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Subject: Insurance funds

Fishers and aquaculture producers – in particular those whose activities rely directly on water quality – are facing increasing financial and environmental risks as a result of climate change.

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (2014-2020) made it possible to support the creation of mutual funds or insurance schemes for aquaculture and fisheries. However, it seems that such support is not permitted under the new European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF), even though recital 32 of the regulation establishing the EMFAF acknowledges that 'it should be possible for the EMFAF to support actions that strengthen the resilience of the fisheries sector, including through mutual funds, insurance instruments or other collective schemes which enhance the capacity of the sector to manage risks and respond to adverse events'.

Under which circumstances can the EMFAF support the creation of mutual funds and occupation-specific insurance instruments (for fishers, aquaculture producers and wholesalers)?