The impact of Brexit in Flevoland

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General consequences of Brexit on Flevoland

• Impact depends on type of trade agreement:
  1. European Economic Area
  2. Bilateral trade agreement UK-EU (trade barriers and tariffs)
  3. No trade agreement (back to WTO)

• Importance UK for companies:
  – UK 3rd export destination of Netherlands
  – €55 million of Dutch export to UK
  – 3.7% of GDP / 300.000 jobs
  – Flevoland: export machinery and agrifood
The importance of fisheries to Flevoland and the North Sea Region

- **60%** of the fish sold to UK processed in Urk

- **24,5%** of the Dutch flagged vessels (270) is from Urk (43)

- **39%** of total Dutch fisheries employment is located in Urk, so 3,345 out of 8,500 jobs

- Dutch flagged vessels provided **€27 million** turnover (25%) on the Urk fish auction
Consequences of Brexit (1)

- The number of Urker vessels: decrease from 103 to **25 or 30** vessels

- Employment in supply-sector: decrease from **150** up to **470 jobs**

- Decrease in supply to the fish auction: from **49,527 tons** to **15,000-20,000 tons** only

- Decrease of revenues from the Urker fish auction: from **€126 million** to just **€45 - €50 million** euros
Consequences of Brexit (2)

- Closure of Urker fish processing companies. Now: 60. Future: 20 to 40

- At least 4 out of 9 transport companies on Urk will go bankrupt.

- Loss of total employment: around 2,000 persons (direct and indirect employment). That is 60% of the total fisheries sector and 20% of total employment on Urk

- Extra costs for all in the whole North Sea region
Future actions of the region

• Providing information

• Networking and lobbying with CPMR and CoR
  • Substantial European Maritime and Fishery Fund post 2020 to tackle future challenges