



Evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation

North Western Waters Advisory Council

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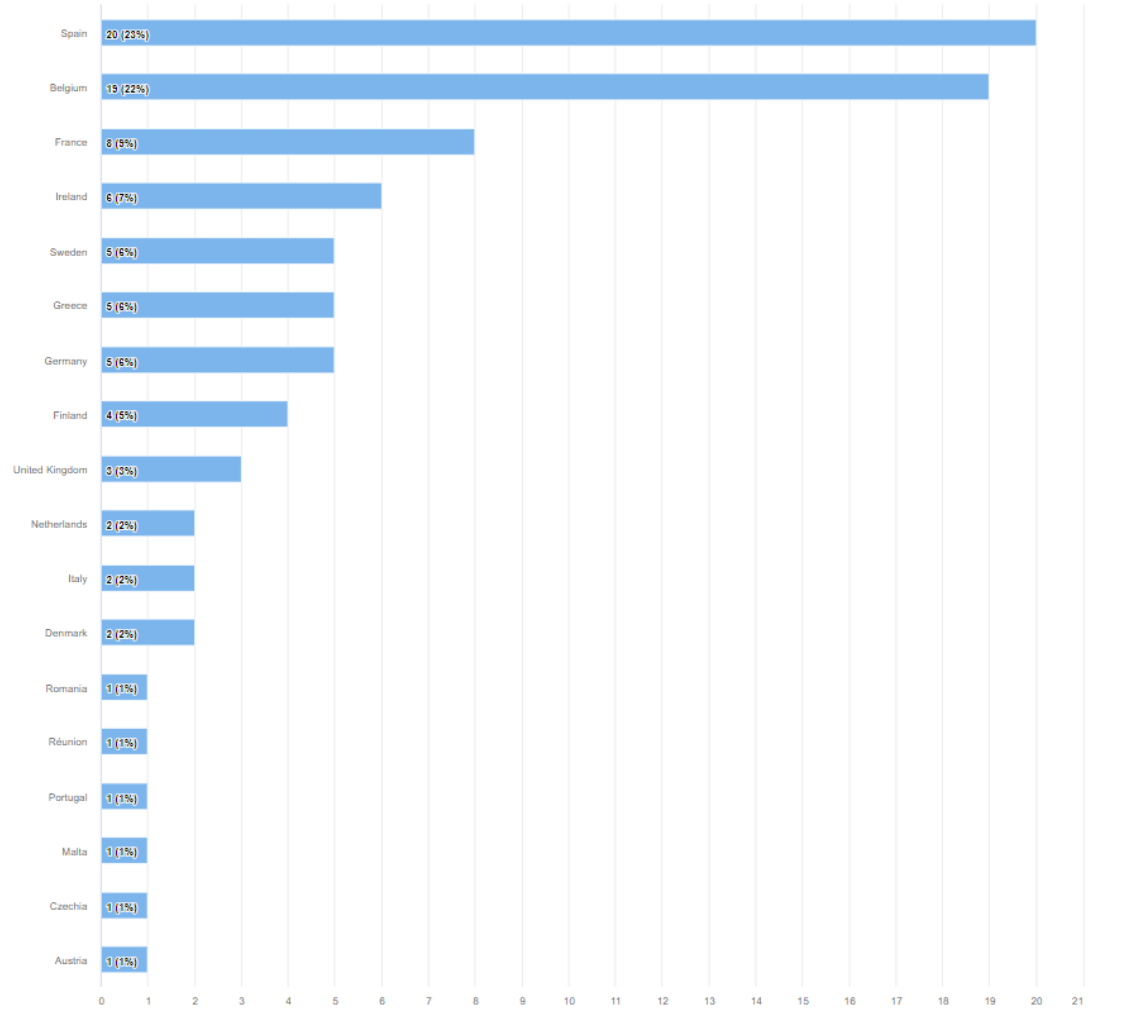
Evaluation first principle

- Take lessons of past EU actions into account
- Assess performance against initial expectations
- Decide on next steps

- First step of evaluation: call for evidence
(20/06/2024-06/09/2024)
(https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14203-Common-fisheries-policy-evaluation_en)

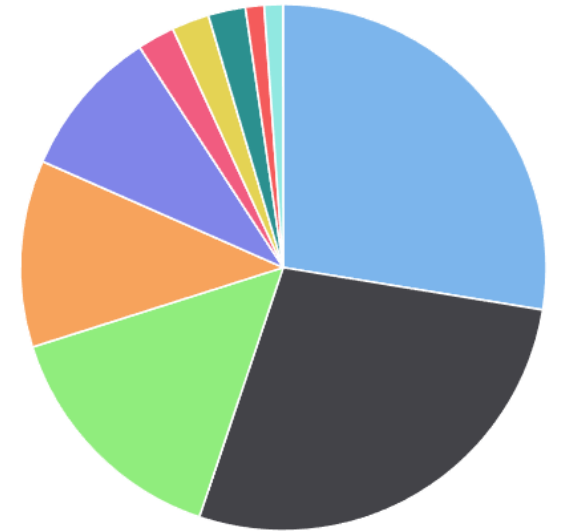
Statistics feedback call for evidence: 87

