The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) beyond 2020 – in view of Brexit

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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
How Brexit relates to the Future of the EMFF

- **EMFF**: positive impact, contributed to breakthrough innovations, sustainable development and diversification of the fishery sector

- Innovation as answer to challenges

- EMFF must continue to fulfil its role of supporting the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)

- No major changes to EMFF objectives
A more substantial budget to tackle future challenges

- An increase of the European Maritime and Fishery Fund in the next MFF post 2020
- An increase to tackle future challenges