

# THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY: PRESENT CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021



## Summary report of recommendations

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# The value of SFPAs - recommendations



- Key points
  - Participation is key. Involve more actors (ie. Civil society) in all stages
  - Coordination with coastal state needs also collaboration
  - Capacity building is essential for the SFPA to continue evolving
  - Long standing scientific cooperation
  - Multiple challenges with limited resources. Particular needs of coastal states
  - Balance ambition with needs of coastal states
  - Regional management of small pelagic. Stock assessment. Surplus with best scientific knowledge available
  - Surveillance, monitoring
  - Socioeconomic data for better follow up impact of SFPA in local communities.



# CS round table – Summary



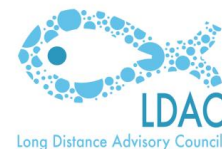
- Advantages
  - Positively evolution of the agreements into a sustainable fisheries partnership
  - The agreements are important for both parties, for the partner countries contribute to achieving the local development goals.
- Challenges
  - Improve data collection for better stock assessment
  - Mitigation measures for bycatches of vulnerable species
  - Execution of sectorial support
  - Improve MSC to combat IUU
  - Increase transparency including Socioeconomic benefits from the fisheries in the coastal state
  - Improve small fisheries capacity and strengthen sector – Ensure food security



# Recommendations and next steps



- Ensure participation of stakeholders is fundamental: The current open call fundamental to participate
  - Sustainability is core, better scientific knowledge for stock assessment
  - Better collaboration in training and capacity building
  - Sectorial support management coordinated to needs to partner countries
  - Continue efforts to increase transparency
  - Socio-economic benefits from the SFPA in the coastal state needs better assessment
  - Regional management for shared resources
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- The role of the FarFish project
    - Stakeholder hub to improve cooperation
    - Data harmonization and DLM improves scientific knowledge to stock assessment
    - VCA and studies socioeconomic impacts of SFPA
    - Training





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