salvatore Aniello Pappalardo and Others to pay the costs.

Authorisation

- [Authorisation](#) for State aid pursuant to Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union - Cases where the Commission raises no objections



European Commission

Latest proposals, communications & other instruments

Here are this month's proposals, communication, staff working documents, decision and opinion from the European Commission:

Proposals

- Proposal for a [Council Decision](#) on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, at the next three meetings of the International Whaling Commission including related inter-sessional meetings and actions (+ [Annex](#)).
- Proposal for a [Council Regulation](#) fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea (+ [Annex](#)).
- Proposal for a [Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council](#) amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy
- Proposal for a [Council Regulation](#) on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Mauritius.

- Proposal for a [Council Regulation](#) on the conclusion of a Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Mauritius (+ [Annexes](#))
- Proposal for a [Council Decision](#) on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of a Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Mauritius (+ [Annex](#))
- Proposal for a [Council Decision](#) on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, at the next three meetings of the International Whaling Commission including related inter-sessional meetings and actions (+ [Annex](#))
- Proposal for a [Council Decision](#) Denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros, adopted by Council Regulation (EC) No 1563/2006 of 5 October 2006

Decisions

- [Commission Implementing Decision](#) amending Implementing Decision C(2014) 10068 approving the operational programme "Operational Programme for the Development of Fisheries for 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Latvia
- [Commission Decision](#) on the Financial consequences regarding certain expenditure co-financed by the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) for the Single Programming Document for Slovenia Objective 1 Programme 2004-2006 (upon request)
- [Commission Implementing Decision](#) amending Decision C(2016)8422 of 15 December 2016 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2017 and the financing decision for the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (upon request)

Recommendations

- [Recommendation](#) for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Australia (+ [Annex](#))
- [Recommendation](#) for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand (+ [Annex](#))

Staff working documents

- [Commission staff working document](#) Impact Assessment accompanying the document Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Australia

- [Commission staff working document](#) Impact Assessment accompanying the document Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with New Zealand.

Events

► **State of the fish stocks and the Economics of the Fishing Fleets**

On the 26th of September, the EC held its annual seminar "State of the Fish Stocks and the Economics of Fishing fleets". The Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr Karmenu Vella, as well as DG MARE's Director General, Mr João Aguiar Machado, both participated to the seminar. The following topics were covered:

- Comparison of EU and US fisheries management systems by Ernesto Penas Lado, DG MARE
- Economic performance of the EU fishing fleet, by Michael Keatinge, STECF
- Long-term trends with respect to Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) by Ernesto Jardim, JRC
- Biological status and developments of the main stocks in the Northeast Atlantic by Eskild Kirkegaard, ICES, and in the Mediterranean by Clara Ulrich, STECF

→ Read more [here](#).

Press Releases

► **EU pursued ambitious agenda for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation**

The European Union participated in the meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, which took place in Montreal from 18 to 22 September 2017. Representatives of 12 Contracting Parties deliberated on conservation and enforcement measures for this regional fisheries management organisation (RFMO). The meeting took place for the first time under a revised NAFO Convention. The focus of the meeting was to set the total allowable catch (TAC) for fish stocks under this organisation to ensure their sustainable management. The EU sought solutions based on the best available scientific advice, aiming to ensure sustainability for the stocks and predictability for the industry's future.

→ Read more [here](#).

► Commission proposed Baltic Sea fishing opportunities for 2018 with increased quotas for herring and salmon

In particular, the Commission proposed to increase catches for Central Herring, Sprat and the Main Basin Salmon stocks, and to maintain the number of catches for the important stock of Western Baltic Cod. For the remaining stocks the Commission proposed reducing catches. This year's proposal also includes a ban on Baltic Eel fisheries, not traditionally a part of the annual allowable catch proposals but a necessary step due to alarming scientific evidence and historically low levels.

→ Read more [here](#).

► New scientific report shows positive economic trends for EU fishing fleet

According to the latest Annual Economic Report, the overall economic performance of the EU fishing fleet improved again in 2015.

While marginally profitable in 2009, the EU fleet registered record-high net profits of EUR 798 million in 2015 and estimates for 2016 and 2017 point towards further increases in profitability. The report also demonstrates that economic performance stagnates where fleets depend on stocks which are still overfished or overexploited. More and more fleets that exploit stocks sustainably see clear improvements in their profitability and salaries.

Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for environment, maritime affairs and fisheries, said: "*It is encouraging to see that the positive trend of the last years has resulted in higher salaries for fishermen, bigger profits for the fishing sector and more value added for the EU's fishing and coastal communities. This clearly shows that our joint commitment towards more sustainable fishing pays off. But more efforts are needed to allow also small scale coastal fleets, in particular in the Mediterranean and Black Sea, to fully benefit from this positive trend. Continued progress towards Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) in all sea basins will therefore be a precondition for achieving economic viability.*"

→ Read more [here](#) , and click [here](#) for the report.





European Parliament

European Parliament's Plenary session

► Whale hunting in Norway

An [oral question](#) on whale hunting in Norway was submitted to the EC on the 22nd June 2017 by MEPs Sirpa Pietikäinen, Renata Briano, Mark Demesmaeker, Catherine Bearder, Anja Hazekamp, Keith Taylor, Eleonora Evi, on behalf of the ENVI Committee.

A [motion for a Resolution](#) was released by the European Parliament ENVI Committee in September 2017 to the Plenary for adoption and several amendments were tabled (amendments [1-4](#) and [5-10](#)).

During the EP Plenary session, MEPs voted on the amendments and on the motion for a Resolution as a whole which was **adopted**.

► Multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks

Following the legislative [proposal](#) by the EC for a Regulation on establishing a multi-annual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, the PECH Committee released a [draft report](#) together with [amendments 33-314](#) and [315-321](#) to this proposal.

In June 2017, the PECH Committee voted on the draft report and its proposed amendments, and the report was **adopted**. The committee also voted on the mandate to enter into negotiations, but this was **rejected**.

In July 2017, a [draft report](#) together with [amendments 001-078](#), [079-079](#), [080-085](#), [086-091](#), [092-096](#), [095-095r1](#), [097-097](#), [098-099](#), [100-100](#), and [101-101](#) to this proposal were published.

During the EP Plenary session, MEPs voted on the amendments on the EC proposal as a whole, which was **adopted**. MEP Ulrike Rodust asked for this report to be referred back to the PECH Committee to start the inter-institutional negotiations, and this was **adopted**.

Committee on Fisheries

The PECH Committee, at its meeting of the 25th September, discussed the following issues:

► Exchanges of views

- **Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)**

Following the EC legislative [proposal](#) in March for a Regulation laying down Management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), MEPs and the EC discussed the [amendments](#) proposed by the PECH Committee. The deadline for amendments is the **03/10**.

- **Optimisation of the value chain in the EU fishing sector**

This own-initiated report was attributed to the S&D group on 21st of June and MEP Aguilera was appointed rapporteur. This report aims at supporting the efforts made to improve employment in the fisheries sector and economic conditions of fishermen. MEPs had a first exchange of views on what should be included in this report.

► Exchanges of views with the Commission

- **Proposed eel quotas in the Baltic Sea for 2018**

Following the release in August 2017 of a EC legislative proposal for a [Council Regulation](#) fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea (+ [Annex](#)), the PECH Committee had an exchange of views with the Commission regarding the proposal: "It shall be prohibited for Union fishing vessels to fish for, to retain on board, to tranship or to land European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*).

- **Delegated acts and implementing acts**

Currently, the PECH Committee is examining 1 delegated act: [Commission Delegated Regulation](#) amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2374 establishing a discard plan for certain demersal fisheries in South-Western waters: deadline for what on the **05/11**.

Publications

► PECH Committee publications

Here are this month's publications by the PECH Committee:

- [Report](#) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy
- [Draft report](#) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
- [Draft report](#) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
- [Opinion](#) on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018
- [Draft opinion](#) on preparing Parliament's position on the MFF post-2020
- [Working document](#) on Fisheries in Japan (summary)
- [Recommendation for a decision](#) to raise no objections to the Commission Delegated Regulation of 12 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the distribution of funds under direct management among objectives of the IMP and the CFP

European Parliament Think Tank¹

Here are the latest fisheries-related briefings, studies and fact sheets published this month:

► Research for PECH Committee - Marine recreational and semi-subsistence fishing - its value and its impact on fish stocks

This study assesses the value and impact on fish stocks of marine recreational and semi-subsistence fisheries in Europe. Total economic impact of marine recreational fishing amounts to 10.5 billion euro, supporting almost 100,000 jobs. The impact varies between fish stocks, representing 2-72% of total catch. The marine recreational fisheries are biologically and economically important, so should be included in stock assessment to ensure sustainability, and considered a sector for development alongside commercial fisheries and aquaculture under the Common Fisheries Policy.

