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# The EU Landing Obligation: State of play

14 June 2019  
from 09:00 to 15:30

**CENTRE A. BORSCHETTE – ROOM AB-1D**  
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Brussels (Métro Schuman)

## Agenda and programme

*Participants: Advisory Councils, other stakeholders, Member States, EFCA and DG MARE representatives*

*Objective: The Commission would like to engage in a dialogue with all participants to take stock on the state of play of full implementation of the landing obligation in mid-2019 and encourage participants to exchange information and case studies.*

- 1. Arrival of the participants and registration**  
09:00-09:30
- 2. Opening by João Aguiar Machado, Director General DG MARE**  
09:30-09:45
- 3. Short introduction by the Chair on the seminar and breakdown in Working Groups (working groups 1 & 2)**  
09:45-10:30  

Each working group will discuss the key issues associated with each of the topics and will be facilitated by a panel of experts representing different sectors. A "state of play" presentation will precede the discussions and will act as a stimulus for discussions. The key findings of the working groups will be used as the basis for plenary discussions.
- 4. Coffee break**  
10:30-11:00
- 5. Working Groups 1 and 2 (in parallel)**  
11:00-13:00

### WG1: Implementing the landing obligation in 2019

This session will review the concrete practical measures up to date that Member States and other stakeholders have put in place to accompany the full implementation of the landing obligation (e.g. selectivity and avoidance measures, multi-annual by-catch reduction plans).

### WG2: Remote Electronic Monitoring systems for the control of the landing obligation

The effective control and enforcement of the landing obligation at sea is of paramount importance and presents a set of challenges for Member States that have proven difficult by conventional means of control. In order to address this deficiency, the Commission included a legal basis for the mandatory risk based use of Closed-Circuit Television systems, on board vessels, in the new Control Regulation proposal.

This session will focus mainly on the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) systems and on the progress to date. Selected stakeholders will present their experience on the use of REM to control the landing obligation and other purposes such as the collection of scientific data. Furthermore, the European Fisheries Control Agency will introduce their recently finalised technical guidelines on the use of REM to control the landing obligation and present landing obligation compliance indicators in key fisheries.

#### **6. Lunch break**

13:00-14:00

#### **7. Plenary session: wrap-up of the discussions, and concluding remarks by Veronika Veits, Director Directorate D. Fisheries Policy Mediterranean and Black Sea**

14:00-15:30