



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

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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

Glenn Douglas, BSAC Vice-Chair, Sportfiskarna

Mark Owen, Chair European Anglers Alliance (EAA)

19:45: Wrap up and Conclusions

