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### **MEDAC advice on the new generation of fishers**

During the MEDAC side-event organized by MEDAC at GFCM FISHFORUM 2024 held on 20 February in Antalya, the comparison of the different experiences in the Mediterranean (France, Italy, Spain, Tunisia) highlighted the need of training courses to provide to the fishers of the future the skills on the following topics:

- safety on board and social protection
- sustainable management of fishery resources
- new technologies to support the sustainability of the fishery activities
- equal opportunities, in terms of rights, mutual recognition of the roles, promotion and the integration of women in the fishery sector
- valorisation of landings
- business creation and management
- financial tools/projects available to support the fishers in the future (EMFAF/other projects)

Moreover, the improvement of attractiveness for the new generation of fishers can be increased by focusing the attention on:

- economic growth and job continuity
- quality of life
- economic viability
- The next steps to be done to support the new generation of fishers::
- recognition of the working rights of the "non-EU new fishers"
- support to the fishery communities, the traditional social role in different areas of the Mediterranean
- to promote and to disseminate the training courses for fishers in the Mediterranean.

**The MEDAC supports the urgent need of shared standards for training courses for fishers involving the relevant stakeholders to tailor the new fisher in the Mediterranean.**

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