

Towards 2021 UN Food Systems Summit: The role of Fisheries & Aquaculture



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Hosted by MEP Pierre Karleskind

Chair of the Committee on Fisheries (PECH), European Parliament

In 2021, the [United Nations \(UN\) Food Systems Summit](#) will renew commitments for a sustainable and resilient food system that is able to tackle and adapt to current challenges. However, the role of the fisheries and aquaculture sector in such transformations remains unclear, also in view of the EU's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies, as well as the recently launched New Consumer Agenda. In addition, as the upcoming UN Food Systems Summit will be a crucial opportunity to take stock of current practices and advance global action towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals, this event aims at therefore highlighting the key role of the fisheries and aquaculture sector within the above processes.



FINAL AGENDA

16:00-16:10 – Welcome remarks by **MEP Pierre Karleskind**, PECH Committee Chair

16:10-16:20 – Keynote address by **Martina Fleckenstein**, UNFSS Action Track 3

16:20-16:30 – **Dr. Manuel Barange**, Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy and Resources Division, FAO

16:30-16:40 – **Veronika Veits**, Director on International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries, DG MARE, European Commission

16:40-17:20 – Reactions from stakeholders:

- Europêche: **Javier Garat**, President
- Federation of European Aquaculture Producers: **Javier Ojeda**, Interim Secretary General
- CNC France (French Shellfish Farming Interbranch): **Bruno Guillaumie**, Deputy Director General
- WWF European Policy Office: **Dr. Antonia Leroy**, Head of Ocean Policy

17:20-17:30 – Reactions by MEPs:

- **MEP Isabel Carvalhais**
- **MEP Petros Kokkalis**

17:30-17:40 – Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union: **Ricardo Serrão Santos**, Minister of Maritime Affairs, Portugal

17:40-17:55 – Q&As with the audience, moderated by **Ernesto Peñas Lado**, Member, IUCN/CEM/FEG

17:55-18:00 – Closing remarks and take-away messages by **MEP Pierre Karleskind**, PECH Committee Chair