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Dear stakeholder,

In 2009 the Commission published a Green Paper, with a vision of how the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) should look like in the future. This opened the debate for a reform, which was adopted in 2013.

The current Commission is due to present a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the functioning of the CFP by 31 December 2022. It should evaluate the Common Fisheries Policy by 2022 to identify how to address issues not sufficiently covered in the current policy, such as the social dimension, climate adaptation and clean oceans, and reflect on its future development.

The questionnaire I am sending you has the ambition to launch a reflection on the implementation of the current CFP, on whether the current CFP objectives and tools are still relevant to tackle current and future challenges and on whether certain aspects should be reformed, reviewed, adapted or improved.

The objective is to gather as much feedback as possible on the themes and questions proposed, in view of the preparation of a European Parliament report on the "state of play in the implementation of the CFP and perspectives after 2020", of which I was appointed rapporteur. However, these are not exhaustive and **stakeholders are cordially invited to provide replies and comments to any of those or to any other question or theme** they find relevant. The contributions can be sent directly to me (gabriel.mato@europarl.europa.eu), with copy to my assistant Konstantinos Kalamantis (konstantinos.kalamantis@europarl.europa.eu).

Due to the limited length that the final report shall have, it will not be possible to deal with every single aspect of the CFP. A choice has to be made and very important issues might not be covered in the end.

These might include:

- Brexit and its effects in the North-East Atlantic, including the relative stability: there is an ongoing European Parliament report on this;
- Control: currently under inter-institutional negotiations;
- Technical measures: the regulation is in force since recently and the Commission published a report on their implementation last September;
- Aquaculture: the Commission published new strategic guidelines last May and a European Parliament report is under preparation;
- Markets: this is a separate regulation from the CFP basic regulation.

I am looking forward to your contribution.

Yours sincerely,



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