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# Public Consultation – CFP Regulation Evaluation

Consultation period 27 January 2025 - 21 April 2025 (midnight Brussels time)

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# Purpose of the consultation



Gather input and views about the functioning of the CFP Regulation (Reg.1380/2013) in order to support the evaluation of this Regulation.



To consider how the existing CFP Regulation is performing to date



To assess how the legal framework allows its current objectives to be met and address emerging challenges.

# Purpose of the consultation

The evaluation will assess:

the impact of the CFP Regulation in the conservation of marine biological resources

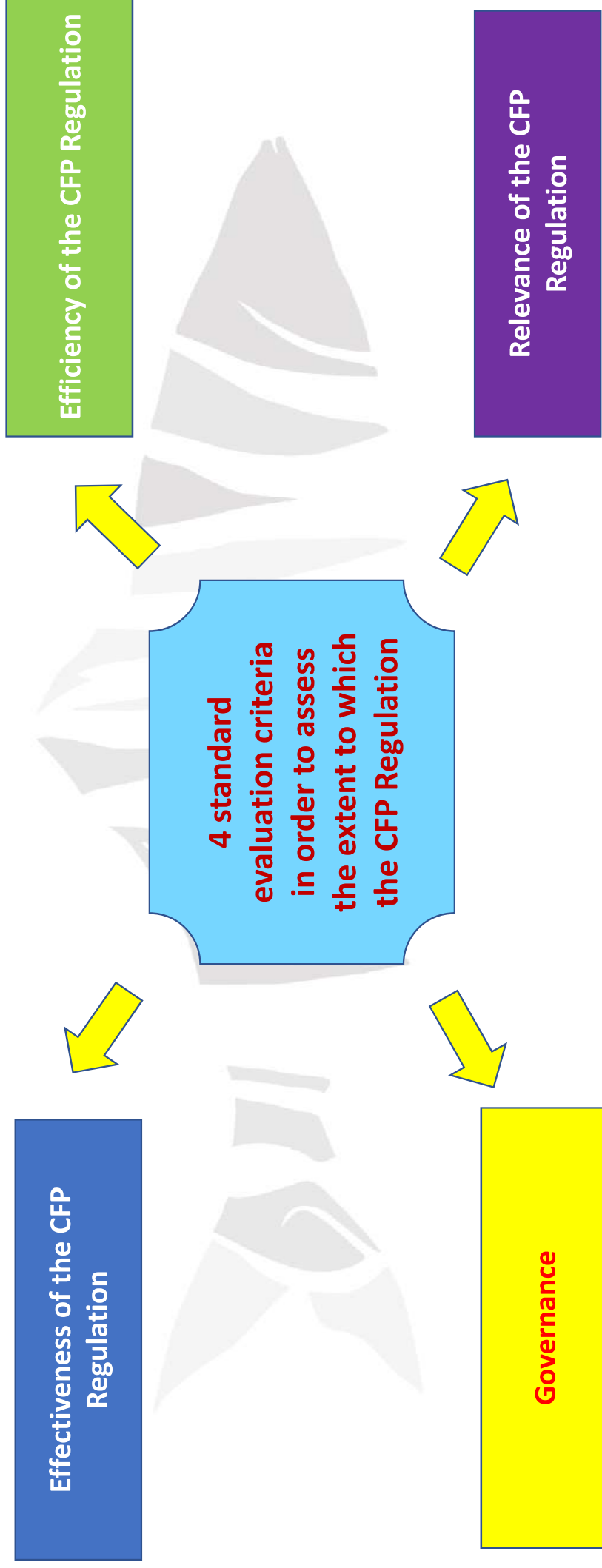
the management of fisheries and fleets exploiting such resources

the supply chain

consumers and public authorities in all EU Member States over the past 10 years of implementation

consultations and input provided as preparation for the Commission Communication on the common fisheries policy today and tomorrow (COM/2023/103)

# Organization of questions



# Effectiveness of the CFP Regulation

What general impact do you think the CFP Regulation has had to **environmental sustainability**

- ❖ Helping to keep fish stocks at healthy levels or bring them back to those levels
- ❖ Contributing to healthy marine ecosystems
- ❖ Contributing to international ocean governance in support of environmental sustainability
- ❖ Supporting animal health and welfare

# Effectiveness of the CFP Regulation

What general impact do you think the CFP Regulation has had **to economic sustainability** (in the fisheries catching/processing/marketing or aquaculture sector)

- ❖ To support modernisation and innovation
- ❖ Ensuring food supplies at reasonable prices for consumers
- ❖ Ensuring food to processors and consumers with adequate level of information
- ❖ Ensuring fair competition conditions, between stakeholders of the fishery and aquaculture sector on the EU market
- ❖ Improving stability of the fishery and aquaculture market

# Effectiveness of the CFP Regulation

What general impact do you think the CFP Regulation has had **to social conditions** on ensuring a fair standard of living for the people active in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors

- ❖ Ensuring a fair allocation of fishing opportunities to fishers
- ❖ Supporting small-scale fishers
- ❖ Supporting coastal communities dependent on fishing and aquaculture
- ❖ Taking into account the interests of consumers by ensuring the availability of food supplies at reasonable prices

# Efficiency of the CFP Regulation

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How you would rate the contribution of the following elements of the CFP Regulation to achieving its Environmental/economic/social objectives?

