



4.9.2017

OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2018
(2017/2044(BUD))

Rapporteur: Alain Cadec

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

1. Takes the view that the Union budget for 2018 should incorporate the payment and commitment appropriations required to meet the funding needs of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP);
2. Stresses the importance of the social and economic dimension of fishing for local communities in maritime and coastal regions; recognises the need to maintain sufficient financial provisions for enabling coastal, artisanal and small scale fleet sectors to obtain funding;
3. Emphasises the need to give priority to projects focused on job creation and on diversifying local economies in order to add more value to their fishing activities and on the protection and recovery of fish stocks and marine ecosystems;
4. Considers that the Union budget should foresee an appropriate level of payment and commitment appropriations to prevent payment difficulties and financial cuts for fisheries actions;
5. Emphasises the need to use the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and other EU funding schemes to facilitate young people's access to jobs in the fishing industry;
6. Emphasises the need to provide the EMFF with a sufficient level of payment appropriations to enable it to invest in the sustainability, selectivity and competitiveness of the fishing fleet;
7. Notes that Member States have adopted the EMFF operational programmes, but that they have not yet all appointed regulatory authorities, which is slowing down disbursement of the funds;
8. Points out the need to guarantee sufficient financial support to control fisheries activities on board and in the ports in order to ensure and facilitate the proper implementation of the landing obligation; in that regard, calls on Member States to make use of the resources available under the EMFF for control and enforcement measures which are key to achieving the CFP objectives;
9. Reiterates the importance of drawing on rigorous and independent scientific opinions when assessing the state of fishery resources, so that management decisions can be taken which make it possible to achieve maximum sustainable yields (MSY); urges Member States to use EMFF funding for the purposes of scientific data collection which is key to enabling rational and science-based decisions to be taken on fisheries policy issues;
10. Criticises the fact that the direct management by the Commission of EMFF funding of regulatory activities has not worked, owing to a reluctance on the part of Member States to put forward joint projects, despite a lower Member State co-financing rate;

11. Emphasises the importance of the role of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) as regards the governance of fishing fleets and the supervision of monitoring procedures; calls for the EFCA to be given the funds it needs to do its job;
12. Considers that the external dimension of the CFP makes it essential that realistic budgetary forecasts be drawn up with a view to funding sustainable fisheries partnership agreements with third countries;
13. Points out that sustainable partnership agreements with third countries are also aimed at combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Date adopted	30.8.2017
Result of final vote	+ : 20 - : 1 0 : 2
Members present for the final vote	Marco Affronte, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Renata Briano, Alain Cadec, Richard Corbett, Mike Hookem, Ian Hudghton, Carlos Iturgaiz, Werner Kuhn, António Marinho e Pinto, Gabriel Mato, Liadh Ní Riada, Ulrike Rodust, Remo Sernagiotto, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Isabelle Thomas, Peter van Dalen, Jarosław Wałęsa
Substitutes present for the final vote	Elisabetta Gardini, Czesław Hoc, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Francisco José Millán Mon, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Mircea Diaconu, France Jamet

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ALDE	Mircea Diaconu, António Marinho e Pinto
ECR	Czesław Hoc, Remo Sernagiotto, Peter van Dalen
PPE	Alain Cadec, Elisabetta Gardini, Carlos Iturgaiz, Gabriel Mato, José Millán, Werner Kuhn, Jarosław Wałęsa
S&D	Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Renata Briano, Richard Corbett, Ulrike Rodust, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Isabelle Thomas
VERTS/ALE	Marco Affronte, Ian Hudghton,

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EFDD	Mike Hookem

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GUE/NGL	Liadh Ní Riada, Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention