



Committee on Fisheries

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FINAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 May 2023, from 14.30-16.30, room: SPAAK 5B001

“The future of fishing - How to promote income diversification and facilitate access to EU funding for fishers”

Welcome & opening address: Mr Asger CHRISTENSEN, PECH Vice-Chair

Part I - Income diversification: Is it possible to diversify the income of EU fishing vessels with the current structure? Do we have the right financial instruments at European level? What reforms would be necessary?

Ms Montserrat CASTRO VÁZQUEZ, Deputy Director General for Fisheries Development in the Galician Regional Ministry for Fisheries **(10 min)**: *Enhancing the value of fishery products for fishers, while diversifying income along the whole value chain*

Mr Kenn SKAU FISCHER, CEO, Danish Fishers Producers' Organisation **(10 min)**: *Marine renewable energies: what opportunities for fishermen in terms of activities and income?*

Ms Francesca BIONDO, Director of the FEDERPESCA, Italy **(10 min)**: *What steps could be implemented to diversify and stabilise fisher's income?*

Part II - Access to EU funding: how to facilitate fishers' access

Ms Maria José DOMINGUEZ CORRALES, General Manager of FLAG "Litoral Cádiz" and EFF/EMFAF manager, Andalucía, Spain **(10 min)**: *How to promote accessibility and efficiency of EU funding in order to overcome the red tape, most notably for artisanal and small-scale fishers*

Mr Cosimo BISIGNANO, Legacoop Agroalimentare Puglia and Chairman of the Fisheries Producer Organisation “Stella Maris” **(10 min)**: *Ways to make good use of available EU funds in order to facilitate sustainable fisheries and technical advancements*

European Commission, DG MARE (tbc) (10 min): *Best practice examples*

Questions & Answers

Wrap-up & conclusions: Ms Rosa D'AMATO, MEP.