



COMMUNICATION FROM THE EC for enhanced transparency and good governance in the allocation of fishing opportunities by MSs



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INTRODUCTION

the Commission encourages Member States to act to improve good governance with respect to the allocation of fishing opportunities, via four avenues:

- 1) strengthening transparency and information;
- 2) fairness;
- 3) ensuring accuracy of the information provided;
- 4) suitability of the allocation methods.

CLEARER INFORMATION ON ALLOCATION METHODS: STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY (1/2)

The **Annex** of this Communication invites MSs to include certain **minimum information** when reporting to the Commission.



MSs are therefore encouraged to **provide information** to **stakeholders** about the **methods they use to allocate fishing opportunities**, the criteria used as laid down in Article 17 of the CFP, the weight given to each criterion and the rationale for that weight.

CLEARER INFORMATION ON ALLOCATION METHODS: STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY (2/2)

[...] The Commission therefore invites Member States to verify whether this compliance is properly reflected in the reported information:

- I. Does the provided information demonstrate the transparency and objectivity of the criteria?
- II. Is the weighing of environmental, social and economic criteria clearly set out?
- III. Does that information cover all allocated fishing opportunities?



ALLOCATING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE FISHING PRACTICES AND TO SUPPORT SSCF

The Commission highlights the spirit of Article 17, reflected in Recital 33 of the CFP Regulation: *“Member States should promote responsible fishing by **providing incentives to those operators who fish in the least environmentally damaging way and who provide the greatest benefits for society.**”*

The Commission recognises the important role of SSCF, that is supported through:

- i. **preferential access** to EU waters up to 12 nautical miles in the CFP Regulation;
- ii. **financial support of up to 100%** under the EMFAF;
- iii. **certain derogations** under the Control Regulation.

WHAT MSs COULD DO TO IMPROVE GOOD GOVERNANCE WHEN ALLOCATING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES



Building trust based on:

- ✓ transparency and communication
- ✓ fairness
- ✓ accuracy of the information provided
- ✓ suitability of the allocation methods

ANNEX - Vademecum on the allocation of fishing opportunities by Member States (Article 17 of the CFP Reg.)

It provides additional information that could assist MSs in the implementation and application of Article 17 of the CFP Reg.



Article 17 CFP Regulation - Criteria for the allocation of fishing opportunities by MSs: When allocating the fishing opportunities available to them, as referred to in Article 16, **Member States shall use transparent and objective criteria including those of an environmental, social and economic nature.**



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