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Policy options for strengthening the competitiveness of EU fisheries and aquaculture sector

Dear Reader,

The EU is the world's largest market for fishery and aquaculture products. Although these sectors have shown resilience to the recent disruptive political and economic shocks such as Brexit, COVID-19 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, it has faced an overall increase in imports from non-EU countries in recent years.



The study commissioned by the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies deconstructs the main trends in the EU's seafood supply over the last 15 years and identifies the main internal and external factors affecting the sector's competitiveness. Based on case studies and in-depth assessments of possible adjustments to the internal and external policy framework, the research paper provides a series of recommendations to strengthen the competitiveness of the entire value chain of the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector in the coming years.

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Strengthening competitiveness of EU fisheries and aquaculture

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



Due to decreasing self-sufficiency rates in recent years, the EU fisheries and aquaculture products market is largely dependent on external producers. Albeit some EU market entries come from countries with lax regulations.

The study presents opportunities for strengthening the competitiveness of EU's fisheries and aquaculture sector. It provides options on how to improve the level playing field for EU producers through regulating the conditions of access to EU's market for non-EU countries.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AGRI The dependency of the EU's food system on inputs and their sources

Study presentation

18 March 2024, 15.00, Antall 4Q1

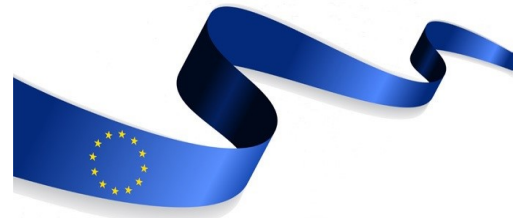
DEVE Global financial architecture reform and fiscal space of developing countries

Workshop

19 March 2024, 15.30 - 17.00, Spaak 5B1

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A permanent system for seat allocation in the EP

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



According to Art. 14(2) TEU, the allocation of seat quotas in the European Parliament must be "degressively proportional", giving smaller Member States a larger number of MEPs per population. This paper, for the AFCE Committee, proposes a permanent system for the allocation of EP seats that ensures transnational electoral equality even under the conditions of increasing degressivity of national quotas. This is achieved through a system of proportional completion using a new EU-wide seat quota.



Due Diligence in EU Institutions' Own-Account Procurement: Rules and Practices

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

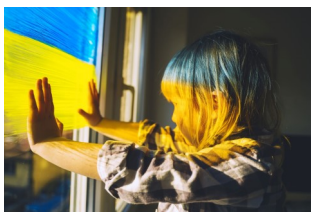


This study investigates whether EU institutions implement human rights and sustainability due diligence when they purchase goods and services. Based on documentary analysis and interviews, this study finds that sustainability due diligence is lacking in procurement carried out by the European Parliament, the European Commission and the EU agencies. Accordingly, it makes recommendations to promote better integration of due diligence into the procurement of goods and services by the EU institutions.



Forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children

Policy Department for External Relations



The forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children by Russia started in 2014 and intensified with the invasion of 2022. These briefings, presented during a workshop commissioned by DROI, detail the efforts in Ukraine and at the international level to stop the deportations and repatriate the children. The authors scrutinise the situation and the challenges on political, legal and practical fronts. They propose recommendations for what the EU could do to help bring the children back.



The situation of young carers in Europe

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



Young carers are an often overlooked category of carers who carry out substantial caring tasks for a family member. The responsibilities they take on may have an impact on their mental health, social development and school performance. The in-depth analysis requested by EMPL committee looks at the situation of young carers across Europe, their support needs, the level of awareness of their situation and the policies different Member States have developed.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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IMCO Impact of EU legislation in the area of digital and green transition, particularly on SMEs | [March 2024](#)

DEVE Opportunities and challenges of the green transition for pastoralism and indigenous people in Africa | [April 2024](#)

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