



**Commissioner Damanaki launches new market observatory for fisheries and aquaculture at Seafood Expo**

Today, Maria Damanaki, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries visited the annual Brussels Seafood Exhibition, where she launched the new online European Market Observatory for Fishery and Aquaculture Products (EUMOFA).

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**CFP Reform: progress in Council**

The Fisheries Council met in Luxembourg on 22nd April, where an exchange of views took place on the Common Fisheries Policy's Basic Regulation. Discussions centred on three questions put by the Irish Presidency to Ministers: (1) agreement on the time line to conclude negotiations with EP, with the aim to achieve political agreement by the summer; (2) margins for flexibility on key issues (MSY, discard ban, regionalization, fleet capacity management); (3) how to address the institutional issues related to multi-annual plans.

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**Commissioner Maria Damanaki welcomes European Parliament support to ban discarding in the Skagerrak**

The European Parliament voted on Tuesday to adopt a ban on discarding unwanted fish of 35 species caught in the Skagerrak (the strait running between Norway, Sweden, and Denmark).

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**European Maritime Day Conference to focus on coastal tourism**

Tourism, as one of the most resilient sectors of the economy, will be a central theme at this year's European Maritime Day Conference to be held in Valletta on 21 and 22 May 2013.

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**Events**

[European Seafood Exposition, Brussels, Belgium](#)

23/04/2013 — 25/04/2013

[European Maritime Day 2013](#)

21/05/2013 — 22/05/2013

**Funding Opportunities**

[Call for proposals MARE/2012/25 - Project on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean Sea and/or the Black Sea](#)

Deadline: 30/04/2013

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**Publications and studies**

[Magazine: Fisheries and aquaculture in Europe no. 60](#)

[Evaluation of the measures in the EU's outermost regions under Council Regulation \(EC\) N° 791/2007](#)

[Pilot projects to estimate potential and actual escapement of silver eel](#)

[Blue Growth - Unlocking the potential of Europe's oceans, seas and coasts](#)

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**Public consultations**

[Consultation on the State aid legal instruments in the fisheries sector](#)

Deadline: 17/06/2013

[Consultation on the small-scale driftnet fisheries](#)

Deadline: 15/09/2013

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