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**Question for written answer E-001798/26
to the Commission
Stephen Nikola Bartulica (ECR)
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Subject: The need for accelerated legislative intervention in the fisheries and aquaculture sector

The Commission is currently carrying out an evaluation of the common fisheries policy. A lengthy, multi-year reform process that primarily focuses on the revision of the CFP Basic Regulation, while leaving the implementation of certain provisions unresolved, is unacceptable for the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Given the urgent challenges this sector is facing, is the Commission considering proposing a targeted omnibus regulation to simplify and streamline fisheries legislation as soon as possible (including the Fisheries Control Regulation, the Mediterranean Regulation and others)?

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**Answer given by Mr Kadis on behalf of the European Commission
(3 July 2026)**

The Commission published the evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) Regulation on 30 April 2026 ⁽¹⁾. It is a diagnosis setting out what has worked, what has not, and why, based on comprehensive evidence gathered over the evaluation period.

On this basis, and after taking into account the views of the co-legislators and stakeholders, the Commission will draw conclusions and decide on the follow-up, including on whether addressing the challenges and shortcomings identified in the evaluation require a revision of existing legislation, and to which extent.

Simplification and reduction of red tape are guiding principles in the Commission's daily policy work, including when preparing the implementing rules supporting the revised Control Regulation ⁽²⁾.

The revision was undertaken to streamline, facilitate and simplify procedures for stakeholders and authorities, through digitalisation and the use of technology ⁽³⁾, enhancing efficiency and effectiveness and reducing costs in the long term.

The Commission is actively listening to calls from stakeholders on simplification and on possible legislative amendments. In this regard, and in parallel to ongoing discussions on the follow-up to the evaluation of the CFP Regulation, the Commission launched a call for evidence — closed on 23 June 2026 ⁽⁴⁾ — to gather feedback on the four EU fisheries Multiannual Management Plans and one on the European Fisheries, Maritime and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) ⁽⁵⁾, open until 21 July 2026.

⁽¹⁾ [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2026\)120&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2026)120&lang=en).

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/2842/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ For instance, the electronic transmission of logbook information, or the utilisation of CCTV/Remote Electronic Monitoring systems. These advancements not only aim to facilitate compliance and enforcement but also enhance transparency and traceability in the fisheries sector.

⁽⁴⁾ https://oceans-and-fisheries.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-seeks-feedback-fisheries-multiannual-plans-2026-05-26_en.

⁽⁵⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/18352-European-maritime-fisheries-and-aquaculture-fund-amendment-for-simplification-and-to-transpose-the-WTO-agreement_en.