→ Read it [here](#).

► **In-Depth Analysis: Aquaculture: An overview for the European Union**

This document aims to provide the reader with an overview of the state of aquaculture in the European Union, its diversity and challenges. It addresses the policy at European level to give impetus to this sector of activity in the Member States as well as prospects for development in the coming years (although it is not possible at this stage to take account of the changes that will result from the future exit of the United Kingdom of the Union).

→ Read it [here](#) (only in French).

► **Study: Regional ocean governance in Europe: the role of fisheries**

This study requested by the European Parliament (PECH Committee) examines regional ocean governance in the European regional seas in the context of fisheries. It assesses key regional organisations (the Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) and Regional Seas Conventions (RSCs)) examining the mechanisms by which they cooperate and coordinate as well as their outcomes, within the context of EU policy.

→ Read it [here](#).

► **Study: Fisheries in Japan**

This study was requested by the Committee on Fisheries of the European Parliament for its Delegation to Japan (18-22 September 2017). The note provides a review of the main characteristics and specificities of Japan fisheries sector and related activities. It provides an overview of issues such as the legal and institutional framework, fisheries management, catches, the fishing fleet, fishing industry, trade, employment, the fish market and marine research.

→ Read it [here](#).

► **Briefing: Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries**

The briefing gives an update on the state of the play of the Multiannual plan for North Sea demersal fisheries. As a reminder, the European Parliament is due to decide a position in plenary in advance of interinstitutional negotiations on a legislative proposal for a multiannual plan to manage some fisheries in the North Sea. For its part, the Council adopted its general approach in April 2017.

→ Read it [here](#).

► **EU fact sheet: Pacific**

The EU is the Pacific region's fourth trading partner, although the volume of trade is small in both absolute and relative terms. The EU is currently preparing to negotiate free trade agreements with Australia and New Zealand, which are important trading partners. The EU has partnerships in the

region with the 15 Pacific Independent Island Countries (PICTs), focused on development, fisheries and climate change, four Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

→ Read it [here](#).

► **Transposing international measures for Atlantic tuna fisheries into EU law**

Following the approval, in June 2017, of the outcome of interinstitutional negotiations by the Committee on fisheries, the EP is due to vote on a proposal for a regulation concerning the conservation of tuna and tuna-like species, and the management of fisheries targeting these stocks in the Atlantic Ocean, with a view to reaching a first-reading agreement. This legislative proposal aims to transpose into EU law a number of binding recommendations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). To become applicable, notably to operators such as the masters of fishing vessels, these measures must be enacted in EU law. The EC is also proposing that future ICCAT recommendations for some fisheries management measures should become part of EU law through delegated acts. Owing to its purpose (transposition of internationally agreed measures), this legislative proposal is not accompanied by an impact assessment and was not the subject of a public consultation.

→ Read it [here](#).

Events

► **Copernicus Marine Service**

A dedicated morning session on Copernicus Marine Service was organised by EBCD as Secretariat to the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change Biodiversity and Sustainable Development, chosen for its emblematic role: an open forum for discussion, that gave all stakeholders the chance to convey their messages right in the heart of the European Union. The event was chaired by MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos chair of the Intergroup "Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services" working group. This conference was the occasion to highlight the many ways the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service supports Public Authorities in the implementation of the EU directive (e.g. MSFD), contributes to blue growth development, supports the private sector in their respective markets and is engaged in ocean literacy. Stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and civil society highlighted today's achievements, answered questions, as well as discussed the challenges of tomorrow.

This session was part of the Copernicus Marine week (25th to 29th September): a week-long dedicated [event](#), each day covering different themes, from science to operations, and from R&D to production.

→ Read more [here](#).



Advisory Councils

Aquaculture Advisory Council

► **Meetings**

The AAC met in Brussels and covered the following topics:

- **the WG 1 - Fish:**
 - Update on the sub-working group on Animal Health, on Animal Welfare, on level playing field and on fish feeds.
- **the WG 3 – Horizontal issues:**
 - Presentation from Tom West on MSP criteria
 - Update on the work of the subgroup drafting a concept on the sustainable aquaculture
 - Discuss “Fish in and fish out” -- can we agree on a common line?
 - WG3 work plan for 2018 + vote
- **the Executive Committee:**
 - Work program and Budget
 - Administrative issues
 - Working groups related topics
 - Call for tenders – permanent secretariat (discussion)
- **the General Assembly:**
 - Update on work done by AAC this 2016-2017
 - Budget and Work Program updates 2017-2018
 - Working groups – update by chairs of the WGs

