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| <b>2003/2039(INI)</b><br>INI - Own-initiative procedure   | Procedure completed |
| Common fisheries policy CFP: restructuring, action programme<br><br><b>Subject</b><br>3.15 Fisheries policy |                     |

| Key players         |  |  |   |                  |
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| European Parliament | <b>Committee responsible</b>                       |  | <b>Rapporteur</b>                             | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                     | <b>PECH</b> Fisheries                              |  | FAVA Claudio (PSE)                            | 10/12/2002       |
|                     | <b>Committee for opinion</b>                       |  | <b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>                 | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                     | <b>BUDG</b> Budgets                                |  | DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara (PSE)                 | 25/03/2003       |
|                     | <b>RETT</b> Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism |  | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |                  |
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| European Commission | <b>Commission DG</b>                               |  | <b>Commissioner</b>                           |                  |
|                     | Maritime Affairs and Fisheries                     |  |   |                  |

| Key events |  |  |         |
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| Date       | Event                                      | Reference  | Summary |
| 06/11/2002 | Non-legislative basic document published   | COM(2002)0600<br> | Summary |
| 13/03/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |  |         |
| 20/05/2003 | Vote in committee                          |  | Summary |
| 20/05/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | A5-0162/2003   |         |
| 03/06/2003 | Debate in Parliament                       |                   |         |
| 04/06/2003 | Decision by Parliament                     | T5-0240/2003   | Summary |
| 04/06/2003 | End of procedure in Parliament             |  |         |
| 18/03/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal    |  |         |

| Technical information      |                                |
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| Procedure type             | INI - Own-initiative procedure |
| Procedure subtype          | Initiative                     |
| Legal basis                | Rules of Procedure EP 55       |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed            |
| Committee dossier          | PECH/5/19326                   |

| Documentation gateway                               |  |   |                         |                         |
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| <b>European Parliament</b>                          |  |   |                         |                         |
| Document type                                       | Committee  | Reference   | Date                    | Summary                 |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading |  | <a href="#">A5-0162/2003</a>  | 20/05/2003              |                         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading          |  | <a href="#">T5-0240/2003</a><br>OJ C 068 18.03.2004, p. 0000-0000 E | 04/06/2003              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| <b>European Commission</b>                          |  |   |                         |                         |
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| Non-legislative basic document                      | <a href="#">COM(2002)0600</a><br> | 06/11/2002  | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| <b>Other institutions and bodies</b>                |  |   |                         |                         |
| Institution/body                                    | Document type  | Reference   | Date                    | Summary                 |
| EESC  | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report   | <a href="#">CES0579/2003</a><br>OJ C 208 03.09.2003, p. 0022-0026   | 14/05/2003              |                         |

## Common fisheries policy CFP: restructuring, action programme

2003/2039(INI) - 04/06/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on its own-initiative report by Giovanni FAVA (PES, Italy) on EU fisheries restructuring. (Please see the document dated 20/05/03.) Parliament stated that a crucial part of the common fisheries policy (CFP) is to join the promotion of a viable economic sector, of strategic importance to the European Union, with socio-economic cohesion in the Union's coastal regions, which are dependent on fisheries. Small-scale fisheries deserve special attention since they constitute 75% of the total number of Community vessels and employ 44% of the people working in the sector. The loss of 28 000 on-board jobs leads to social, cultural and economic desertification of coastal areas, which are part of the Union's heritage and which are highly dependent on fisheries and often have little opportunities for diversification beyond fisheries. Parliament asked the Commission to ensure that measures are taken to guarantee economic and social cohesion in areas dependent on fisheries, including the outermost regions, so as to enable them to become financially self-reliant. Parliament went on to state that the amendments made by the Council to the Commission package in December 2002 were unlikely to facilitate the implementation of the reform and the planned re-programming of the FIG. It asked the Commission to provide it with an updated version of the Action Plan. Parliament referred to the financial resources available under Heading 2 of the Financial Perspective for the fisheries sector and the fisheries-dependent areas. For the period 2000-2006, these can be estimated at EUR 28 billion (EUR 3,7 billion under FIG, EUR 19,2 billion under ERDF and EUR 5,17 billion under ESF). It called for additional special financing which did

not affect the funding already allocated to the sector for structural adjustments (FIFG), in order to counter any negative socio-economic consequences as a result of restructuring measures within the sector, including recovery plans, so as to ensure that it becomes financially self-reliant. It also called for EUR 150 million to deal with the result of the cod conservation measures.

## **Common fisheries policy CFP: restructuring, action programme**

2003/2039(INI) - 06/11/2002 - Non-legislative basic document

**PURPOSE** : to propose an Action Plan to counter the social, economic and regional consequences of the restructuring of the EU fishing industry.

**CONTENT** : the European Commission has proposed this action plan to respond to the potential social, economic and regional consequences of restructuring the fishing industry caused by the dire state of several fish stocks. This action plan, which was prepared after consultations with the Member States, identifies the possible impact of the fishing effort limitation in certain areas for certain stocks proposed by the Commission in the context of the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). The present Communication from the Commission thus includes: - an assessment of the likely socio-economic impacts of fishing effort limitations and reductions in vessel numbers in particular a review of the provisional estimate of lost jobs; - a review of all the existing means to alleviate these impacts within the existing Community aid regimes (FIFG, ERDF and ESF2); - an overview of additional means which could become available in the short term through the reform of the CFP and the reprogramming of the Structural Funds; - an analysis of further options for the longer term. The measures set out in the action plan should be used by Member States to alleviate the short-term consequences of the proposed conservation measures for affected fishermen and other operators in the fishing industry. They include the reprogramming of € 611 million under the FIFG for social measures and for reducing fleet capacity, specific measures in favour of small-scale fishing, the improvement of living and working conditions on board, as well as social protection in the fisheries sector and measures to help young fishermen. Bilateral consultations with Member States have confirmed that it is not possible at this stage to make a reliable estimate of affected jobs, as no decision has been taken yet on multi-annual management plans.