



Green Paper



- How can we clarify the current division of responsibilities between decision making and implementation to encourage a long term focus and a more effective achievement of objectives? What should be delegated to the Commission (in consultation with Member States), to Member States and to the industry?
- Do you think decentralised decisions on technical matters would be a good idea? What would be the best option to decentralise the adoption of technical or implementing decisions? Would it be possible to devolve implementing decisions to national or regional authorities within community legislation on principles? What are the risks implied for the control and enforcement of the Policy and how could they be remedied?
- How could the advisory role of stakeholders be enhanced in relation to decision making? How could ACFA and the RACs adapt to a regionalised approach?



Discussion Points



- **Structural options**
- **Participants**
- **Decisions and accountability**
- **Costs and funding**



Possible framework



- Long term strategic outcomes/targets set at EU level (Biological/ecological)
- Development of regional fisheries plans by MS within a region (including identification of social and economic targets)
- Testing (and approval) of plan against strategic targets at EU level
- Implementation of plan by MS