Baltic Sea Advisory Council

► **Publications**

The BSAC published the following recommendations / documents:

- [BSAC proposals for possible ways forward to improve the situation of European eel](#)
- [BSAC contribution to the Commission Consultation on Fishing Opportunities](#)

Long Distance Advisory Council

► **Publications**

The LDAC published the following document:

- [Advice](#) in preparation for NAFO annual meeting, Montreal, 18-22 September 2017

Market Advisory Council

► **Meetings**

The MAC met in Brussels and covered the following topics:

- **the General Assembly:**
 - Communication on decision of endorsement of new members
 - Report by Chair on Year 1 (2016-2017)
 - Presentation by Chairs of Working Groups of work done Year 1 (2016-2017)
 - Communication on the decision of the Secretariat
- **the WG 1 – EU production:**

The MAC organised a conference entitled “**Production and Marketing Plans: Implementation and Challenges**”. The conference was divided in 3 sessions and covered the following topics:

- DG MARE Session
 - Background on requirements of CMO (Common Market Organization of CFP)
 - Summary of Interim Assessment of Production and Marketing Plans (PMP)
 - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund support: state of play
 - Eligibility of measures: update of FAQs webpage
 - Findings and recommendations on the format of PMPs and annual reports (ARs)
 - Requirements for the annual report

- Other funding opportunities for Production Organisations(POs)
- Member States Session
 - MS approach to PMPs
 - MS expectations on what to include
 - Implementation and monitoring of PMPs
- Production Organisations(POs) Session
 - POs experience with PMPs
 - European Association of Fish Producers Organisations: guidelines and tool box
 - The future of PMPs after 2020: ways of financing
 - Representative panel (North-South balance)

Mediterranean Advisory Council

► **Publications**

The MEDAC published the following document:

- [DG MARE's reply](#) to the second MEDAC position on the Regulation proposal on Technical Measures
- [MEDAC working document](#) on a multiannual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal species in the Western Mediterranean Sea

North Sea Advisory Council

► **Meetings**

The NSAC **Ecosystem Working Group** met in Brussels and addressed the following topics:

- Proposals for North Sea Wind Hub
- [Listing prohibited species under CFP](#)
- [Socio economic issues for MPA's](#)
- Control and Enforcement in MPA's
- [Data Collection Framework](#)

→ More information can be found [here](#).

► **Publications**

The NSAC published the following document:

- [Letter to the Director General of Fisheries concerning the State of the EU European Eel.](#)

► Meetings

The NWWAC met in Edinburgh and covered the following topics:

- **the Executive Committee**
 - Actions arising from the Working Groups
 - Adoption of the work plan for Year 13 (2017 – 2018)
 - Preparation for upcoming meetings
 - EEA conference (12th -14th October)
 - WKIrish4 (23rd -27th October)
 - EC Seminar choke species (15th November)
 - ACs and ICES (MIACO) (January 2018)
- **the General Assembly and the AGM**
 - Annual report from the NWWAC Chairman
 - Report on membership and budget
 - Election to NWWAC positions (01 October 2017 to 30 September 2020)
 - Procedure for the election to remaining positions
- **the WG 1 – West of Scotland – Parallel session**
 - Presentation of the Choke Mitigation Tool (CMT)
 - Populating the CMT Table
 - Review of progress, Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted
- **the WG 3 – Channel**
 - Presentation of the Choke Mitigation Tool (CMT)
 - Populating the CMT Table
 - Management proposal Sole 7.d
 - Review of progress, Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted
- **the WG 4 – Irish Sea**
 - Presentation of the Choke Mitigation Tool (CMT)
 - Populating the CMT Table
 - ICES Benchmark WKIrish (Information Point)
 - Review of progress, Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted
- **the Focus Group on Brown Crab**
 - Brown Crab Stocks - Is there a Problem?
 - Discussion – Factors driving management decisions

- [Special session on the functioning of the AC](#)
- the Joint AC-Member states Choke Species in West of Scotland, Irish Sea and Channel Fisheries Expert meeting
 - Working Method and Task Assignment(West of Scotland/Rockall; Channel; Irish Sea)
 - Populating Tables
 - Plenary review

► **Publications**

The NWWAC published the following document:

- [EC reply](#) to NWWAC letter on data collection and assessment of brown crab

Pelagic Advisory Council

► **Meetings**

The PelAC Focus Group on [choke mitigation tool](#) met in Schiphol and covered the following topics:

- Presentation of the choke mitigation tool
- The choke mitigation tool applied to pelagic stocks



International events

► The fourth International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC4)

The fourth International Marine Protected Areas Congress (**IMPAC4**) met in Chile, from 5-8 September 2017. Organized by the Government of Chile, IUCN and with the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), over 1000 representatives from governments, international and non-governmental organizations, and local communities, as well as members of civil society and others met to discuss issues around the theme '**Marine Protected Areas (MPAs): Bringing the people and ocean together**' underscoring the intricate nature of the ocean-human relationship and the benefits of MPAs and the ocean, for the many dependent on their ecosystem services.

