



Current policy developments DG MARE

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Current context

- **New College of Commissioners for the period 2024-2029**
- **Ongoing CFP and fund evaluations**
- **Next Multiannual Financial Framework under preparation**
- **Aquaculture initiatives**

New College of Commissioners 2024-2029

- European Parliament elections June 2024
- Member States proposed candidates for new Commission in summer
- European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen provided **Mission Letters** to Commissioners-designate in September
- EP hearings of Commissioners-designate in November
- New **College of Commissioners** agreed to by EP on 27/11 and appointed by Council on 28/11 for the period **1 December 2024 - 31 October 2029**
- New Commissioner for **Fisheries and Oceans: Constantinos (Costas) Kadis**

Mission Letter – Commissioner Kadis

All commissioners (*non-exhaustive overview*):

- simpler, more focused and responsive long-term budget – Investment Commission
- Sustainable Development Goals – European Green Deal
- Annual Implementation Dialogues with stakeholders and Youth Policy Dialogues

Specifically (*non-exhaustive overview*):

- contribute to securing **European food sovereignty**
- **Common Fisheries Policy**: effective implementation, full evaluation and, if/where needed, refine and enhance
- **vision** for the fisheries sector for 2040
- support fisheries communities, job creation and long-term competitiveness and sustainability
- **level playing field** and protection against unfair global competition (seafood products)
- new **European Oceans Pact**
- **EU Ocean Research and Innovation Strategy**
- Presence in EU coastal communities - Fisheries and Oceans Dialogues

Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) Regulation

- **Evaluation objective:** to provide an evidence-based assessment of whether the CFP Regulation is still fit for purpose or where lessons can be learned for improving
- **Key evaluation criteria:** efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence, EU added value
- **Public feedback** was collected till 6 September on the “**Have your say**” portal ([link](#))
- **Public consultation** will be **launched by end 2024**
- **Study** supporting the evaluation is being conducted by an external contractor, report expected October 2025 – wide coverage
- Final product is **CFP evaluation report – a staff working document** drafted by the Commission

Other studies and consultations

- **Foresight study “Fishers of the future”** - launched in November 2023, report expected in December 2024
- **Training and Certification of Fishers across EU coastal Member States:** launched in 2024, report expected by December 2024
- **Landing obligation:** initiated in 2024, report expected spring 2025
- **Management of EU fishing capacity:** initiated in 2024, report expected by June 2025
- **Common Market Organisation (CMO)** - provisions on consumer information and producer organisations: launched in October 2024, report expected by July 2025
- **Consultations on social indicators and quota allocation (CFP Article 17) - closed:** ongoing assessment of responses related to Fishing Opportunities and upcoming outreach to Member States and stakeholders

EMFF and EMFAF evaluations

- **EMFF ex-post evaluation** and **EMFAF mid-term evaluation** in parallel
- Supported by **external studies** conducted **over the past year**
- **Key evaluation criteria:** efficiency, effectiveness, relevance, coherence, EU added value
- **Outreach to the wider public** (call for evidence, public consultation, surveys, targeted interviews and consultations, validation workshops etc.)
- Evaluation study reports expected to be finalised **by end 2024**
- Results of the studies and **Staff Working Documents** to be published in **spring 2025**

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

- Commission to present a **proposal** on the next MFF Regulation **by 1 July 2025**
- MFF proposal determines the **overall EU budget allocation, allocations to specific policy areas and main delivery models**
- Changed context and focus
- Evaluation work on the EU funding and the CFP will help define the **best use of the budget available** in the next funding period

Aquaculture policy - update

- **Three new publications on the EU aquaculture website:**
 - ✓ Regulatory framework and administrative procedures (including e-learning module): [Regulatory and administrative framework for aquaculture | EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism \(europa.eu\)](#)
 - ✓ Access to space and water for marine aquaculture (including e-learning module): [Planning of space and access to water for marine aquaculture | EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism](#)
 - ✓ Good husbandry practices for aquaculture: [Good husbandry practices | EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism \(europa.eu\)](#)
- **Launch of EU-wide campaign on aquaculture – as of March 2025:**
 - ✓ **Aim:** to raise **awareness, understanding** and **acceptance** of aquaculture among citizens and those who have a say at local level on the development of the sector
 - ✓ Commission will prepare **tools** that can be used by Member States

Thank you