



High-level event

Digital transition in EU Fisheries, how to better implement the Common Fisheries Policy?

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Introductory remarks

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KEY FACTS

PROJECT TIMELINE:

06/22 - 05/25
(36 MONTHS)

TOTAL VOLUME:

6€ MIO

EU-FUNDING:

4.5 € MIO

7 PROJECT PARTNERS:

BELGIUM, FRANCE,
GERMANY, PORTUGAL

FOCUS AREA:

MEDITERRANEAN,
ATLANTIC &
BALTIC/NORTHERN SEA
COAST

FOCUS GROUP:

SMALL-SCALE &
RECREATIONAL
FISHERIES



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PROJECT CONSORTIUM



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PROJECT GOALS



- ❖ Fight **Illegal, Unreported & Unregulated (IUU)** fishing
- ❖ Promote a **sustainable use of common natural resources**
- ❖ Support honest fishers and help **generate fair economic returns**
- ❖ **Foster synergies** between fisheries, authorities, supply chain actors and consumers
- ❖ **Advance the digital transition** for small-scale and recreational fisheries
- ❖ Contribute to **traceable, healthy and sustainable food**

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Use Cases



Three marine basins:

Atlantic : Algarve region in Portugal

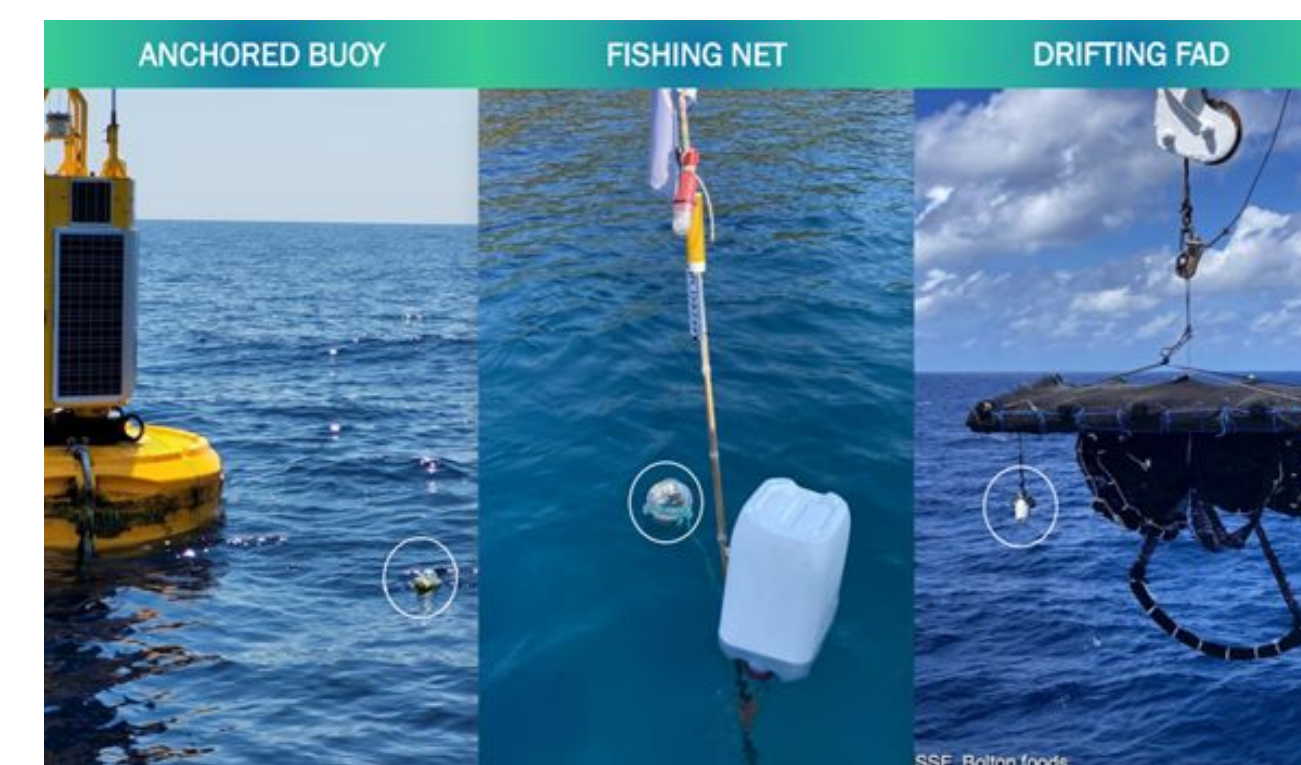
Mediterranean : Adriatic Sea (Marine protected area of Lastovo, Velebit Channel, Vis)

