



DRAFT AGENDA

“Sustainable futures for fisheries areas”

A Conference on the opportunities and first achievements of Axis 4 of the EFF

Day 1 (Thursday 3rd November): Challenges, first responses and visions for the future

13.30–14.30	Registration
14.30-16.00	Challenges and responses of fisheries communities (Chair: Lowri Evans, Director-General) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Damanaki, Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs – Keynote speech on “Sustainable fisheries communities – key threats and policy opportunities” • Local solutions - video testimonies of projects from fisheries communities • Panel discussion involving the Commissioner and stakeholders involved in the sustainable development fisheries communities • Introduction to the exhibition
16.00-17.30	Fish Fair. An interactive exhibition of innovative grass-roots projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 examples of innovative local projects • 20 presentations and mini-meetings • A panorama of national and regional developments by marine basin
17.30-18.30	New options for fisheries areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local solutions - video testimonies of projects from fisheries communities and selected case studies from the exhibition • Key note speech on "New local approaches to sectoral (dependency) problems"
18.30-20.00	Cocktail

Day 2 (Friday 4th November): Steps for success

8:30-9:00	Registration
9.00-10.30	Parallel Workshops: Exploring Axis 4, Round 1. A choice of carefully selected themed working groups. Based on real life examples mainly from Axis 4 supported communities these thoroughly practical and participative workshops will inform and involve participants in exploring Axis 4 potentialities and its future contribution to sustainable fisheries communities. Workshops will explore themes such the use of IT and new technologies, fostering innovation/entrepreneurship, the role of women in fisheries areas, ways of getting your message across, tourism (including pescaturism) and regional cooperation. There will also be an introductory training session for those less familiar with Axis 4 and another on the role of the FLAG in local governance.
10.30-11.00	Coffee break in the exhibition area
11.00-12.30	Parallel workshops: Exploring Axis 4, Round 2. The workshops above will be repeated in different language combinations.
12.30-13.00	Conclusions and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on the workshops • Closure by the European Commission: Lowri Evans, Director-General
13.00- 14.00	Light lunch