

# A Sea of Change

## Advancing Social Sustainability in Fisheries Through Dialogue

Conference 14 November 2024

1 PM – 3:30 PM | 3H1 European Parliament Brussels

Hosted by MEPs

Nicolás González Casares & Paulo do Nascimento Cabral

### Agenda

12:50 – Doors Open and Registration

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13:00 – Welcome Note

- Speaker: MEP Nicolás González Casares
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13:10 – Ensuring Fair Recruitment and Working Conditions for Fishers

- Speaker: Estelle Arnette Brentnall
  - Overview of *Pillar 1 of the Social Partners Project* — Guidelines for the decent recruitment of migrant fishers, addressing human rights issues, and developing model contracts.

The importance of protecting vulnerable workers and making the sector more attractive to youth and EU workers.

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13:25 – Health and Safety for Fishers—Medical Guidelines and Training

- Speaker: Robert Verbist, International Maritime Health Association
  - Introduction to *Pillar 2 of the Social Partners Project*—Training programme for authorised medical practitioners performing medical examinations of fishers.

The need for specialised training and harmonised medical standards to safeguard fishers' health and safety.

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#### 13:40 – Combating Forced Labour in Global Fisheries

- Speaker: Carla Baz Lomba, Foundation MarInnleg
    - *Pillar 3*—Legal analysis on market and customs tools to combat forced labour in the aquatic food supply chain.  
  
Addressing human rights violations and building sustainable, ethical supply chains.
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#### 13:50 – Enhancing Safety at Sea with the 'Fishery Speak' App

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    - *Pillar 4*— Enhancing safety and communication on fishing vessels with the Fishery Speak App.  
  
How language barriers impact safety and the role of technology in overcoming this challenge.
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#### 14:00 – Panel Discussion & Questions from the Audience : Towards a Socially Sustainable Fishing Sector

- Moderator: MEP Paulo do Nascimento Cabral
  - Panellists:
    - Fisheries Industry Representative, Europêche, Daniel Voces de Onáindi
    - Fisher's Union Representative, ETF, Juan Manuel Trujillo
    - Sectoral Social Dialogue for Sea Fisheries Chair, Cor Blonk
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#### 14:25 – Let's get to work! Closing remarks

- Speakers: Lieve Verboven, Director ILO Office to the EU  
MEP Paulo do Nascimento Cabral
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#### 14:35 – 15:30 – Networking Lunch