By country

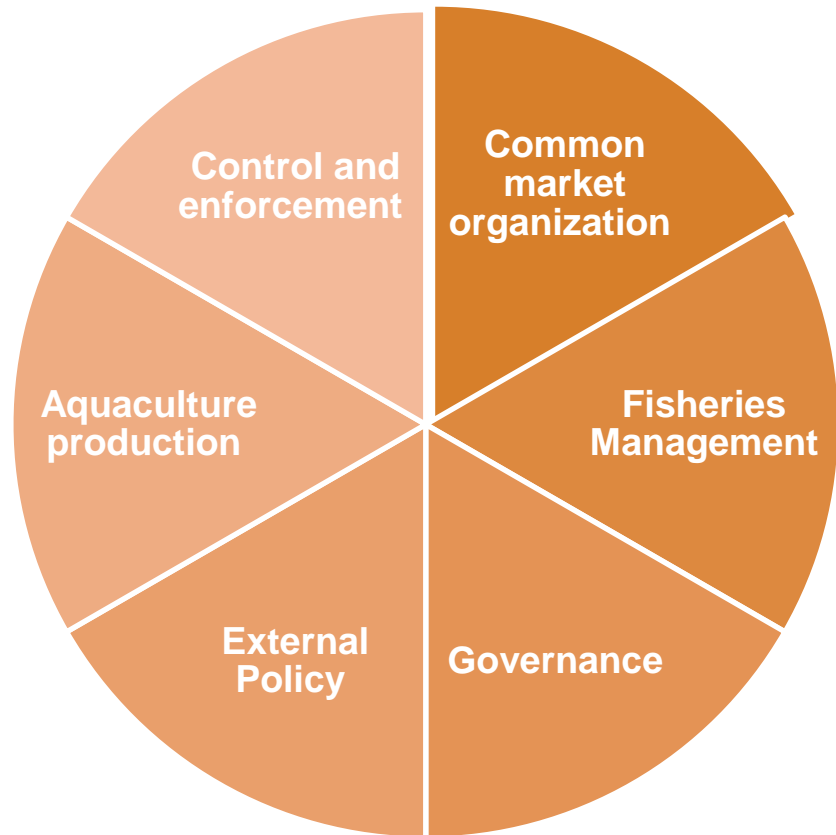


By category of respondent

- Business association: 24 (27.59%)
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO): 24 (27.59%)
- Public authority: 13 (14.94%)
- Other: 10 (11.49%)
- EU citizen: 8 (9.20%)
- Environmental organisation: 2 (2.30%)
- Academic/research Institution: 2 (2.30%)
- Company/business: 2 (2.30%)
- Trade union: 1 (1.15%)
- Consumer organisation: 1 (1.15%)



Better Regulation



- Evaluation will provide an **evidence-based assessment** of whether the CFP Regulation is still fit for purpose or where lessons can be learned for improving.
 - What has happened?
 - Why has it happened?
 - How much of this is linked to EU intervention?
- Five **evaluation criteria**: effectiveness; efficiency; relevance; coherence; EU added value.



Why a full evaluation?

The “[Fisheries and Oceans package](#)” adopted by the Commission in February 2023 reported on the implementation of the CFP to date and launched a dialogue going further into detail of key challenges for Europe’s fisheries today.

Building upon this dialogue and linked to:

- [Ex-post evaluation](#) of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund:
- [Mid-term evaluation](#) of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund:
 - 42 entries call for evidence; 16 entries public consultation
- Evaluation of the landing obligation
- Evaluation of the [Sustainable fisheries partnership agreements](#)

Current political context

- **In Political guidelines for the next European Commission 2024 – 2029**
 - >> *“I will appoint a Fisheries and Oceans Commissioner tasked with ensuring the sector remains sustainable, competitive and resilient and with upholding a level playing field for the European fisheries chain.”*
- **Fisheries and Oceans Commissioner:** nominated Costas Kadis - public hearings at European Parliament early November.
 - >> *“You will complete and follow up on the comprehensive evaluation of the CFP, with particular attention to its economic, environmental and social dimensions.”* [Mission letter](#).
- **European Oceans Pact** ensuring coherence across all policy areas linked to the oceans
 - >> *“Focus on supporting resilient and healthy oceans and coastal areas, promoting the blue economy, managing the use of our seas and oceans coherently and developing a comprehensive agenda for marine knowledge, innovation and investment”*

Planning

- **Supporting study** to be launched October 2024
- **Public stakeholder consultation** by the end of 2024
- Dedicated sessions with Advisory Councils
- Finalisation of study October 2025
- Final product is the evaluation report – **a staff working document** written by the Commission
- Evaluation findings **feed** into the next step of the cycle decision-making

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October 2022 & Call for Evidence 2024

- Objectives over tools, amend if necessary
- Flexibility of the policy when changes happen
- Post-Brexit landscape should be considered and more coherency between UK and EU waters
- More effective advice feedback
- Reaching MSY and considering MSY volatility
- MAPs should be amended according to specific cases
- Landing obligations should be better enforced
- Inter-disciplinary approach where socio-economic factors will be included
- Simplify the delivery mechanisms and administrative burden
- There is a lack of data, make better use of data that is available
- See if the tools still fit the purpose, and if there is a better tool available
- Ensure a level playing field

Thank you



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