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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
João Pimenta Lopes
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The status of fish stocks and the socio-economic situation of the fishing sector
in the Mediterranean
(2016/2079(INI))

Amendment 1
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. *Notes that the Mediterranean coastline is shared by 19 countries with legal and administrative responsibilities in this geographical area, including eight European Union Member States (Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Malta, Greece and Cyprus);*

Or. pt

Amendment 2
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1a. *Notes that fishing in the Mediterranean can essentially be split into three categories/segments of the fleet: small-scale coastal and artisanal fishing, seiners and trawlers (pelagic and demersal), in other words, the Mediterranean fishing sector is highly diverse and, while it includes some industrial fisheries, it mainly comprises genuinely artisanal fisheries, sometimes geared simply to family subsistence;*

Or. pt

Amendment 3
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1b. Points out that fishing activity in the Mediterranean is quite varied and complex, chiefly involving multi-species fisheries (with a range of target and by-catch species), using many types of fishing gear with different technical characteristics and degrees of selectivity, and this makes it difficult to apply classical and traditional methods of fisheries assessment and management;

Or. pt

Amendment 4
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1c. Notes that the rich marine biodiversity in the Mediterranean (≈ 10 000 – 12 000 species) is under serious threat from phenomena linked to global climate change, marine pollution and above all overfishing; points to the general sharp decline in fish stocks in the Mediterranean (> 90% of stocks are being overfished), including some depleted stocks at risk of collapse;

Or. pt

Amendment 5
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1d. Highlights the lack of information available on the state of the majority of stocks ('data-poor stocks'), and stresses that around 50% of catches are not officially declared and 80% of landings come from 'data-poor stocks', with these problems being further aggravated by illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU fishing);

Or. pt

**Amendment 6
Sofia Ribeiro**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 e (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1e. Points out that this set of problems is posing a serious threat to the sustainability, viability and profitability of the fishing sector, in particular as regards employment and income, which is of particular concern in the case of small-scale fishing and may indeed jeopardise the future of this traditional way of life and the survival of local communities that rely heavily on fishing;

Or. pt

**Amendment 7
Sofia Ribeiro**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Points out that small-scale fishing

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in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the fleet and 60% of jobs; points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, and the socio-economic development of fishing communities;

in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the **fishing** fleet and 60% of jobs **in the sector**; points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of **fish** stocks **shared by different countries, biological and environmental conservation of species, and the preservation of the cultural heritage and traditions linked to this activity, as well as** the socio-economic development of fishing communities;

Or. pt

Amendment 8 **Notis Marias**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

1. Points out that small-scale fishing in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the fleet and 60% of jobs: Points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, and the socio-economic development of fishing communities;

Amendment

1. Points out that small-scale fishing in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the fleet and 60% of jobs: Points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, **the sustainable use of marine biodiversity,** and the socio-economic development of fishing communities;

Or. el

Amendment 9 **Marian Harkin, António Marinho e Pinto**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 1**

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importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, and the socio-economic development of fishing communities, *particularly rural communities*;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

1. Points out that small-scale fishing in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the fleet and 60% of jobs: points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, and the socio-economic development of fishing communities; *draws attention to the fact that the inherent structural weaknesses of the small-scale non-industrial fishing sector make it vulnerable to economic shock factors (such as rapid fuel price increases and difficulties in gaining access to credit) and sudden fluctuations in resource availability, which need to be addressed by means of targeted support measures*;

Or. it

Amendment 11

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1

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Amendment

1. Points out that small-scale fishing in the Mediterranean accounts for 80% of the fleet and 60% of jobs; points to the importance of small-scale non-industrial fishing for the sustainability of stocks, environmental conservation, and the socio-economic development of fishing communities; ***stresses that small-scale fishing plays a significant role in local employment and is an essential economic and social factor in the Mediterranean; underlines that the identity, culture and values of many local communities concerned are largely based upon activities in the fishing sector;***

Or. en

Amendment 12

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Notes that the socio-economic situation in the sector has deteriorated, in particular as a result of the decline in fish yields, the drop in the value of fish at first sale (which has not been reflected in the retail sales price, owing to speculation on the part of intermediaries and the monopoly on distribution), the restrictions imposed on fishing for certain species and the rise in the cost of fuel, and that these difficulties have contributed to the increase in fishing effort, and notes that this, alongside restrictions on access and fishing licences and the limited amount of support available for small-scale fishing and renewal of the fleet, fishing gear and

other equipment, has adversely affected the living and working conditions of fishermen and small shipowners;

