

Inter-institutional multiple framework contract for supporting better regulation-related activities (CINEA/2021/OP/0011)
Lot 1: sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, excluding sustainable fisheries partnership agreements (SFPAs)

Study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation – Common Fisheries Policy

A Project Introduction

Specific Contract No. 04
December 2023 – January 2025



Project objectives

Support the Commissions' evaluation of the landing obligation towards reaching objectives of CFP Article (2)(5)(a):

“[the CFP shall] gradually eliminate discards, on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the best available scientific advice, by avoiding and reducing, as far as possible, unwanted catches, and by gradually ensuring that catches are landed.”

- Evaluation of the landing obligation as an intervention logic:
 - Gather evidence for an assessment on -
 - How the landing obligation as intervention: has performed; and
 - Is working, and
 - Why it is performing as it does.
 - Assess under the five evaluation criteria of the Better Regulation Guidelines
 - Effectiveness; efficiency; relevance; coherence; EU added value
 - Plus two additional criteria
 - Complementarity and sustainability

Quantitative and qualitative data

- Needs quantitative and qualitative data to evaluate the performance of the landing obligation
- Regions covered:
 - North Sea and Baltic Sea
 - North Western Waters
 - South Western Waters
 - Mediterranean & Black Sea
 - EU Outermost Regions & distant fleet
- Two parallel methods – data analysis & stakeholder engagement validation

Stakeholder engagement:

- Reaching out to Member States, Advisory Councils, and European-level stakeholders
 - Comprehensive e-survey and targeted interviews
- Timeline for stakeholder engagement: from mid April 2024 – July 2024
- Your participation is an essential part of the evaluation process

Thank you

If you have any further questions, please contact the DG MARE and
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