Evaluation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs)

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Objective and procedure

- In December 2020, the Commission launched a study to study the features, content, implementation, results and impacts, with particular focus on the sectoral. The study was finalised at the end of 2021.

- The study was based on desk work, analysing the documents available and importantly included feedback from public and targeted consultations.

- In 2022, the Commission will work on a Commission Staff Working Document evaluating the SFPAs and using as baseline the evaluation study, ex ante ex post evaluations and other available material.

Main results of the study

- **RELEVANCE**

  - Needs of the CFP, third countries and long distance fleet

  - Network of dormant agreements

  - Needs of partner countries

- **EFFECTIVENESS**

  - Adaptation to fishing opportunities, ecosystem protection measures and sustainable fisheries

  - Developed capacities in third countries

  - Job creation

- **COHERENCE**

  - Aligned with EU interventions including facilitate trade.

- **ACCEPTABILITY**

  - Public perception has sometimes a narrow approach.

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Areas for improvement

- **Strategic vision of the SFPAs** (dormant agreements, exclusivity clause, etc.)

- **Definition and concept of the SFPAs** (governance, technical conditions, etc.)

  - **Coordination** of instruments and policy coherence

- **Implementation of SFPA** (monitoring, social conditions, etc.)

- **Amplify the use and impact of the sectoral support** (monitoring, social conditions, etc.)

- **Broaden** the governance framework and the sectoral support (sanitary conditions, landings and trade flows, etc.)

Calendar of the CSWD preparation

1st quarter of 2022:

- analysis of the study and specifically its conclusions

- Input from key stakeholders (e.g. targeted consultations done in 2021)

Mid 2022:

- First results of the CSWD

End of 2022:

- Publication of the CSWD

Thank you

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