Or. pt

Amendment 13

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Stresses that small-scale non-industrial fishing, some types of coastal fishing, shell-fishing and other traditional forms of aquaculture face problems different from those in the large-scale fishing sector; observes that many of the decisions taken by the EU in this sector are based on rules that are out of step with reality, economically flawed and difficult to implement;

Or. it

Amendment 14

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Recalls that the socio-economic situation of the fishing sector in the Mediterranean depends, first and foremost, on a sustainable level of fish stocks;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Believes that a balance must be struck between fair competition, consumer requirements, sustainability of the fishing sector and the maintenance of jobs; stresses the need to have a comprehensive approach and a strong political will by all Mediterranean countries to face the challenges and improve the situation of the Mediterranean sea;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes;

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their ***associations and producers'*** organisations, trade unions, ***Coastal Action Groups (CAGs)*** and ***local*** communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes;

Or. pt

Amendment 17

Marian Harkin, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes;

Amendment

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and *coastal* communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes *in line with the CFP's regionalisation principle*;

Or. en

Amendment 18

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes;

Amendment

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes; *points out that the economic and social crisis is hitting the fisheries sector extremely hard and that, within that sector, small-scale non-industrial fishing is in particular difficulties owing to a lack of capital and the unavailability of credit*;

Or. it

Amendment 19

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes;

Amendment

2. Maintains that where fisheries are concerned, policy-making should be such as to enable fishermen and their organisations, trade unions, and communities to be involved in – and made an integral part of – decision-taking processes; ***moreover, it is necessary to protect the interests of EU fishermen, namely in those Member States which have been reduced to poverty by the economic crisis and the austerity policies;***

Or. el

Amendment 20

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Points out that these complex issues require cooperation and concerted action by all stakeholders, including third countries on the eastern and southern shores of the Mediterranean basin; stresses that only by creating fair, balanced and egalitarian conditions for all the countries involved and for all fishing operators in the Mediterranean will it be possible to ensure healthy fishery resources and sustainable and profitable fisheries, and hence to guarantee current levels of employment and ideally create more jobs in the fishing sector;

Or. pt

Amendment 21

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Recalls that the mandatory high European standards are harmful to the sustainability of employment in the small-scale fisheries sector in view of unfair competition from third countries;

Or. fr

Amendment 22
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Insists on the need to reach partnership agreements with Mediterranean third countries in order to put a stop to unfair competition and to better regulate the management of stocks;

Or. fr

Amendment 23
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – introductory part

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ***promote and*** make information and support more readily available to fishermen's ***and producers'*** organisations applying for EU funding (***in particular the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund - EMFF***), which should meet the sector's ***logistical, human and***

financial needs by:

Or. pt

Amendment 24

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – introductory part

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to *improve capacity-building and to* make information and support more readily available to *small-scale non-industrial* fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Or. en

Amendment 25

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – introductory part

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for *the EMFF (or other* EU funding), which should meet the sector's needs by:

Or. pt

Amendment 26

Notis Marias

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – introductory part

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the **fishing** sector's needs by:

Or. el

Amendment 27

Marian Harkin, Ivo Vajgl, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – introductory part

Draft opinion

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Amendment

3. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to make information and **technical** support more readily available to fishermen's organisations applying for EU funding, which should meet the sector's needs by:

Or. en

Amendment 28

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 1

Draft opinion

– promoting fleet renewal and

Amendment

– promoting fleet renewal and

modernisation, *while seeking* to reduce the fishing effort and improve active and passive safety devices, *for example* personal locator systems in life jackets;

modernisation, *with a view to improving working conditions and safety and its economic and environmental sustainability, in particular through measures* to reduce the fishing effort and improve *and guarantee the presence on board of* active and passive safety devices, *such as* personal locator systems in life jackets *and EPIRBs, among others considered suitable under national legislation, and to ensure appropriate training in relation to safety on board and the use of the corresponding equipment;*

Or. pt

Amendment 29
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 1

Draft opinion

– promoting fleet renewal and modernisation, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems *in* life jackets;

Amendment

– promoting fleet renewal and modernisation, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort *by using less invasive and environmentally more sustainable fishing gear and reducing by-catches and discards* and *to* improve active and passive safety devices, for example *remote* personal locator systems *fitted to* life jackets;

