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Committee on Fisheries

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OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgets

on the resolution on the mandate of the Trialogue on the draft 2014 budget (2013/2017(BUD))

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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. Notes that, in the light of the negotiations so far on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2014-2020, the European Union needs a budget for 2014 which is realistic and provides even more effective help to the newly reformed common fisheries policy (CFP) and the integrated maritime policy (IMP), both of which fall under heading 2 of the MFF;

2. Recalls that the budget, via the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), the financial instrument of the future IMP, is an essential instrument for achieving the ambitious targets of the new CFP; stresses that the main aspects of the reform are achievement of the maximum sustainable yield, gradual introduction of the landing obligation, and regionalisation; believes that account needs to be taken of the accession of Croatia, which has its own coastal area and will therefore be eligible for funding from the EMFF; points out that the implementation of the multiannual fisheries management plans will call for greater effort in terms of monitoring and collecting data on fishing activity;

3. Calls on the Commission to propose appropriate funding for the European Fisheries Control Agency in its draft budget for 2014, in view of its role in the implementation of the common fisheries policy;

4. Stresses the need for appropriate funding for data gathering and control activities in the context of the common fisheries policy;

5. Stresses the need for scientific expertise in the case of contradictory and/or insufficient data on certain species;

6. Stresses that the measures funded under the 2014 budget must focus on the sustainability of the fisheries sector, employment, including that of new recruits, and growth in coastal areas; recalls in this context the targets of the Europe 2020 strategy;

7. Stresses the importance of the international dimension of the CFP and of the expenditure incurred under that policy; notes in this connection that international fisheries agreements are an indispensable instrument for supplying the European market with fish and fishery products and for maintaining a strategic presence of the Union fishing fleet in external waters; recalls that international fisheries agreements also have a role to play in the wider framework of relations with third countries; stresses the importance of sector-specific support and the proper management of such support;

8. Expresses its concern over the difficulties being faced by the Commission in the negotiations on certain international agreements; stresses the importance of observing Parliament's prerogatives in this area with a view to maintaining the overall balance between the objectives of those agreements and their budgetary implications; reiterates its request to participate with observer status at the various stages of the negotiations;

9. Underlines the need for Parliament to be appropriately involved in the preparation and negotiating process and in the long-term monitoring and assessment of the functioning of

international agreements, in accordance with the provisions of the TFEU; insists that Parliament be immediately and fully informed, on an equal footing with the Council, at all stages of the procedure relating to fisheries partnership agreements, pursuant to Articles 43(2) and 218(10) TFEU; recalls its conviction that Parliament should be represented by observers at the Joint Committee meetings envisaged in fisheries agreements, and insists that civil society organisations, including both EU and third-country fishery representatives, should also be granted observer status at those meetings;

10. Recalls that, following the Limassol Declaration on ‘blue growth’, several sectors have been identified as having the potential to become drivers of growth in coastal regions; calls for the funding allocated to the IMP to be consistent in order to achieve its objectives and support regions and local communities which are heavily dependent on fisheries, in particular the outermost regions; highlights the fact that 2014 is a crucial year for the development of the integrated maritime policy;

11. Notes the importance of the pilot projects called for by Parliament, and calls on the Commission to pursue its efforts to have these projects put in place; also calls on the Commission to present the first results of the projects as soon as possible;

12. Believes that engine improvements or replacement should only be subsidised if they reduce both CO_2 emissions and engine power.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	29.5.2013
Result of final vote	+: 20 –: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	John Stuart Agnew, Kriton Arsenis, Alain Cadec, Chris Davies, Carmen Fraga Estévez, Dolores García-Hierro Caraballo, Marek Józef Gróbarczyk, Iliana Malinova Iotova, Werner Kuhn, Isabella Lövin, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Guido Milana, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Crescenzio Rivellini, Ulrike Rodust, Raül Romeva i Rueda, Struan Stevenson, Nils Torvalds
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Jean-Paul Besset, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Jean Louis Cottigny, Gesine Meissner, Ana Miranda, Antolín Sánchez Presedo