



## EU Fisheries Policies reviewed: *“Recognizing the socio-economic importance of Recreational Fisheries”*

**Chaired by MEP André Rodrigues**

*(coordinator of the S&D Group in the PECH Committee)*

08 April 2025, 18:30-20:00

European Parliament, Brussels

Room - Altiero Spinelli 3H1

### AGENDA

#### 18:30 - Introduction

**Welcome words** by **MEP Sofie Eriksson**, on behalf of the Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment co-Chairs (MEP Sofie Eriksson & MEP Michal Wiezik)

**Opening speech** by **MEP André Rodrigues**, Member & Coordinator for the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) in the PECH Committee

#### 18:45 - Presentations

**The need of recognition of the EU Recreational Fisheries sector as a full stakeholder in future EU fisheries policies** by **David Vertegaal**, EAA board member

**Political recognition of Recreational fisheries – the UK example** by **Hannah Rudd**, EAA member & Angling Trust Marine Policy & Research manager

#### 19:10 - Roundtable discussion (5 min interventions)

Chaired by **MEP Niclas Herbst**, substitute member of the PECH Committee & former Chair of the Forum on Recreational Fisheries and Aquatic Environment

#### In presence of:

**Stylianos Mitolidis**, European Commission, Director DG MARE Unit D – Fisheries Policy, Mediterranean and Black Sea

**MEP Rasmus Nordqvist**, Member of the PECH Committee for the Group of the Greens/EFA - *tbc*

**Glenn Douglas**, BSAC Vice-Chair, Sportfiskarna

**Gerard Bakkenes**, President European Fishing & Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA)

**Mark Owen**, Chair European Anglers Alliance (EAA)

#### 19:45: Wrap up and Conclusions

