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FORESIGHT STUDY on FISHERS OF THE FUTURE



On 5 September, the MEDAC Secretariat forwarded the email/document draft by Tetrattech providing the **profiles of fishers for 2050** on which they would like your feedback. The document includes an introduction to explain how the profiles have been developed, and the drivers and possible future world scenarios which influence them. **The text is in currently in draft form, and following stakeholder feedback, the profiles will be finalized.**

The profiles are a key deliverable of the Fishers of the Future foresight study and your feedback is important in giving an **additional voice to fishers in European policy reflections**, as well as reinforcing key existing channels such as the Advisory Councils and social partners.

Feedback on the profiles of fishers for 2050 can be provided:

- during our upcoming workshops,
- as well as provided in writing from individual AC/SP members
- or in consolidated form from the Secretariats,

latest by before close of business on 27 September please.

Future Profiles Workshops

Up to 5 members of each AC/SP may attend one online workshop with the study team to provide oral feedback. There will be 3 meetings to choose from, with several ACs/SPs likely to be in each meeting.

Members from each (i.e. the same) AC/SP must attend the same workshop:

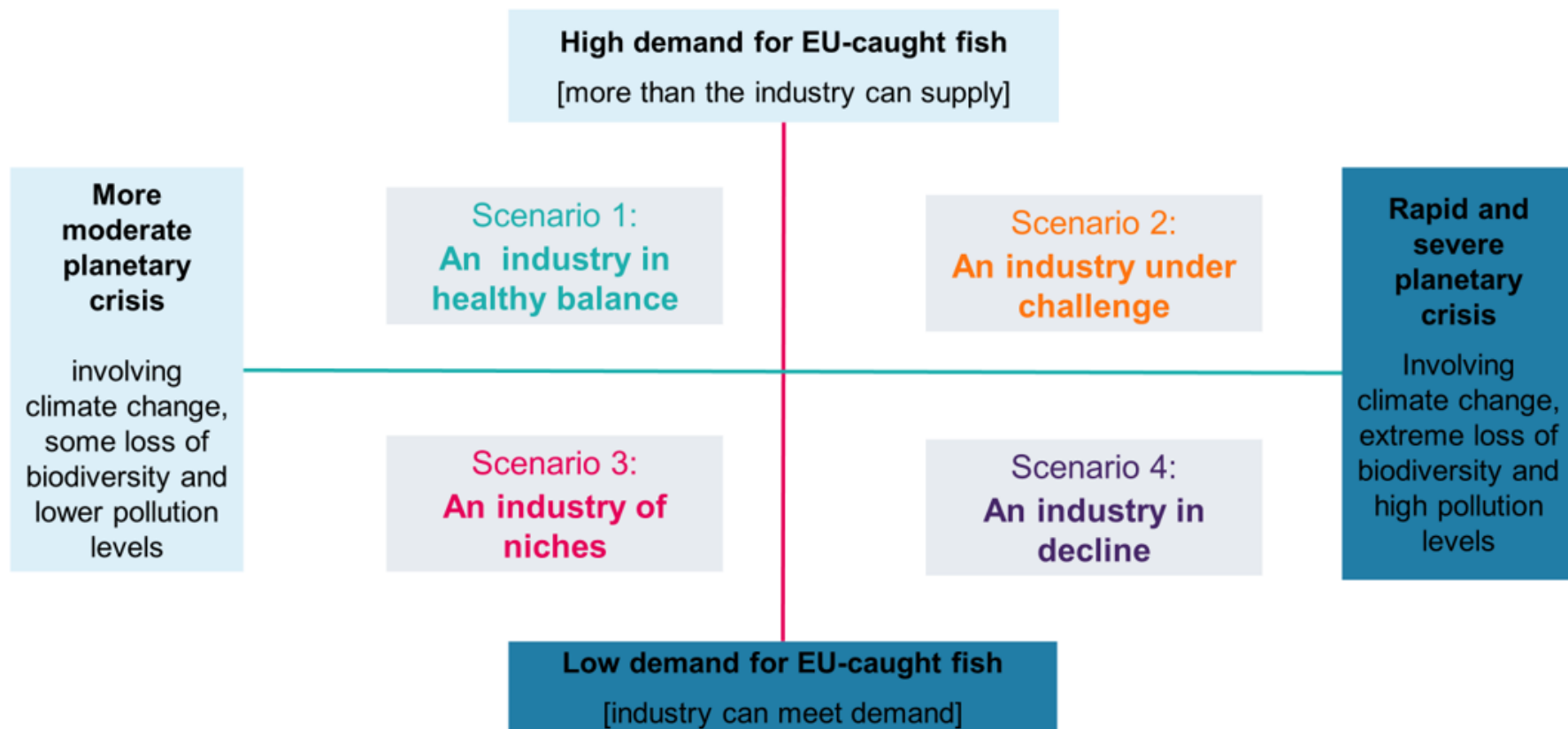
- Monday 16 September 2024, 2-5 pm
- Tuesday 17 September 2024, 2-5 pm
- Friday 20 September 2024, 9-12 pm

The workshops will be remote/online and held in English.

