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## **Europêche welcomes Estonian Long Distance Fisheries Association as new member**

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**Brussels, 5 November 2024** – Europêche, the foremost representative body for the European Union's fishing industry, is pleased to announce the addition of the Estonian Long Distance Fisheries Association (ELDFA) to its membership. The new member was unanimously welcomed by Europêche's General Assembly, marking a significant step forward in amplifying the collective voice of Europe's fishers.

As one of Estonia's largest fisheries organizations, the Estonian LDFA represents a diverse range of fishing interests and companies. Its primary operations span multiple fisheries, focusing on species such as northern shrimp, Atlantic cod and Greenland halibut. The association's main fishing grounds lie in international waters governed by the North Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) and the Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), including areas in the Barents Sea and near Greenland. The association is dedicated to advancing sustainable fishing practices through innovation, enhancing safety at sea, improving traceability, and combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

Mati Sarevet, Director of the Estonian Long Distance Fisheries Association, expressed enthusiasm about joining Europêche: *"We are excited to work alongside our European counterparts to promote sustainable fishing and secure the resilience of our industry. Europêche membership strengthens our ability to advocate for Estonian fishers and supports sustainable development across Europe. In the face of common challenges, cooperation is essential to protect EU fishing rights and ensure fair, balanced resource management in the international waters of the North-East Atlantic."*

Daniel Voces, Managing Director of Europêche, welcomed the association: *"The Estonian Long Distance Fisheries Association is a dynamic and valuable part of Estonia's fishing sector. We are delighted to have them join the Europêche family. Their expertise, particularly in long-distance fisheries in North Atlantic waters, will be a significant asset as we continue to champion the interests of European fisheries at both the EU and international levels."*

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