



Impact of the CPMR's proposals for amendments on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2021-2027

This Paper looks at the impact of the CPMR's proposals for amendments concerning the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Regulation on the positions of the European Parliament and the Council.

At the same time, it provides information on the state of play of the negotiations.

I. Introduction

The European Commission published its proposal for a regulation for the EMFF 2021-2027 on 12 June 2018.

The CPMR has prepared proposals for amendments to the European Commission's proposal on the basis of its Policy Position "[EMFF post-2020: Strengthening the partnership with the Regions for more effective EU action](#)" of March 2018, and of the meeting of its Fisheries Working Group, held in June 2018.

With its Member Regions, it has conducted exchanges both with Members of the European Parliament and with the Advisers in charge of the EMFF in Ministries or Permanent Representations of Member States to the European Union.

The European Parliament adopted its first position on the EMFF on 4 April 2019. This proposal is in line with the CPMR's proposals on most points.

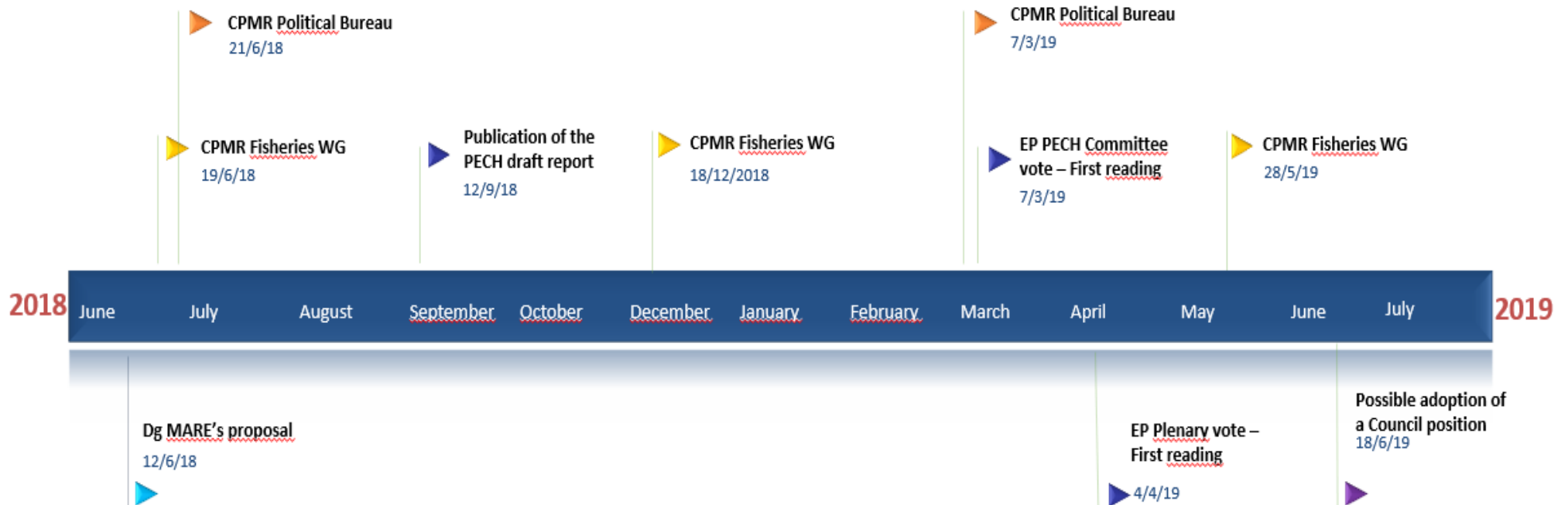
The development of the position of the Council of the European Union is underway. At this stage, the Romanian Presidency is putting together proposals to be discussed with Member States, in view of a future Council agreement on 18 June. A final agreement between the Member States and the European Parliament on the EMFF could be reached during the Finnish Presidency.

At this stage, exchanges between Member States are underway, and no final draft Council position is available.

It is however certain that one of the key points for the CPMR vis-à-vis the Council is the possibility for Member States to adopt EMFF Operational Programmes at regional level.

II. European Maritime Fisheries Fund post-2020 legislative process

The timeline below reflects the current state of play of the negotiations, based on the information available as of mid-May.



III. Impact of the CPMR amendments

The CPMR proposed to amend the EC proposal on the aspects mentioned below.

Key elements	CPMR		European Parliament
EMFF budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMFF budget should be maintained at the same level as the 2014-2020 programming period (EUR 6 400 000 000 in constant prices) 	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The financial envelope for the implementation of the EMFF for the period 2021-2027 shall be increased to EUR 6 867 000 000 in 2018 constant prices (against 6 100 000 000 proposed by the European Commission)
Share of measures under shared management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the share of support under shared management 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared management shall represent 87% % of the EMFF financial envelope (against 89.9% in the current programming period, and 86.5% proposed by the European Commission for the 2021-2027 programming period)
Role of the regions in the management of the EMFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the possibility, for Member States that wish to do so, of creating regional Operational Programmes 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Member State shall prepare a single national programme or regional operational programmes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require that Member States adopt a specific action plan for each region as part of their national Operational Programme 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No amendment to EC proposals, in which specific action plans can only be created for Outermost Regions as part of national Operational Programmes
Use of financial instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waive the obligation to use financial instruments to support aquaculture and fishery and aquaculture product processing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquaculture may be supported through grants, and, preferably, through the financial instruments and through InvestEU
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to processing of fishery and aquaculture products may be granted through grants and through the financial instruments and through InvestEU
Reduce the list of ineligible operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the possibility to fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The acquisition of vessels The modernisation and replacement of engines New infrastructures, such as new auction halls 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the possibility to fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The acquisition of small-scale fishing vessels The replacement or modernisation of the main or auxiliary engine not resulting in an increase in power in Kw The construction of new small ports and of new landing sites for small ports, and of new auction halls

¹ Legend: **Bright Green** –in line with CPMR position / **Light Green** - partially agrees with CPMR position / **Orange** – does not explicitly agrees with CPMR position / **Red** – disagrees with CPMR position

IV. Next steps

The definition of EMFF 2021-2027 will continue through negotiations on:

- The EMFF budget. This issue is addressed in the framework of the negotiations of the Multiannual Financial Framework, which will resume in September;
- The technical content of the EMFF. On this point, the next step in the negotiations will be the adoption of a position by the Council of the European Union, which could take place on 18 June.

The CPMR will continue its action on the EMFF on these two aspects through initiatives aiming at:

- Defending the EMFF budget in the context of budget negotiations;
- Inviting its Member Regions to mobilise their governments ahead of the Council agreement envisaged for 18 June;
- Making contact, after the European elections and with its Member Regions, with the new Members of the European Parliament, Rapporteur and Co-Rapporteurs.

These issues were addressed at the [meeting of the CPMR Fisheries Working Group](#) on 28 May.



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