



Explanatory meetings of the EU acquis – Chapter 13

# Fishing opportunities in the Mediterranean and the Black Seas

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# Framework

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- **Important tool to ensure that living aquatic resources are exploited under sustainable economic, environmental and social conditions**
- **CFP Basic Regulation (Articles 16 and 17)**

# FO in the Mediterranean so far

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- **Fishing opportunities based on measures adopted by the GFCM**
  - Eel (closure period), small pelagic stocks in the Adriatic (catch limits, fishing effort limits)
- **Integrated in the 'general' Fishing Opportunities Regulation**
  - Council Regulation 2019/124

# FO in the Black Sea so far

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- **Fishing opportunities have been fixed for years (turbot and sprat)**
  - Latest FO Regulation: Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2058
- **For turbot, transposition of TAC and quotas adopted by the GFCM**
- **For sprat, autonomous quota based on scientific advice**

# Possible new approach for 2020

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## One single Regulation covering the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

- increasing number of fishing opportunities in these seabasins:
  - at EU level: western Mediterranean MAP
  - at international level: GFCM measures
  - Black Sea TAC and quotas

# Process

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- Proposal to be established by the Commission
- Discussions at Council
- Adoption by Council end of 2019
- Application 1 January 2020



**Thank you for  
your attention**