Or. pt

Amendment 30
Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 1

Draft opinion

– promoting fleet renewal and

Amendment

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modernisation, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets;

modernisation, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort, ***optimize supply chain processes, improve energy efficiency, enhance traceability systems*** and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets, ***in order to enhance occupational safety and health***;

Or. en

Amendment 31

Marian Harkin, Ivo Vajgl, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 1

Draft opinion

– promoting fleet renewal and modernisation, while ***seeking to reduce the fishing effort*** and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets;

Amendment

– promoting fleet renewal and modernisation, while ***maximising catches in a sustainable way*** and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets;

Or. en

Amendment 32

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 1

Draft opinion

– promoting ***fleet renewal and modernisation***, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets;

Amendment

– promoting ***the use of selective fishing gear***, while seeking to reduce the fishing effort and improve active and passive safety devices, for example personal locator systems in life jackets;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *supporting small-scale fishing communities;*

Or. it

Amendment 34
Jean Lambert
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby enhancing the status of work and vocational training;*

- *improving the perspectives of young people in communities where fishing provides an income by upskilling and enabling them to develop work perspectives in the region in fields of employment which will provide for a decent future income;*

Or. en

Amendment 35
Marian Harkin, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

- promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby *enhancing the status of work and vocational training;*

- promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby *ensuring the continuity and vitality of the sector and a decrease in rural to urban migration or migration abroad; stresses the need for adequate*

provision of, and information on, training for fishermen by the competent authorities in this regard;

Or. en

Amendment 36
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 2

Draft opinion

– promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby enhancing the status of work *and* vocational training;

Amendment

– promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby *introducing new blood into the sector, a process also including the adoption of best practice and environmental awareness raising, and* enhancing the status of work, *basic* vocational training, *and training throughout working life;*

Or. pt

Amendment 37
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 2

Draft opinion

– promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby enhancing the status of work and vocational training;

Amendment

– promoting the recruitment of young people, thereby enhancing the status of work and vocational training *and supporting the emergence and development of new economic activities within the sector (for instance through the purchase of vessels);*

Or. pt

Amendment 38

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 2

Draft opinion

– promoting the recruitment of young people, *thereby enhancing the status of work and vocational training*;

Amendment

– promoting the recruitment, *education and multi-disciplinary training* of young people *in the Mediterranean fishing sector, in order to ensure sustainability and territorial cohesion*;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

– *improving health, safety, and hygiene at work, both on board fishing vessels and on land, for those performing roles related to and dependent on the fisheries sector*;

Amendment

Or. pt

Amendment 40

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – indent 3

Draft opinion

– encouraging those working in the

Amendment

– encouraging those working in the

sector to join forces and organise themselves;

sector to join forces and organise themselves *as well as to assess jointly future prospects and develop options for a decent future income, be it in fishing or other sectors*;

Or. en

Amendment 41
Marian Harkin, Ivo Vajgl, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 3

Draft opinion

– encouraging those working in the sector to join forces and organise themselves;

Amendment

– encouraging those working in the sector to join forces and organise themselves *for example through trade unions, community organisations, cooperatives and/or fishers' and fishing vessel owners' representative organisations*;

Or. en

Amendment 42
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 3

Draft opinion

– encouraging those working in the sector to join forces and organise themselves;

Amendment

– encouraging those working in the *fishing* sector *and fishery product industries* to join forces and organise themselves;

Or. pt

Amendment 43
Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *Emphasising the role that women play in fishing;* *deleted*

Or. it

Amendment 44
Jean Lambert
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

- *emphasising the role that women play in fishing;* – *empowering* women in fishing;

Or. en

Amendment 45
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 4

Draft opinion

Amendment

- emphasising the role that women play in fishing; – emphasising the role that women play in fishing *so as to raise their profile – bearing in mind that they make up 12% of the sector's labour force – and promote equality between men and women, and innovative new economic activities;*

Or. pt

Amendment 46
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – indent 4

Draft opinion

– emphasising the role that women play in fishing;

Amendment

– emphasising the role that women play in fishing ***and production sectors directly linked to and dependent on it;***

Or. pt

Amendment 47
Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Eva Kaili, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Underlines the need to improve the management and coordination of the EMFF funds (European Fund for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries) to better meet the specific needs of the Mediterranean;

Or. en

Amendment 48
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Points to the need to ensure at all times that ports, harbours, and their waterways remain operational and navigable, in particular by means of

dredging;

