



# EPR schemes for the fishing gear

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# SUP directive on fishing gear

(1) Extended producer responsibility schemes for producers of fishing gear will cover:

- Separate collection of waste FG delivered to adequate PRF
- Transport
- Treatment
- Awareness raising measures

> to be established by 31 December 2024

(2) MS to set up national collection targets (in view of establishing EU binding targets later – after the evaluation)

(3) MS to report to the COM on the amounts of fishing gear placed on the market and collected in ports

> First reporting period is calendar year 2022 (MS to submit data within 18 months of the end of the reporting period)

(4) EU to request the EU Standardisation agency to develop a standard for a circular design of fishing gear

# Waste Framework Directive

- Articles 8 and 8a of the Waste Framework Directive set the **minimum compliance requirements for Member States** when establishing EPR schemes at national level, and for all producers and actors involved in implementing EPR schemes for products
- Therefore, all the requirements in Article 8a WFD apply to the EPR schemes envisaged in the SUP Directive ( for fishing gear and for single-use plastic products identified in Annex E).

# EPR in the WFD

## Examples of minimum requirements:

- *MS – to create incentives for waste holders for separate waste delivery, notably, through economic incentives or regulations.*
- *MS - to ensure that the financial contributions paid by the producer of the product to comply with its EPR obligations cover the following costs for the products that the producer puts on the market:*
  - *costs of separate collection of waste and its subsequent transport and treatment*
  - *costs of data gathering and reporting*
  - *do not exceed the costs that are necessary to provide waste management services in a cost-efficient way. Such costs shall be established in a transparent way between the actors concerned.*

# EPR in the WFD

- MS shall identify **relevant enforcement body** to ensure that producers and other actors fulfil their obligations:
  - o MS shall ensure that producers of products and organisations implementing EPR obligations on their behalf implement their EPR obligations, that the financial means are properly used and that all actors involved in the implementation of the EPR schemes report reliable data.
- Where **multiple organisations** implement EPR schemes in a MS on behalf of producers of products, MS concerned shall appoint at least one body independent of private interests or entrust a public authority to oversee the implementation of EPR obligations.

# Workshops

- 18 February 2020 workshop on waste fishing gear and passively fished waste

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/maritimeforum/en/node/4478>

- Workshop/webinar to be organized 1st half 2021



# Development of Guidance on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

## FINAL REPORT

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# Thank you



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