Baltic: to be defined

Technology devices (provided by CLS) :

- NEMO Vessel monitoring system (VMS) terminal
- Global positioning system (GPS) buoys

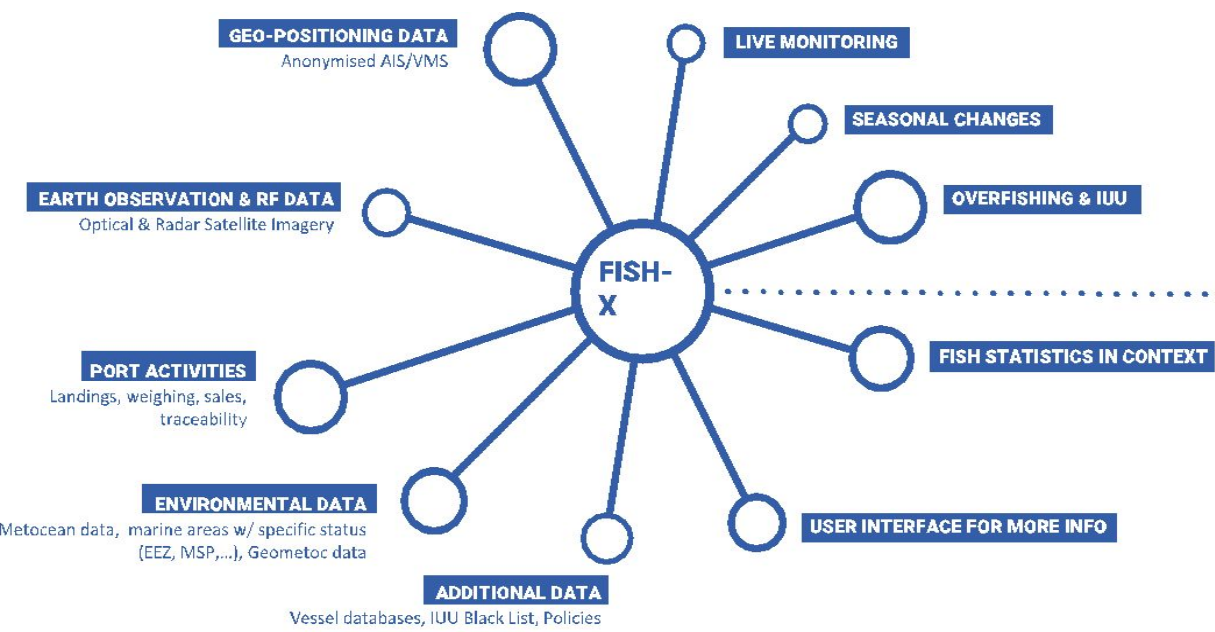
Start in August 2023



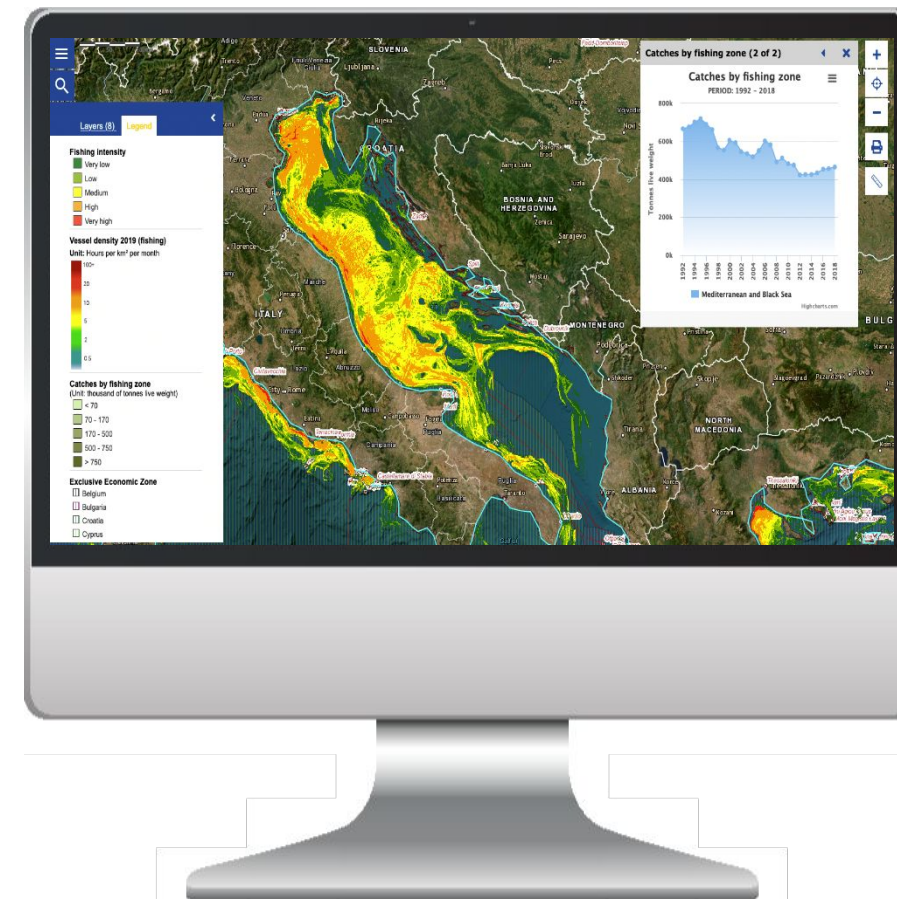
OUTCOME - IMPACT



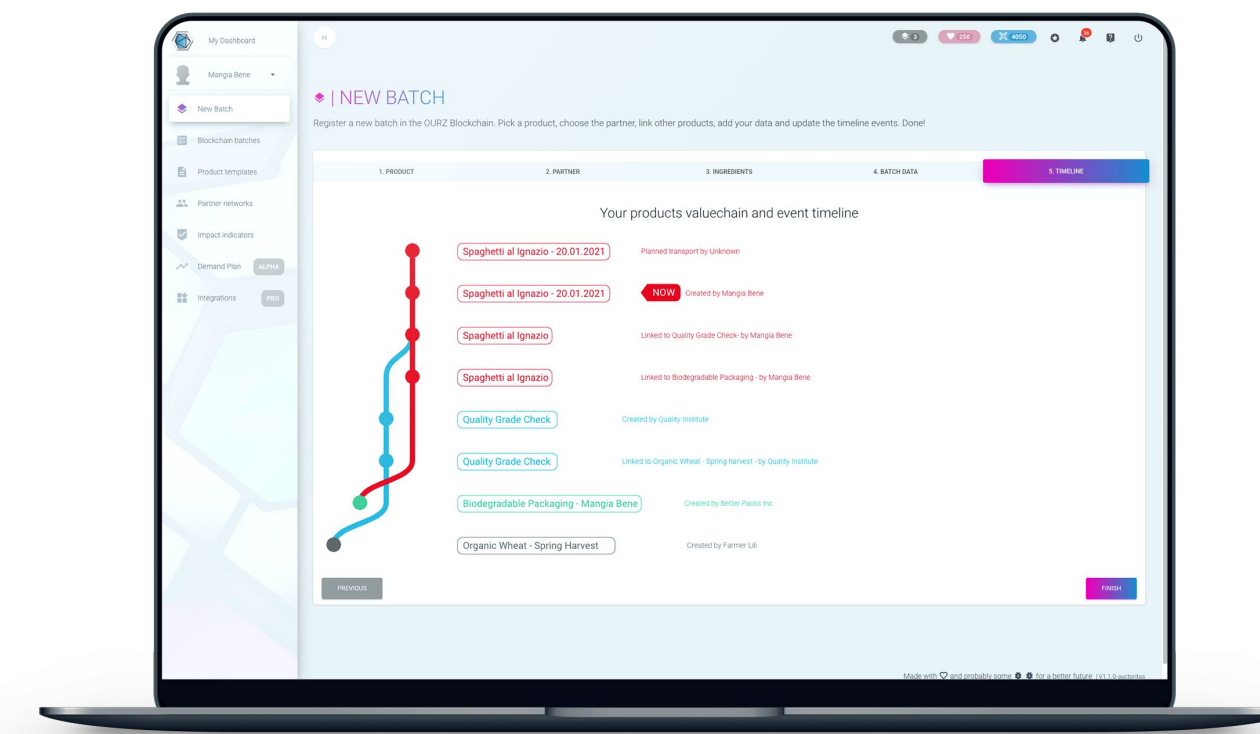