It brought together, among others, managers and practitioners of marine conservation to share knowledge, experiences and best practices on issues such as: MPAs and global change, including climate change and ocean acidification; MPAs and coastal communities, including empowerment of women, and development and economic growth; effective, successful management of MPAs, including sustainable development initiatives and finance for MPAs; and, MPAs and shared future visions, including marine spatial planning and youth-led collaborative action.

IMPAC4 concluded with a **high-level meeting**, where participants reflected on the outcomes of the Congress, and looked towards what action needs to be taken to continue conserving the ocean. A **Call to Action** was approved, which called on those present to: ensure appropriate financial mechanisms for MPAs; integrate climate change considerations into MPAs; and, engage with women, youth and local communities to enhance MPA creation and management.

➔ Read the summary report [here](#).

► 39th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) took place from 18 to 22 September in Montréal, Canada. Over 180 delegates from 11 NAFO Contracting Parties were welcomed by NAFO President, Stéphane Artano, and the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard. The meeting marked a NAFO milestone, being the first Annual Meeting held under the amended NAFO Convention, which came into force 18 May 2017. These amendments to the Convention modernise NAFO, particularly by incorporating an **ecosystem approach to fisheries management**. This approach includes safeguarding the marine environment, conserving marine biodiversity and minimizing the risk of long term adverse effects of fishing activities on the marine ecosystem. The amendments also streamline NAFO's decision-making process, strengthen the obligations of Contracting Parties, Flag States and Port States, and institute a formal dispute settlement mechanism.

→ Read the press release [here](#).



Others

► **FARNET Guide #13: Social inclusion for vibrant fishing communities**

This **FARNET** guide published in September 2017 aims to help Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAGs) identify and effectively address social exclusion in fisheries areas. It is intended primarily for FLAG managers and board members as well as local actors involved in social activities. It could also be of help to managing authorities and national networks that are supporting FLAGs in dealing with social inclusion issues.

The factsheets in Part A cover four types of issues typically found in FLAG areas: finding alternative/complementary livelihoods in fisheries communities, generational renewal in the fisheries sector, inclusion of vulnerable groups in fisheries communities, and integrating migrants and refugees.

In Part B, the factsheets focus on solutions addressing issues in FLAG areas, in particular: linking social inclusion to enterprise, building strategic partnerships with other actors, and integrating social inclusion in animation and operating procedures of the FLAG.

→ Read it [here](#).

► **Generating the CFP indicators sampling frame for FAO area 27**

For the analysis of the CFP indicators it is necessary to generate the sampling frame. The sampling frame is the collection of species in EU Fisheries Management Zones (FMZ) for which the CFP is at least partially responsible for their management. This **JRC** document describes the generation of the sampling frame. Embedded R code is executed to generate the sampling frame.

→ Read it [here](#).

► Towards healthy and productive seas in Europe and beyond

This **European Environmental Agency** article gives an overview of the health of our seas. It stresses that marine life, the global climate and our economy and social wellbeing all depend on healthy seas. Despite some improvements, their assessments show that the way we currently use Europe's seas remains unsustainable. Climate change and competition for natural resources add extra pressures on the marine environment. European policies and measures could result in greater improvements when they are implemented through an 'ecosystem-based management' approach and are supported by a global ocean governance framework.

→ Read it [here](#).

► The low hanging fish – A review of the seven WTO proposals addressing harmful fisheries subsidies

This review, published by **BLOOM association** and the **Varda Group**, addresses the 7 WTO proposals regarding fisheries subsidies. The review gives a comparative analysis of these 7 proposals.

→ Read it [here](#).

► The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals: The challenge for aquaculture development and management

This **FAO** report explores the nature of the 2030 Agenda, its goals and targets, and their relevance to aquaculture development. It examines the potential contribution of aquaculture development to the SDGs, and the strengths and weaknesses of existing aquaculture guidance to support implementation of the agenda.

