

The European Fisheries Technology Platform (EFTP)

The European Fisheries Technology Platform is starting up to promote and boost the RTDI within the fishing sector.

The Platform is trying to put together the all stakeholders involved in the fishing chain to cope with the RTDI issues related to fisheries that has not been taken into account by others European Technology Platforms and it will allow a larger technological development of the European fishing industry.

The Platform has a preliminary working group called "Task Force" consisted of stakeholders related to the fishing industry. This group has held three meetings to date (in Holland, Spain and Belgium). Moreover, the Working Groups have been established (at this time, six groups) and each one is formed by more than seven expert entities, representatives of the European sector, who are defining the action lines to follow by each group:

Working groups:

1. Sustainability and management
2. Energy Efficiency
3. Fishing Vessel Technology
4. Fish and Seafood Technology
5. Fishing Gear Technologies
6. Building trust from catch to consumer

The Launching Event of this Platform is expected to take place in Spain, taking advantage of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, about May of this year and the event is supposed to have a great welcome within the sector and a large flow of participants.

Nowadays, the members of the EFTP have been making great efforts to publicize the existence of such a initiative, to become a Technology Platform representative of the European fishing industry and to finish the Vision 2025 document which is now a draft document. The Vision 2025 document of the EFTP, first stage in the Strategic Research Agenda development, includes all the technological priority lines within the European fishing sector and it is the result of the consensus of the sector. The final document will be presented during the Launching Event of the EFTP.

MEETINGS SUMMARY:

During the first and second meeting the steps to follow were determinated to create the "EFTP Roadmap" and a Technical Secretariat (TS) shared by Spain and Norway was established (ARIEMA, CETMAR and SINTEF). The TS is working to give technical support to the Task Force and to the Working Groups.

The third meeting between the Task Force members was held in Brussels on September 21th. The main purpose of this meeting was to establish the distribution of tasks to develop the Vision 2025 document and to organize the Launching Event and public presentation of the EFTP.

Currently, the EFTP has a logotype and public web page (preliminary) www.eftp.eu.

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