

# **Fisheries sector and resources: fleet capacity and sustainable development, MAGP IV 12/2002**

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**PURPOSE** : to restructure the Community fisheries sector for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 with a view to achieving a balance on a sustainable basis between resources and their exploitation. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2002/70/EC amending Decision 97/413/EC concerning the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the Community fisheries sector for the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001 with a view to achieving a balance on a sustainable basis between resources and their exploitation. **CONTENT** : the Council adopted a Decision amending Decision 97/413/EC concerning the objectives and detailed rules for restructuring the Community fisheries sector with a view to achieving a balance on a sustainable basis between resources and their exploitation. This Decision extends Decision 97/413/EC until 31 December 2002 by reducing the fishing effort of the Community fleet this year across the board with the new pilot reduction rates (36% and 24%). The Member States need not, however, apply these reduction targets to fishing vessels of less than twelve metres overall, other than trawlers, in the framework of programmes for improving safety, navigation at sea, hygiene, product quality and working conditions. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the Decision shall apply as from 1 January 2002.