1. FISH-X DATA SPACE



2. INSIGHT PLATFORM



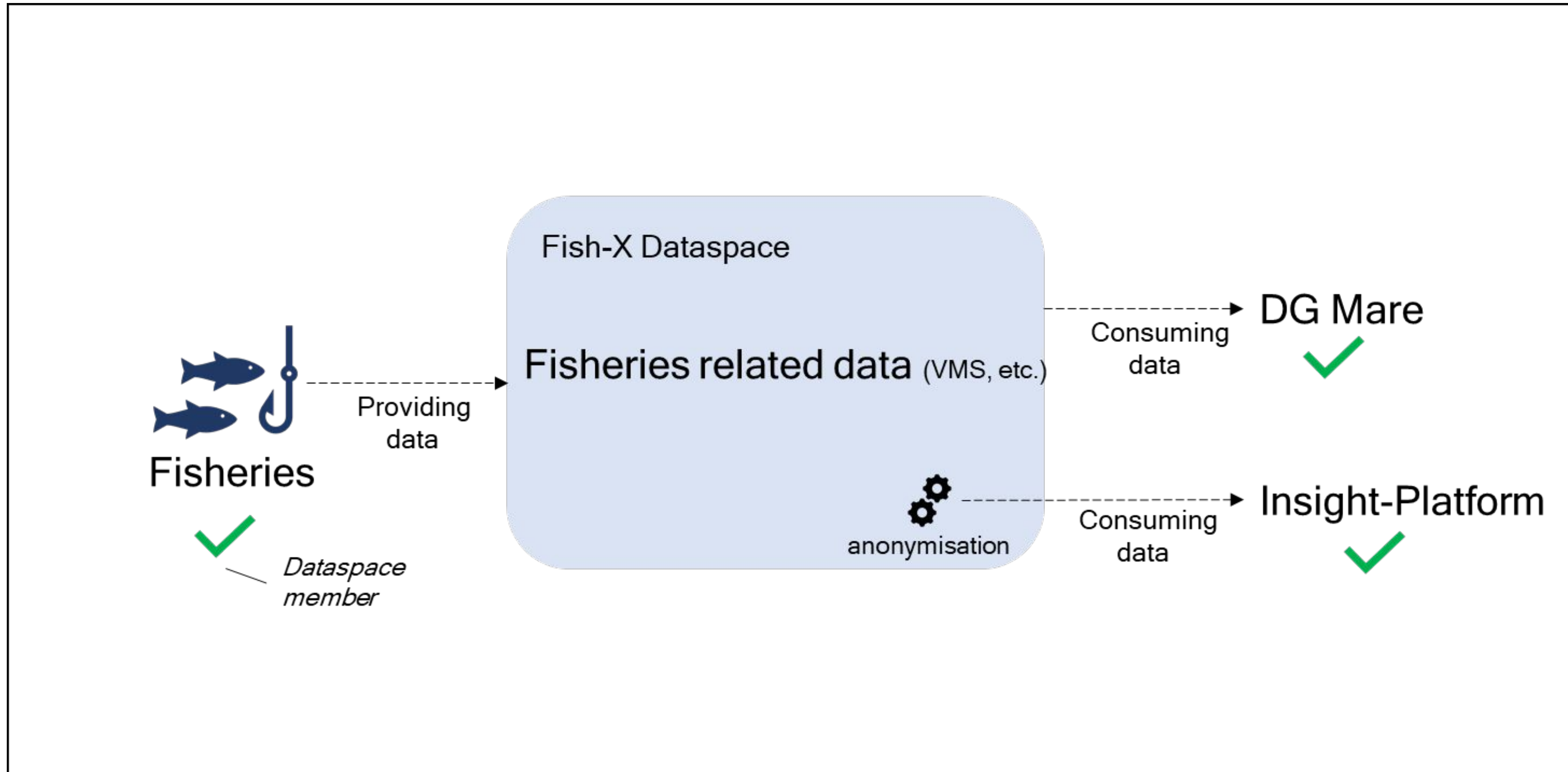
3. TRACEABILITY PLATFORM



USE CASES

POLICY RECOMM.