→ Read it [here](#).



Upcoming events

Belgian's events and meetings

4 October: **Chasing Coral** organised by the United Nations (Brussels, BE)

9 October: **Marine Protected Areas and recreational fisheries: Sustainable management and benefits** organised by the European Parliament Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment, with the support of the European Anglers Alliance and European Fishing Tackle Trade Association (Brussels, BE)

9 October: **European Maritime Day 2018 Stakeholder INFO DAY** organised by the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria (Brussels, BE)

9-10 October: **The European Parliament PECH Committee** (Brussels, BE)

9-10 October: **AGRIFISH Council** (Baltic Sea Fishing opportunities for 2018) (Luxembourg, BE)

10 October: **Seafood Showcase** organised by Europêche (European Parliament, Brussels, BE)

11 October: **No more fisheries management after Brexit?** organised by EUFA (Brussels, BE)

11-12 October: **The European Parliament ENVI Committee** (Brussels, BE)

19 October: **The European Parliament ENVI Committee** (Brussels, BE)

20-21 October: **Ocean Film Festival** (Brussels, BE)

23-26 October: **Global Science, Technology and Innovation Conference (G-STIC) 2017** organised by VITO and its international partners (Brussels, BE)

International events and meetings

2 October: **International Congress on Climate Change and Fisheries** co-organised by CONXEMAR and FAO (Vigo, ES)

3-5 October: **EuroGOOS International Conference: Operational Oceanography serving sustainable marine development** (Bergen, Norway)

5-6 October: **Our Ocean Conference** organised by the European Union (Malta)

11-13 October: **DanFish International** (Aalborg, Denmark)

12-13 October: **Beyond 2020: Supporting Europe's Coastal Communities** organised by The European Commission and the Estonian Presidency of the EU (Tallinn, EE)

15-17 October: **Third International Workshop on the Socioeconomic Impacts of Ocean Acidification** organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (Monaco)

16 October: **FishBase Symposium – Polar Oceans** (Stockholm, Sweden)

16-27 October: **CCAMLR - XXXVI Annual Meeting** (Hobart, Australia)

16-20 October: **Annual meeting of GFCM** (Montenegro)

17 October: **Marine Litter in the Baltic Sea** organised by the European Union and the Interreg Baltic Sea Region (Kołobrzeg, PL)

17-19 October: **BONUS SYMPOSIUM: Science delivery for sustainable use of the Baltic Sea living resources** organised by The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Tallinn, EE)

17-20 October: **Aquaculture EU 2017** organised by European Aquaculture Society (Dubrovnik, HR)

19-21 October: **Aquaculture & Fisheries 2017: Recent Trends in Aquaculture Innovation** organised (Rome, IT)

24 October: **Europe's Ocean Observing System** organised by Eurocean and its Member the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) (Capri, IT)

24-27 October: **Committee of Fisheries: 9th Session of the Sub-Committee on Aquaculture** organised by the FAO (Rome, IT)

25-27 October: **Fourth Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities** organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (Bali)

26 October: **2nd JPI Oceans conference** (Lisbon, PT)

31 October – 4 November: **MEDCOAST Congress on Coastal and Marine Sciences, Engineering, Management & Conservation** organised by the Mediterranean Coastal Foundation (Mellieha, MT)



Meetings of the Advisory Councils

2 October: **NSAC** – Skagerrak and Kattegat Working Group meeting (Copenhagen, DK)

3 October: **BSAC** – Subgroup on ecosystem based management (Copenhagen, DK)

4 October: **NSAC** – Executive Committee (St Julian's, MT)

4-5 October: **PELAC** – Working Groups and Executive Committee (The Hague, NL)

10-11 October: **MEDAC** (Palma de Mallorca, ES)

- **10 October**: Focus Group on Western Mediterranean
- **10 October**: Working Group 2 on Big pelagics
- **11 October**: MINOUW project
- **11 October**: Working Group 4 on Recreational fisheries 2017

17-18 October: **MAC** - Working Group 1 (Brussels, BE)

19 October: **NSAC** – Working Group on Demersal (Brussels, BE)

23-25 October: **SWWAC** (Santiago de Compostela, ES)

- **23 October**: Working Group Areas VIII & IX
- **24 October**: Traditional Working Group – Pelagic Working Group
- **25 October**: Insular Working Group and Extraordinary General Assembly

25 October: **AAC** – Working Group 2 (Paris, FR)