## Basic information

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| **2024/0159(NLE)**<br>NLE - Non-legislative enactments | Procedure completed |
| EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)<br>Accompanying procedure 2024/0159M(NLE)<br>**Subject**<br>3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries<br>**Geographical area**<br>Guinea-Bissau | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| PECH Fisheries | SARGIACOMO Eric (S&D) | 18/09/2024 |
| | Shadow rapporteur<br>DO NASCIMENTO CABRAL Paulo (EPP)<br>TÂNGER CORRÊA António (PfE)<br>MILAZZO Giuseppe (ECR)<br>AGIRREGOITIA MARTÍNEZ Oihane (Renew)<br>CAMARA Mélissa (Greens/EFA)<br>FOURREAU Emma (The Left) | |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| DEVE Development | BULLMANN Udo (S&D) | 19/11/2024 |

| Committee for budgetary assessment | Rapporteur for budgetary assessment | Appointed |
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| BUDG Budgets | GERMAIN Jean-Marc (S&D) | 07/10/2024 |

### Council of the

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| European Union | |
| European Commission | **Commission DG** / **Commissioner**<br>Maritime Affairs and Fisheries / SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 09/07/2024 | Preparatory document | COM(2024)0285 | Summary |
| 23/09/2024 | Legislative proposal published | 12475/2024 | Summary |
| 10/10/2024 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 18/03/2025 | Vote in committee | | |
| 20/03/2025 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A10-0028/2025 | |
| 02/04/2025 | Decision by Parliament | T10-0053/2025 | Summary |
| 02/04/2025 | Results of vote in Parliament | | |
| 12/05/2025 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 21/05/2025 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 2024/0159(NLE) |
| **Procedure type** | NLE - Non-legislative enactments |
| **Procedure subtype** | Consent by Parliament |
| **Amendments and repeals** | Accompanying procedure 2024/0159M(NLE) |
| **Legal basis** | Rules of Procedure EP 58<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p7<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | PECH/10/00454 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee draft report | | PE765.182 | 14/11/2024 | |
| Committee opinion | BUDG | PE765.009 | 22/11/2024 | |
| Committee opinion | DEVE | PE766.706 | 28/01/2025 | |

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| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A10-0028/2025 | 20/03/2025 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T10-0053/2025 | 02/04/2025 | Summary |

**Council of the EU**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Legislative proposal | 12475/2024 | 23/09/2024 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Preparatory document | COM(2024)0285 | 09/07/2024 | Summary |
| Document attached to the procedure | COM(2024)0286 | 09/07/2024 | |
| Document attached to the procedure | COM(2024)0287 | 09/07/2024 | |

**Additional information**

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

## Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

### Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

**Transparency**

| Name | Role | Committee | Date | Interest representatives |
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| CAMARA Mélissa | Shadow rapporteur | PECH | 14/11/2024 | OCEANA |
| SARGIACOMO Eric | Rapporteur | PECH | 15/10/2024 | CAPE-CFFA |
| SARGIACOMO Eric | Rapporteur | PECH | 01/10/2024 | European Transport Workers' Federation |
| SARGIACOMO Eric | Rapporteur | PECH | 24/09/2024 | EUROPECHE |

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# EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 02/04/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 518 votes to 104, with 61 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029).

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

The current Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024-2029) was applied provisionally from the date of signature, i.e. 18 September 2024. This fisheries agreement allows vessels from a number of EU Member States to fish in Guinea-Bissau waters.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories: freezer shrimp trawlers; freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers; small pelagic trawlers; tuna freezer vessels and longliners; pole-and-line tuna vessels. The Agreement is **multi-species** and covers tuna, cephalopods, shrimps and demersal species.

The Agreement is part of a network of tuna agreements in West Africa and is one of only three multi-species agreements in the region (the others being with Morocco and with Mauritania).

The fishing opportunities provided for in the Agreement are based on the best scientific advice available and on the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The EU contribution to this new protocol is estimated at **EUR 85 million over the 5 years, consisting of EUR 17 million per year**, of which EUR 4.5 million will be dedicated to promoting Guinea-Bissau's sustainable fisheries management, control and surveillance capacities, and supporting local fishing communities.

In addition to the EU contribution, shipowners will pay licence and capture fees to the Guinea-Bissau administration to be authorised to fish. The combination of the EU's contribution and fees paid by EU operators puts the total estimated financial envelope beyond EUR 100 million over the 5 year period.

# EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 23/09/2024 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029) signed, subject to its conclusion at a later date, should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2024–2029).

The objectives of the Protocol are to enable Union vessels to fish in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone and to enable the Union and Guinea-Bissau to work closely together to further promote the development of a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone. That cooperation will also contribute to decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

The Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement and the Protocol will have the power to approve certain amendments to the Protocol. The Commission will be empowered, subject to substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

The Union's position on proposed amendments to the Protocol should be established by the Council. The proposed amendments should be approved unless a blocking minority of Member States objects to them.

# EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Implementing Protocol (2024-2029)

2024/0159(NLE) - 09/07/2024 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau entered into force on 15 April 2008. It is tacitly renewable and is therefore still in force. The previous 5-year Implementing Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 15 June 2019 and expired on 14 June 2024.

On 14 February 2024, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations for a new Protocol to the FPA.

The Commission conducted negotiations with Guinea-Bissau on concluding a new Implementing Protocol to the Agreement. The objective is to allow Union vessels to access the fishing zone of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau and to fish for demersal species (crustaceans, cephalopods and fish), small pelagic species, and tuna and associated species there. Following these negotiations, a new text of the Implementing Protocol was initialled on 16 May 2024.

The new Protocol covers a period of 5 years from the date of provisional application.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to conclude the new Protocol (2024-2029) implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

The main aim of the new Protocol to the Agreement is to provide an updated framework that takes into account the priorities of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and the external dimension. This will help maintain and strengthen the strategic partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Another objective is to enhance cooperation between the Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau by implementing the partnership framework for the Agreement in order to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in the waters of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, in the interest of both Parties.

***Fishing opportunities***

The new Protocol provides for the following fishing opportunities:

- freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 3 500 GRT per year;

- freezer shrimp trawlers: 3 700 GRT per year;

- small-pelagic trawlers: 0 tonnes per year;

- 28 freezer tuna seiners and longliners:

- 13 pole-and-line tuna vessels;

in addition to support vessels in accordance with the relevant ICCAT resolutions.

***Financial contribution***

The financial contribution under the new Protocol is set at **EUR 17 000 000 per year**, based on:

- an annual amount of EUR 12 500 000 for access to fishery resources in the fishing zone of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; and

- a specific amount of EUR 4 500 000 per year in support of the sectoral policy of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

This support meets the objectives of cooperation in the fields of sustainable exploitation of fishery resources, aquaculture, sustainable development of the oceans, protection of the marine environment, and the blue economy.

The annual amount for commitment and payment appropriations is established during the annual budgetary procedure, including for the reserve line for protocols not yet having entered into force at the beginning of the year.