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This Communication concerns the report to the Council and the European Parliament on the progress of the fourth multiannual guidance programme (MAGP IV) for the fishing fleets. This year's report is on the progress of the programmes at the end of 2001. Using the data from the Community register of fishing vessels employed at the time of drafting this document and the reports submitted to the Commission by the national authorities, it summarises the evolution of the tonnage and power of the fleets in comparison with the intermediate and final targets of the MAGP IV. During the first five years of the MAGP IV, the Community fleet was reduced by 38 078 GT and 460 042 kW, which represent reductions in fleet capacity of approximately 1.9% and 5.9% respectively. At 31 December 2001, due to the good results of former programmes the Community fleet had over-fulfilled its targets, at 16% more than the final MAGP IV targets in terms of tonnage and 12% in terms of power. The degree to which the MAGP targets have been achieved varies greatly from Member State to Member State. Without taking into account the results expressed in terms of tonnage in units of gross tonnes (GT), which involve a certain degree of uncertainty in view of the ongoing fleet remeasurement, the results based on capacity and power are as follows: - all Member States apart from the Netherlands have met their global targets at the end of 2001; - however, only Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Finland have met their targets in all segments of their fleets.