

WP4 - Governance structures and stakeholder involvement in management

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Summary

WP4 analyse the policy process, governance approach and organisational needs for a better involvement of fishers and stakeholders in order to get a broader understanding of how the European Commission envisions the possibilities for decentralisation within the complex set of EU policy frameworks influencing fisheries management. WP3 and WP4 will work closely together as incentives are inherent to the governance system and institutions.

Objectives

1. Review on how EU policy frameworks like the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) and its environmental pillar, the Marine Strategic Framework Directive (MSFD), the Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive, the Water Framework Directive influence the possibilities for decentralisation/devolution of the CFP.
2. Investigate constraints and opportunities associated to decentralisation/devolution of governance authority to stakeholders/user-groups (self- or co-management possibilities) in general and in relation to the specific case-studies.
3. Elaborate different scenarios for decentralisation of the governance structures (regional, national or local) for the specific case-studies.
4. Assess the acceptability of changed governance options among the key stakeholder groups covering the EU, the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and Member States

Tasks

Task 4.1 Review the EU law and policy frameworks

Task 4.2 Stakeholder consultations

Task 4.3 Analysing the potential for decentralisation / devolution of fisheries management responsibilities

Task 4.4 Studying experiences of self- and co-management in Australia and New Zealand

Task 4.5 SWOT analysis seminars

Task 4.6 High level round table discussion with policy makers including representatives from RACs