How the workshops will be run

Following a short introduction provided by DG MARE, the study team will facilitate discussions in plenary, with around 20-30 minutes provided to hear your feedback on each of the following points:

- The extent to which the profiles and personas are **plausible in the future scenarios** that are described (if not why and/or in what way?)
- General aspects of the profiles and personas (e.g. general approach and style), which are **especially favoured** (justification should be provided)
- General aspects of the profiles and personas (e.g. general approach and style) which are **especially disliked** (justification should be provided)
- Specific **text** in any of the profiles or personas which you find **inappropriate or which should be removed** or amended (justification should be provided)
- Other comments on the profiles and personas you'd like to make.



The profiles for small- and large-scale fishers are intended to be illustrative and plausible and to outline key fisher characteristics.

They are meant to describe **who fishers could be in the future given the four world scenarios** that have been developed during the study based on extensive stakeholder input.

Each profile includes two ‘personas’ (hypothetical individual fishers) to bring a more personal element to the profile. These are only 2 illustrative examples among the thousands of individual situations that will develop in the coming decades.

- **Small-scale future fishers** are those working on or owning under-12m vessels.
- **Large-scale fishers** are those working on or owning over-12m vessels.

The previous steps: ACs and the Fishers of the future initiative

Multi-AC Advice Ref.101/2024

AC members and Secretariats attended the first workshop of this project held on 19 March in Brussels. Observations:

- These profiles seem rather **simplistic** and do not fully capture the full and diverse reality of the EU fishing industry
- The survey is quite limited in terms of representativeness in **sampling coverage**
- The whole process would have benefited from a **longer timeframe** and deeper **engagement with all stakeholders** and a more representative participation of all fishers from all EU sea basins.
- it is important to highlight that the use of **only one working language** in the participatory event and in workshops contributed to the exclusion of a significant part of stakeholders.
- the Advisory Councils feel that **it is not realistic** to think today about the fishers of the future in 2050, when we are not able to analyse whether, in the current situation, we will be able to reach 2025 or 2030 with a sufficiently solid and sustainable sector. **The difficulties identified are current**, not future, and it would be reasonable to seek to correct them now, not in 2050.

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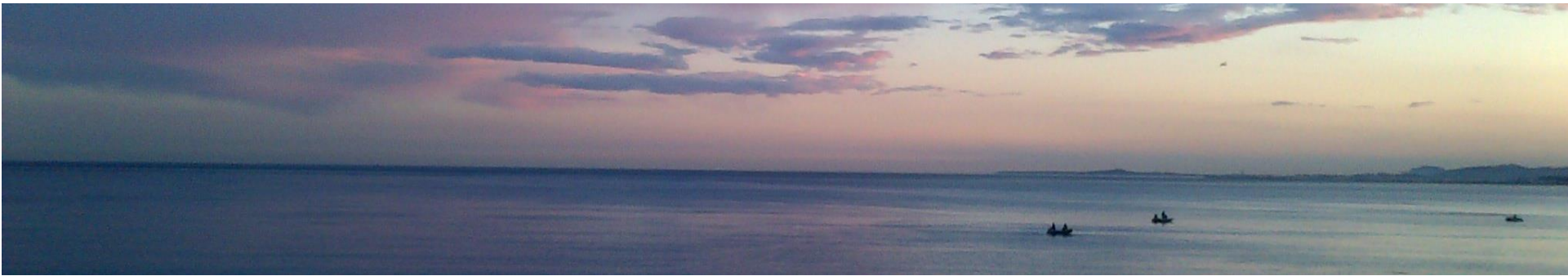
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- The outcomes of the project should also clarify **how future fishers will contribute to food security** and to ensuring the supply of seafood to the EU market [...]
- [...] it would be useful to understand **how the outcomes of the project will link in with the recently announced full evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy.**



MARE D3 reply on 10 July – arrived in September

“However, even though the methodology may have shortcomings, the study is indeed creating a lot of thinking and debate about the future, which we are listening to closely and which is essential to building our reflections and policy direction for the coming years.”



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