Or. pt

Amendment 49

Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin, Mara Bizzotto

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Proposes a revision of TFCs (transferable fishing concessions), which promote the concentration of fishing rights to the detriment of family businesses;

Or. fr

Amendment 50

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3b. Underlines the importance of developing initiatives that could have a positive impact on employment and are compatible with the reduction of the fishing effort, such as fishing-tourism or research activities;

Or. en

Amendment 51

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Suggests that a minimum wage ***be established*** for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment

4. Suggests that a ***transition fund be established for those fishermen and their families who can't earn a living in sustainable fishing anymore to support them in reorienting their career; considers it necessary to accompany this with a minimum wage or income support*** for fishermen ***remaining in fishing*** in line with the practices of the individual Member States ***to allow for a living income***; recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Or. en

Amendment 52
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Suggests that a minimum wage ***be established*** for fishermen in line with ***the practices of the individual Member States***; recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment

4. Suggests ***to the Member States*** that ***they establish*** a minimum wage for fishermen in line with ***their*** practices; recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods ***due to adverse weather conditions that make fishing impossible, close seasons (biological rest periods) serving to safeguard the life cycle of species exploited, environmental disasters, or events involving prolonged environmental pollution or contamination by marine biotoxins*** and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment 53

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

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Draft opinion

4. Suggests **that a** minimum wage **be established** for fishermen **in line with** the practices of **the individual Member States**; recommends that **a** wage compensation **fund** be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment

4. Suggests **the establishment of a non-discriminatory** minimum wage **at a decent level** for fishermen **through legislation or collective bargaining, with due respect for** the practices of **each Member State**; recommends that wage compensation **funds** be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Or. en

Amendment 54

Marian Harkin, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Suggests that a minimum wage be established for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; **recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements**;

Amendment

4. Suggests that a minimum wage **could** be established for fishermen in line with the **national traditions and** practices of the individual Member States; **encourages the Member States to examine the feasibility of a fisheries wage compensation fund to cover non-fishing periods**;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Jean Lambert

on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Suggests that a minimum wage be established for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; recommends that **a wage** compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment

4. Suggests that a minimum wage **or income support** be established for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; recommends that **an income** compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Suggests that a minimum wage be established for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; recommends that a wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Amendment

4. Suggests that a minimum wage be established for fishermen in line with the practices of the individual Member States; recommends that a **stable** wage compensation fund be set up to cover non-fishing periods and that such periods be treated as actual working time for the purposes of the retirement pension and other social security entitlements;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. *Highlights the important role of strong and independent social partners in the fishing sector, an institutionalised social dialogue and the participation of employees in company matters;*

Or. en

Amendment 58

Mara Bizzotto, Dominique Martin, Joëlle Mélin

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Points to the need to promote *collective negotiation and bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector;*

5. Points to the need to promote *greater organisation within the sector and efforts to form producer organisations;*

Or. it

Amendment 59

Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Points to the need to promote collective negotiation and bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector;

5. Points to the need to promote *social dialogue and* collective negotiation and bargaining so as to *confer dignity on the profession and* safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector;

Or. pt

Amendment 60
Flavio Zanonato, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. *Points to* the need to promote collective *negotiation and* bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector;

Amendment

5. *Stresses* the need to promote collective bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the *fishing* sector;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Notis Marias

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Points to the need to promote collective negotiation and bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector;

Amendment

5. Points to the need to promote collective negotiation and bargaining so as to safeguard and enhance the rights of workers in the sector *which are particularly affected in some Member States of the Union*;

Or. el

Amendment 62
Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. *Recalls the essential role of collective agreements and encourages the social partners in the fishing sector to*

negotiate collective agreements in line with national law and practice, as they are an effective instrument in combating a race to the bottom regarding social, working and employment standards and in ensuring decent remuneration for all workers and fair competition in the sector;

Or. en

Amendment 63
Marian Harkin, Ivo Vajgl, António Marinho e Pinto

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Calls on those Member States who have not already done so to ratify the ILO's Work in Fishing Convention 188 which ensures that fishers have decent conditions of work on board fishing vessels;

Or. en

Amendment 64
João Pimenta Lopes
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5a. Renews its call for Member States to ratify ILO Convention C188;

