## Basic information

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| **1998/0116(CNS)**<br>CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation | Procedure completed |
| Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures<br>**Subject**<br>8.20.13 Enlargement's fisheries point of view | |

## Key players

European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| PECH Fisheries | ARIAS CAÑETE Miguel (PPE) | 26/02/1998 |

| Former committee responsible | Former rapporteur | Appointed |
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| PECH Fisheries | KELLETT-BOWMAN Edward T. (PPE)<br>ARIAS CAÑETE Miguel (PPE)<br>NICHOLSON James (I-EDN) | 26/02/1998<br>26/02/1998<br>26/02/1998 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| BUDG Budgets | KELLETT-BOWMAN Edward T. (PPE) | 19/01/1999 |
| REGI Regional Policy | | |

| Former committee for opinion | Former rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| BUDG Budgets | KELLETT-BOWMAN Edward T. (PPE) | 03/06/1998 |
| REGI Regional Policy | NICHOLSON James (I-EDN) | 25/06/1998 |
| ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection | MYLLER Riitta (PSE) | 25/02/1998 |

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| | CONT Budgetary Control | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | 16/03/1998 |
| | FEMM Women's Rights | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |

Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| General Affairs | 2192 | 1999-06-21 |
| Fisheries | 2152 | 1998-12-17 |
| Fisheries | 2125 | 1998-10-22 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18/03/1998 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1998)0131 | Summary |
| 15/06/1998 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 22/10/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 28/10/1998 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 28/10/1998 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0406/1998 | |
| 18/11/1998 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 19/11/1998 | Report referred back to committee | | |
| 17/12/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 20/04/1999 | Vote in committee | | |
| 20/04/1999 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0244/1999 | |
| 05/05/1999 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 21/06/1999 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 21/06/1999 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 26/06/1999 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1998/0116(CNS) |
| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037<br>Rules of Procedure EP 050 |

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| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | PECH/4/10138 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0406/1998<br>OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0005 | 28/10/1998 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading | | T4-0678/1998<br>OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0123-0203 | 19/11/1998 | Summary |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0244/1999<br>OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0008 | 20/04/1999 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0434/1999<br>OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0255-0324 | 06/05/1999 | Summary |

**Council of the EU**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Supplementary legislative basic document | 06947/1999 | 06/04/1999 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Legislative proposal | COM(1998)0131 | 18/03/1998 | Summary |
| Document attached to the procedure | COM(1998)0182 | 18/03/1998 | |

**Other institutions and bodies**

| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES1130/1998<br>OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0074 | 10/09/1998 | |
| CofR | Committee of the Regions: opinion | CDR0309/1998<br>OJ C 093 06.04.1999, p. 0016 | 14/01/1999 | |

## Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

Final act

Regulation 1999/1263
OJ L 161 26.06.1999, p. 0054

Summary

# Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures

1998/0116(CNS) - 19/11/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

At the request of the chairman of the Committee on Fisheries, Mrs Maria FRAGA ESTEVEZ (EPP, E) Parliament referred back to committee the report by Mr Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE (EPP, E) on structural measures in the fisheries sector. The grounds for Mrs FRAGA ESTEVEZ's request were that she wished to start a dialogue with the Council. The rapporteur considered in particular that Community funds for structural policy in the fisheries sector should cover all needs in the sector. The Community fisheries regulations should be amended. The rapporteur therefore proposed a single legal framework bringing together all Community fisheries regulations as part of the general Structural Funds reform package. Following the rapporteur's position, Parliament accepted a large number of amendments which reflected Mr ARIAS's proposals: - maintenance of a single legal framework which would be the basis for interventions in the fisheries sector: this approach which is radically different from the Commission's initial proposal sought to avoid the problems of consistency which could arise from the distribution of measures between the FIFG and the EAGGF Guarantee Section; - no acceptance of the definition of 'coastal areas' which Parliament considered to be more restrictive than the concept of 'areas dependent on fisheries' which would allow the hinterland to be taken into account where Structural Fund measures would be needed for aspects such as processing and aquaculture. Parliament also called for maintenance of all current measures, while also improving them, including those on the modernisation and renewal of the fleet and those relating to joint enterprises so as to maintain their competitiveness on the world market. Lastly, with regard to administrative and financial aspects, the participation of the FIFG would cover all structural actions in the fisheries sector for Objective 1 and 2 regions while the EAGGF Guarantee section would cover the other regions.

# Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures

1998/0116(CNS) - 06/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the resolution by Miguel Arias Cañete (PPE,ES) which approves the Commission proposal for a Council regulation on structural measures in the fisheries sector, subject to amendments, notably in the following areas: - requiring that, in order to ensure the coherence of the common fisheries policy, the Council, after consulting the Parliament, should adopt no later than 30/06/1999 the detailed rules and conditions for the Community contribution towards the structural measures in the sector; - setting out an exhaustive list of measures by means of which the structural actions in the fisheries sector shall be implemented; - providing that measures implemented with assistance from the FIFG outside Objective 1 shall be the subject of a single programming document (SPD) in each Member State concerned; - extending the scope of measures to which the FIFG may contribute to include services to undertakings; - deleting the provision that the Guarantee section of the EAGGF shall contribute towards supporting measures for the restructuring of the fishing fleets in regions not covered by Objective 1 of the Structural Funds and all structural measures in the sector in regions not covered by Objectives 1 and 2.

# Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures

1998/0116(CNS) - 06/04/1999 - Supplementary legislative basic document

Echoing the outcome of the Berlin Summit (23/03/99) and the overall agreement reached by the fifteen on Agenda 2000, this text constitutes the consolidated version by the Council revising the provisions in relation to the financial instrument for fisheries guidance or FIFG funds for the period 2000-2006. Essentially, this text assumes the general structure proposed by the Commission in March 1998 in its initial proposal. Notably, it reintroduces the principal of a double framework for the FIFG: the Common Agricultural Policy and Cohesion Policy. However, the Council strictly limits actions to Objective 1 regions (the FIFG therefore is therefore no longer allowed, as in the initial proposal, to intervene in Objective 2 regions). At the same time, will be able to intervene outside Objective 1, by means of a Single Programming Document for each Member State. Measures which may be financed under the FIFG will be all structural actions relating to: - fleet renewal and modernisation of fishing vessels; - adjustment of fishing effort; - joint enterprises; - small-scale coastal fishing; - socio-economic measures; - protection of marine resources in coastal waters; - aquaculture; - fishing port facilities; - processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products; - measures to find and promote market outlets; - operations by members of the trade; - temporary cessation of activities and other financial compensation; - innovative actions and technical assistance; - other actions to be decided by the Council according to specific provisions. Beyond these actions, the Council re-assumes the Commission's proposal to finance through FIFG measures of a transnational nature and the establishment of networks for operators in the fisheries sector, as well as technical assistance measures. It is also specified that financial participation granted to each individual operation may not exceed a maximum amount to be decided by the

Council on a proposal from the Commission. Finally, the Council specifies that those not already used for the financial programming period, 1989-1993 will be released and must be refunded. It should be noted that the Berlin summit fixed the amount for the FIFG from 2000 to 2006 at EURO 1,100 million for all interventions outside Objective 1 (of which EURO 875 million is attributable to budget heading 1 - agriculture).

# Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures

1998/0116(CNS) - 21/06/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE: Recasting of the Regulation on the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) for the 2000-2006 period. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 1263/1999/EC on the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance. CONTENT: The Regulation defines the objectives of the FIFG and it formalises the double linkage of the FIFG to the Structural policy established by Council Regulation 1260/99/EC laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds (General Regulation : AVC980090), and to the common fisheries policy provided for in Council Regulation 3760/92 /EEC establishing a Community system for fisheries and aquaculture. As in the previous programming period (1994-99), the aim of the FIFG is to support structural measurs in the fisheries and aquaculture sector and industry processing and marketing of their products in order to promote the restructuring of the sector by creating favourable conditions for its development and modernisation, while at the same time contributing to the achievement of the objectives of the common fisheries policy. - Scope: the Regulation strictly limits FIFG financing. It is mainly focused on actions in Obj. 1 regions (FIFG does not finance activities in all Obj. 2 regions). However, the FIFG can intervene outside an Obj. 1 region via a single programming document for each Member State. Structural measures that are eligible for funding are as follows: - fleet renewal and modernisation of fishing vessels: such assistance must be compatible with fisheries multiannual guidance programmes; - adjustment of fishing capacities; - small-scale coastal fisheries; - socio-economic measures; - protection of marine resources; - aquaculture; - fishing port facilities; - processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products; - finding new market outlets; - innovative actions, in particular those of a transnational nature and involving the networking of operators and areas dependent on the sector. Where such actions are financed exclusively by the FIFG, its scope of application may be extended to measures which would normally be covered by other Structural Funds; - technical assistance. It is also specifically stated that the Council acting on a proposal from the Commission and following consultation with the European Parliament, will adopt the detailed rules and conditions for FIFG financial assistance not later than 31 December 1999. Any modification to the list of eligible measures will have to follow the same procedure. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 29.06.1999.

# Agenda 2000: Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance FIFG, structural measures

1998/0116(CNS) - 18/03/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: in connection with the revision of the Structural Funds, to present the specific Regulation on structural measures in the fisheries sector for the financial programming period 2000-2006, taking account of the implications of Agenda 2000 (COS0590). SUBSTANCE: the proposal defines the objectives of the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG); it is of relevance both to the common fisheries policy and to cohesion policy. The detailed arrangements and conditions for Community financial participation in structural operations in the fisheries sector will be established at a later date as part of the revision of the specific fisheries Regulation (Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93). As the programming of the measures to accompany the restructuring of the fishing fleet is incompatible with the exclusively 'regional' character of the programming for Objective 2, the proposal does not incorporate the accompanying measures into the programme. A separate specific programme will be adopted concerning these measures, covering all regions outside Objective 1 (and including Objective 2 regions). All other measures (fleet modernization, elimination of surplus capacity, development of aquaculture, port installations, processing and marketing operations, promotional campaigns, etc.) will continue to be programmed under Objective 2. In the case of Objective 1 regions, all fisheries measures (including accompanying measures) will be programmed under this objective. The Community may contribute financially outside Objective 1 and 2 regions and for all fields in the sector, by means of funding from the EAGGF-Guarantee Section.