

Phasing out fisheries subsidies – The EU experience

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Agenda

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- the UN Oceans conference
- WTO MC11

PART I: The EU - gradual CFP Reform

- 1983-1992: Conservation & government support considered as separate policies.
- 2004: Abolition of support for new vessel construction.
- EU Regulation to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) entered into force on 1 January 2010.
- 2007 - 2013: **European Fisheries Fund (EFF)** : promoting a sustainable balance between resources and the fishing capacity of the EU fishing fleets. Focusing of support for modernisation of fishing vessels mainly on safety, working conditions, hygiene, selectivity and energy efficiency. No increase of the ability of the vessel to catch fish.
- 2014-2020: **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)** : Operations increasing fishing capacity or the ability to find fish ineligible for public support. Less emphasis on fleet measures and infrastructure works & more emphasis on sustainability, diversification and innovation.

PART II: The way forward (UN)

- EU welcomes the SDG14 Conference as a very important UN event.
- We have all agreed to the integrated and indivisible character of 2030 Agenda. We recognize that the SDG14 Conference should fully respect this and should only aim at supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- The EU is strongly committed to the achievement of SDG 14 and ocean-related targets of other goals. We should use the opportunity provided by the 2030 Agenda and its specific SDG 14 to advance a holistic approach to oceans.
- SDG 14 can be a strong driver for strengthening ocean governance and enhancing policy coherence which are priorities for the EU and its Member States. It provides an impetus for collective global accountability for oceans under the 2030 Agenda.
- We look forward to strong outcomes of the Conference in June.
- The EU will be hosting another important oceans event, Our Ocean Conference, in Malta this October. Having these two important conferences in the same year demonstrates the importance accorded by the global community to oceans issues from the perspective of sustainable development. We see the two conferences as mutually reinforcing and complementing by maintaining the focus on oceans.

PART II: The way forward (WTO)

- Accelerate RNG work and sharpen focus
- Consolidated WTO (RNG) text before the summer break
- Keep double-mandate and SDG 14.6 duly in mind
- Avoid linkages – address issue on its own merits