Or. pt

Amendment 65

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure decent working conditions for all workers in the fishing sector regardless of the size and type of company which employs them, the place of employment or the underlying contract; stresses the importance of occupational safety and health as well as adequate living conditions on fishing vessels, particularly in the light of demographic changes and the nature of off-shore work in the fishing sector; highlights in this context the importance of effective labour inspections and controls;

Or. en

Amendment 66

João Pimenta Lopes

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

Paloma López Bermejo, Tania González Peñas, Estefanía Torres Martínez

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5b. Points out that the sustainable fisheries partnership agreements signed in the region must be used to combat 'social dumping' in order to guarantee, under the flags of Member States, that workers from non-member countries can enjoy the same rights and wages;

Or. pt

Amendment 67

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5c. Underlines the need to improve the working conditions of fishermen given the high rate of accidents in the sector, as well as the disproportionately high risk of occupational diseases, both physical and mental;

Or. en

Amendment 68

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5d. Stresses the need to ensure a proper work-life balance for fishermen; underlines the importance to have adequate sanitary facilities on-board and provide for decent accommodation as well as possibilities for recreational activities;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Flavio Zanonato, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5e. Notes that improving socio-economic conditions in the Mediterranean fishing sector requires,

amongst others, better access to markets and finance, a better cooperation with public administrations and institutions, the diversification of livelihoods, decent working conditions and better social protection;

Or. en

Amendment 70

Flavio Zanonato, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5f. Underlines the importance of product labelling and traceability in order to tackle seafood fraud; recalls that illegal fishing does not only undermine fish stocks but also jobs and growth;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Silvia Costa, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5g. Acknowledges the important role of fishermen with regard to saving shipwrecked refugees in the Mediterranean;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Flavio Zanonato, Elena Gentile, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck, Vilija Blinkevičiūtė, Brando Benifei

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5h. *Stresses the need to guarantee that every fish and fishery product imported into the EU is produced under conditions which comply with international environmental, labour and human rights standards; calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure fair competition and sustainability in the fishing sector in order to safeguard jobs and growth; stresses that this is not only essential with regard to competition within the Union but in particular also with regard to competitors based in third countries;*

Or. en

Amendment 73
Sofia Ribeiro

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. *Maintains that the partnership agreements with Morocco must respect the legitimate aspirations of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to independence and to self-determination as regards its coastal area.*

deleted

Or. pt

Amendment 74
Verónica Lope Fontagné

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Maintains that the partnership agreements with Morocco must respect the *legitimate* aspirations of the people *of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to independence and to self-determination as regards its coastal area.*

Amendment

6. Maintains that the partnership agreements with Morocco must respect the legitimate *rights* of the *Sahrawi* people.

Or. es

Amendment 75
Paloma López Bermejo

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Maintains that the partnership agreements with Morocco must respect the legitimate aspirations of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to independence and to self-determination as regards its coastal area.

Amendment

6. Maintains that the partnership agreements with Morocco must respect the legitimate aspirations of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic to independence and to self-determination as regards its coastal area, *and that Sahrawi fisheries resources may only be exploited for the benefit of the Saharawi people, with the agreement of their legitimate international representative, the POLISARIO Front; reiterates in this regard that international law does not recognise any Moroccan sovereignty or jurisdiction over the waters of Western Sahara south of latitude 27°40'N, as stated in the UN Charter and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and laid down in the International Court of Justice advisory opinion of 1975 on Western Sahara and the legal opinion of 2002 by UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs Corell, adds that the CJEU, in its judgment of 10 December 2015, and the Advocate General of the CJEU, in opinion of 13 October 2016, have confirmed the agreements between the EU and Morocco are illegal if applied*

to Western Sahara;

Or. es

Amendment 76

Flavio Zanonato, Eva Kaili, Jutta Steinruck

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. *Maintains* that the partnership *agreements* with Morocco must respect the legitimate aspirations of the *people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic* to independence and *to* self-determination *as regards its coastal area*.

Amendment

6. *Stresses* that the *EU-Morocco Fisheries Partnership Agreement, as well any other agreement* with Morocco must respect the legitimate aspirations of the Sahrawi *people* to independence and self-determination;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Elena Gentile, Flavio Zanonato

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. *Stress the need of coherent rules on sport fishing in order to protect marine ecosystem; underlines that recreational fishing must respect the same non-fishing periods that apply for professional fishing; calls for adequate sanctions in case of violations;*

Or. en

Amendment 78

Elena Gentile

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6b. Calls on the Member States to increase their efforts to combat illegal fishing;

Or. en