EU Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) visit

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Stakeholders Picture
Maritime Activity: Description

In the framework of the reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP) in 2002, it was concluded that the CFP had been poorly implemented and that control measures were not systematically implemented by Member States.

The agency’s (2006) mission is to promote the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the CFP.

Its primary role is to organise coordination and cooperation between national control and inspection activities so that the rules of the CFP are respected and applied effectively.

It works in collaboration with the Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX), the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA)

EFCA visit
Stakeholders’ Perspective about MSP

• EFCA was **not involved** in the process of MSP legislation development

• **Potentially open** to contribute and **participate** in MSP process, on European, regional, national, even local level but in this moment EFCA **mandate do not** include involvement in MSP in any way

• Absolutely clear that they be **valuable** partner in the MSP process as they have **knowledge, methods**, information that can clearly support MSP process
Suggestions to improve the link between the sector and MSP

Group discussion if EU EFCA is a really stakeholder?

- Executing public mandate

How should be included in the MSP process?

For EFCA to be involved, needs to have its mandate extended, needs political will

How EFCA could contribute to MSP?

- Fisheries infringement assessments can be used as a side product to identify fisheries areas on the European marine basins level
- Products can support MSP in a transboundary context

How MSP could benefit EFCA?

MSP can provide information on maritime activities that may support fisheries risk assessments.
Thank You!