- ❖ MSY
- ❖ landing obligation
- ❖ Fleet capacity limits
- ❖ multiannual plans
- ❖ Regional cooperation on conservation measures via JR by the MSs
- ❖ conservation measures necessary for compliance with obligations under EU environmental legislation
- ❖ Commission (conservation) measures in case of a serious threat to marine biological resources
- ❖ Member State emergency measures



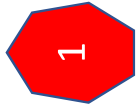
# Efficiency of the CFP Regulation

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How you would rate the contribution of the following elements of the CFP Regulation to achieving its Environmental/economic/social objectives?

- ❖ professional organisations, incl. producer organisations
- ❖ allocation of fishing opportunities
- ❖ Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements
- ❖ international and regional Fisheries management agreements
- ❖ management of stocks shared with third countries
- ❖ Commission strategic guidelines and Member States' multi-annual national strategic plans on aquaculture
- ❖ the marketing standards
- ❖ consumer information/labelling rules

# Governance



How effective is the governance system of the CFP Regulation towards reaching environmental, social or economic sustainability and in particular in:

- ❖ collecting scientific advice
- ❖ using scientific advice to inform its policy decisions
- ❖ empowering stakeholders through professional organisations, in particular POs, to implement the CFP
- ❖ managing EU fish stocks in a sustainable way
- ❖ managing sharedvolving stakeholders at all stages of the policy-making process
- ❖ managing fish stocks at international level in a sustainable way
- ❖ contributing to healthy marine ecosystems
- ❖ providing sufficient flexibility to adapt to regional differences

# Effectiveness and Efficiency

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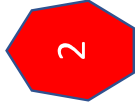
To what extent has legal enforcement action at EU level (EU Pilots and infringements) contributed to ensuring compliance with the CFP Regulation?(Governance)

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How would you rate the following elements that could challenge the successfulness of the CFP Regulation (i.e. achieving objectives)?

- ❖ Complexity of CFP legal requirements
- ❖ Inconsistent or lack of control and enforcement
- ❖ Lack of flexibility of the legal framework at EU level
- ❖ Lack of flexibility of the legal framework at regional sea-basin level
- ❖ Lack of flexibility of the legal framework at national level
- ❖ Difficulties in implementing new technology and innovation to meet CFP objectives

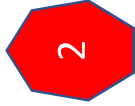
# Effectiveness and Efficiency



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- ❖ Deviation from scientific advice when adopting fisheries conservation measures
- ❖ Challenges in implementing regionalisation for fisheries measures to contribute to environmental obligations
- ❖ Exemptions to the landing obligation
- ❖ Lack of attractiveness of the sector: for workers, producers, investors
- ❖ Unfair competition
- ❖ Regional disparities within the EU
- ❖ Contribution to food security
- ❖ Lack of predictability for: Availability of fishing opportunities, Climate change and weather conditions, Market conditions

# Effectiveness and Efficiency



To what extent do you consider the compliance costs generated by the CFP Regulation, including administrative burden?

According to your view, which areas of the CFP Regulation have potential for simplification and cost reduction?

- ❖ Measures for the conservation and sustainable exploitation of marine biological resources
- ❖ Common market organisation
- ❖ Aquaculture
- ❖ Control and enforcement
- ❖ Governance
- ❖ External policy

# Relevance of the CFP Regulation

To what extent do you agree that the objectives of the CFP Regulation have remained relevant over the past 10 years / implementation period?

- ❖ Fostering “Long-term environmental sustainability of fishing and aquaculture activities”
- ❖ Ensuring “Economic benefits”
- ❖ Ensuring “Social and employment benefits”
- ❖ Contributing to the availability of food supplies
- ❖ Pursuing the objectives at international level

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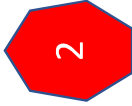
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- ❖ Brexit
- ❖ Governance of commonly shared or managed stocks
- ❖ Impact of climate change
- ❖ Impact of biodiversity loss
- ❖ Pollution
- ❖ Unstable geopolitical context
- ❖ International competition
- ❖ Inflation and rising operational costs including energy costs
- ❖ Investment capacity, including for the energy transition and modernisation of vessels and equipment
- ❖ Unstable markets and price volatility
- ❖ Digital transition

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- ❖ Behavioural changes and shift in consumption patterns
- ❖ Labour shortage
- ❖ Recreational fisheries
- ❖ Competition for space
- ❖ Management of inland waters
- ❖ Challenges of small-scale coastal fishing
- ❖ Prevention of food loss and food waste
- ❖ Animal welfare



# Relevance of the CFP Regulation

To what extent are the objectives of the current CFP Regulation coherent with the following policies?

- A. In relation to other EU fisheries law: (Control; IUU, external fleet, scientific data collection, CMO)
- B. In relation to other EU policies and laws: (Habitats and Birds Dir.; Water Dir. , Marine Strategy Framework Dir., Nature restoration law; Maritime spatial planning; EU biodiversity strategy; Food safety and Health; CAP; Working conditions and labour standards)
- C. In relation to international action: development policy; Sustainable and fair trade; Protection of biodiversity, ocean governance, climate change, UN Sustainable Development Goal; FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries)

Thank you for your  
attention!



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