Fish-X Dataspace



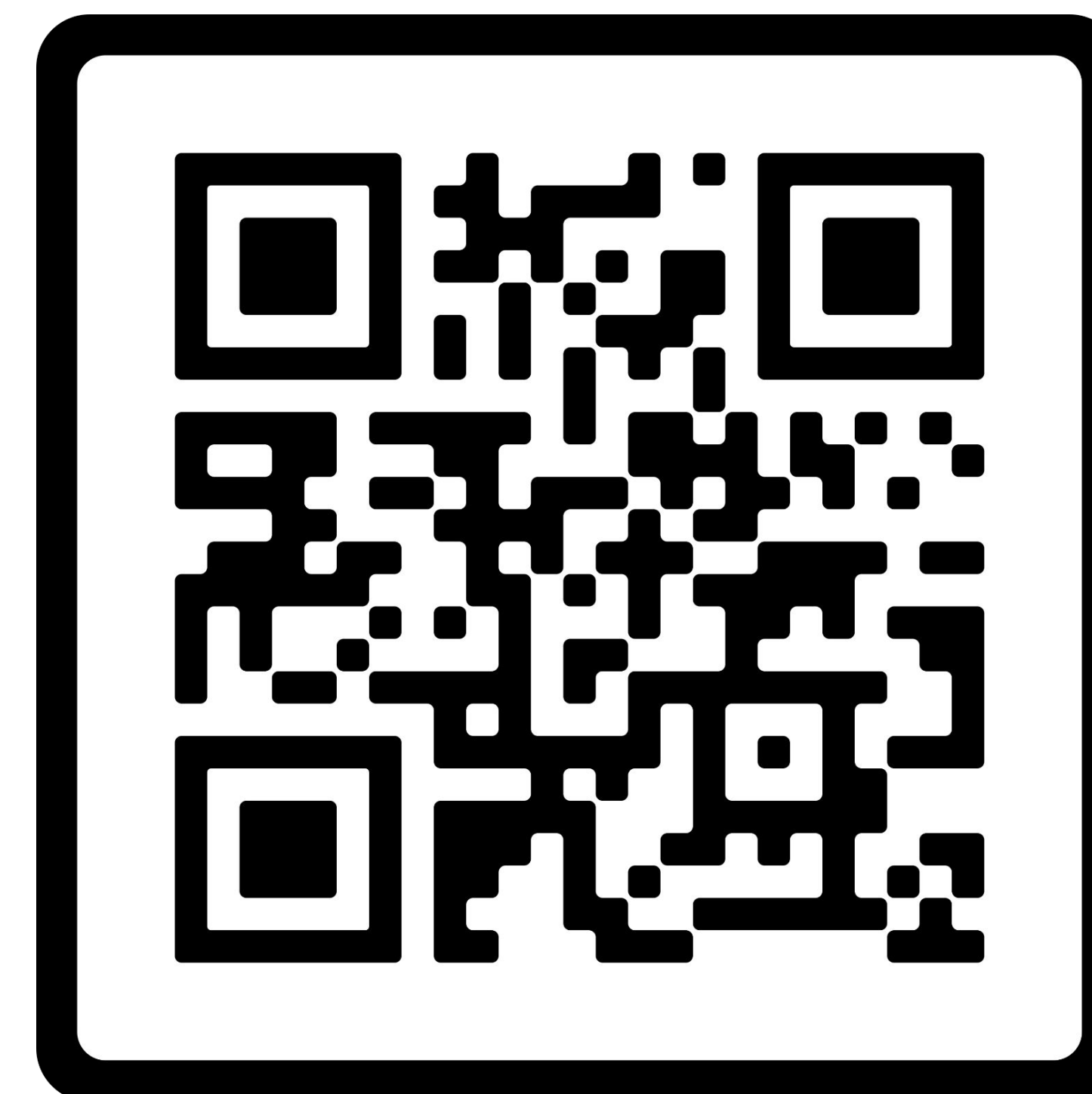
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EU FISHERIES ROADMAP

- ◆ **Objective:** Support a just digital transition of SSF in the EU by 2030
- ◆ **Method:** Consultative approach with key actors
- ◆ **Status:** Preliminary version published (scan the QR code to access the document)
- ◆ **Next steps:** Comprehensive analysis & synthesis to expand and refine preliminary version

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EU Control regulation

- ◆ **PECH adopted the provisional agreement 27 June**
 - plenary vote by November 2023 (TBC)
- ◆ **Impacts on small-scale fisheries**
 - **Vessel tracking and electronic catch reporting** for all by 2030, with special system for vessels < 12 meters
 - **Traceability** (mandatory use of EU CATCH IT system with vessel identifier, catching method and catch area)



- ◆ **Impacts on recreational fisheries**
 - Sale prohibited
 - Mandatory registration by 2030
 - Electronic catch reporting system

Digital transition & the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy ?



- ❖ **Improved fisheries management**
 - Better catch selectivity, avoiding by-catches - including sensitive species
 - Enhanced catch recording and reporting
- ❖ **Trustworthy seafood traceability**
 - Improved fisheries' documentation and data collection
 - Better information to consumers
- ❖ **Incentivise all fisheries towards more selective, low-impact and sustainable practices** to improve fish population's replenishment
- ❖ **Energy-efficient devices**
 - Solar powered, high battery autonomy



Thank you for your attention, and enjoy the discussion!

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Panel discussion

Moderated by Antonia Leroy

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Ramón de la Figuera Morales, Fisheries Counsellor to the Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU

Questions & Answers

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Concluding remarks

By MEP Francisco Guerreiro

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Enjoy the standing networking lunch !

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