



Towards a new EU fisheries control system: How to deliver fully documented fisheries

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The European Commission's proposal for the revision of the fisheries control system puts forward measures to make the system more effective and efficient, and to address the identified loopholes that undermine harmonised fisheries controls across EU Member States. Responsibility now falls upon the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers to increase the ambition of the control system to ensure a true level playing field across the EU for fishers and everyone who depends on our marine environment.

Following the exchange of views on the Rapporteur's report in the Fisheries Committee (PECH) at the end of January and the tabling of amendments in early February, we are pleased to offer the opportunity to MEPs, representatives from Member States and industry stakeholders to have an open debate about the future EU fisheries control system ahead of the PECH vote in March / April 2019.

The event "Towards a new EU fisheries control system: How to deliver fully documented fisheries" will focus on the tracking and reporting of small-scale vessels, the traceability of the fishery products, and improved data sharing and transparency. Through an introductory short film and hearing directly from small-scale fishers and industry representatives, we aim to give the voice to the sectors that will have to comply with the future control rules, as well as experts from the national authorities and the European Fisheries Control Agency.

AGENDA

- 12:30 - 12:40** Welcome by **Isabelle Thomas, MEP**
- 12:40 - 12:55** **How to ensure better monitoring & data for small-scale fisheries**
- Film screening: 'Small-Scale Vessel Monitoring – Success Stories from Andalucía' presented by Georg Werner, Environmental Justice Foundation (EJF)
 - **Nicolás Fernández Muñoz**, Presidente en GALP Litoral Cádiz Estrecho, Conil de La Frontera, Andalucía
- 12:55 - 13:05** **Traceability: ensuring fish imports into the EU market meet EU standards**
- **Daniel Voces De Onáindi**, Managing Director, Europêche
- 13:05 - 13:25** **Controlling EU waters effectively: the importance of quality data, information exchange and effective control and monitoring**
- **Mario Santos**, Head of Unit EU Waters and North Atlantic, EFCA
 - **Bérengère Lorans**, Deputy Head of the Fisheries Control Unit, French Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
- 13:25 - 13:35** Reaction from **Francesca Arena**, Head of the Control Unit of **DG MARE**
- 13:35 - 13:50** Discussion with the audience
- 13:50 - 14:00** Closing remarks by **Ricardo Serrão Santos, MEP**
- 14:00 - 14:30** Networking lunch

Interpretation EN - FR - ES will be provided.