

A photograph of a fishing boat on a choppy sea. Two fishermen are visible on the deck. One is in the foreground, wearing a light-colored hooded jacket and sunglasses, looking towards the right. Another fisherman is further back, wearing a brown jacket. The boat is carrying a large stack of fishing gear, including nets and buoys. The sea is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the boat's wake. The sky is overcast and grey.

# A blue dimension to the Green Deal: Towards a sustainable recovery of the blue economy in Europe



# We bring the fish!

Over 80.000 large and small EU vessels **work together** to guarantee the continuity of fish supply

We catch around **5 million tonnes of fish** a year, mainly for human consumption

We provide **48 billion meals every year**, enough to feed every citizen in the European Union 96 times

The annual catch has a **value of € 7.7 billion**. Enough to buy six of the biggest football clubs in Europe

EU vessels are subject to hundreds of EU rules ensuring a responsible and sustainable activity, **safeguarding the marine environment**

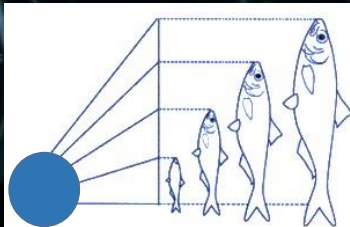
# Keep eating wild-caught fish: It's the best way to feed the world

## NO FISH STOCK DECLINE!!!

50% pressure reduction

Biomass 50% higher than  
in 2010

99% of landings at MSY



## PERFECT PROTEIN

Healthiest animal protein

Fish live freely

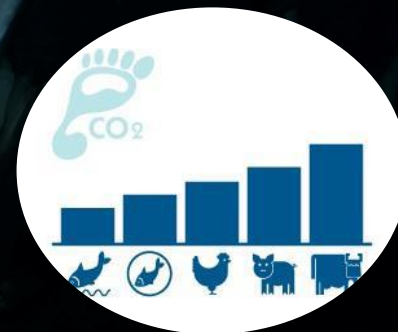
No artificially feed, water  
supply, antibiotics or  
pesticides



## CLIMATE PROTECTION

Lowest carbon footprint

Best option in terms of  
food security and fight  
against climate change



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from  
fishing are down by 40 %  
(if compared with 90's levels)

## Energy consumption (in millions of litres of fuel)



Fuel consumption decrease from  
2009 to 2017 (in green)



# Fisheries post-COVID future – Blue Economy

## CHALLENGES

- Climate change
- **Knowledge gaps:** effects of emerging Blue Economy activities
- **Rapid change:** sea industrialization
- **Providing benefits to present and future generations**

## WAY FORWARD

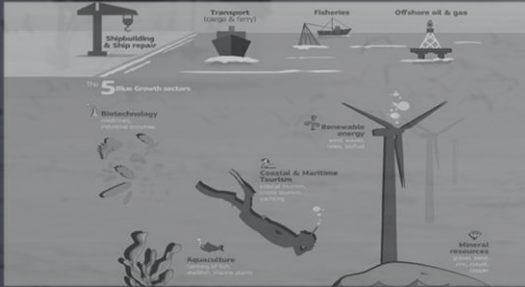
- Fishing vessels: mobile scientific units
- **Integrative management**
- Integrated **impact assessments** of the **cumulative environmental** + socio-economic consequences
- **Precautionary approach**
- Procurement of sustainable materials & green technologies to decarbonise blue industries
- Innovation & interconnection of value chains
- Not only economic but also food security and healthy diets
- Consideration to geographical location / seasonality jobs **'Social Cohesion'**



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## CHALLENGES

- **Increasing space competition** (emerging activities pushing aside traditional ones)



- **Generational gap**
- **Reduction EU seafood production**

## WAY FORWARD

- **Level playing field** between all actors
- Stakeholder **consultation**
- Safeguard adequate marine space for fishing: **food security** / mobile species
- Renewable energy can be located **on land**
- Guidelines on the implementation of **mitigation** measures
- Transparent **conflict resolution** mechanism
- Modernisation & digitalisation supply chain
- **Attract young** people to fishing sector
- **Women inclusion**
- Training and **transferable skills**
- Increase **imports** from **unsustainable** countries



# Many thanks for listening Enjoy eating fish and shellfish!

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*“Our mission is to promote responsible and sustainable fishing practices that not only ensures a healthy and diverse marine environment but preserves an economically and socially sustainable fishing sector able to contribute to the growing world demand for healthy seafood.” Javier Garat, President of Europêche.*

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