

INVITATION to a reception 5th of May 19.00, in MEP Salons, European Parliament

Dear fellow journalist
Dear fellow fisheries-policymaker

As you know, the EU is the world's largest fish import market. It is also the world's second largest fishing power, after China. The EU fishing fleet operates all over the planet, and EU fisheries policies, in terms of import policies, subsidies or fisheries agreements with third world countries, all have an enormous impact on the entire world's oceans. It affects biodiversity, the stability of eco systems and food security, now and in the future.

Everyone agrees that the upcoming reform of the EU Common Fisheries Policy is desperately needed. This is good news. What is bad news though is that this extremely important issue is seldom reported on in the news media.

With the launch of the new website www.cfp-reformwatch.eu we want to try to help media, stakeholders and other interested citizens to find relevant information on what is actually going on in the CFP reform process. We will publish opinion articles by leading policymakers, experts and others that can contribute to a fruitful debate (the first to write for us is of course the new Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki). We will also have debate forums, but most importantly we will publish all the relevant information, documents and agendas that are dealt with by the European institutions, so that they will be easy to find for journalists and stakeholders, and that the reform process will be as transparent and accessible for European citizens as possible.

I wish you all a warm welcome to a reception to launch www.cfp-reformwatch.eu in the European Parliament on the 5th of May, at 19.00, in the Members Salons. **Mr Fokion Fotiadis, Director General of DG Mare**, will arrive directly from the informal ministers' meeting in Vigo and give us an introduction speech.



Warm regards

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