

# Procedure file

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| European Commission           | Commission DG<br><a href="#">Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</a> | Commissioner                    |            |

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| 15/03/2001 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |   |         |
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| 29/05/2001 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | <a href="#">A5-0188/2001</a>  |         |
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## Multiannual guidance programmes for the fishing fleets end 1999 MAGP (Regulation (EC) No 2792/99). Annual report

**PURPOSE** : to present the annual report on the results of the multiannual guidance programmes (MAGP) for the fishing fleets at the end of 1999. **CONTENT** : for each Member State in the Community, a multiannual guidance programme (MAGP) fixes objectives for reducing the size of the fishing fleet in order to bring fishing effort into line with available resources. The fourth generation of MAGPs, adopted in December 1997, to fix objectives for the period 1997-2001. The present report is the seventh in the series and the second report on the results of the fourth generation of programmes (MAGP IV). In the conclusion of its report, the Commission notes that during the first three years of the MAGP IV, the Community fleet was reduced by 82439 GT and 447148 kW, which represent reductions in fleet capacity of approximately 4% and 5.6% respectively. At 1 January 2000, the Community fleet was already approximately 17% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of tonnage and 6% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of power. These figures would seem to confirm the success of the MAGP in reducing fleet capacity. However, closer examination shows that these reductions were achieved because some Member States far exceeded the reductions called for by MAGP while others failed to achieve the target reductions by a substantial margin. The Member States that exceeded the required reductions must have been motivated by factors other than the MAGP objectives, whereas those that failed to achieve the required reductions largely ignored the MAGP objectives. It is also interesting to note that with the exceptions of Italy and Greece the countries opting to achieve their objectives purely in terms of capacity have reached their objectives in all segments, whereas all of the countries that opted to reduce activity as well as capacity have failed to reach their capacity objectives in one or more segments. In addition, there remain certain doubts concerning the adequacy of the effort regimes to ensure a real and permanent reduction of activity in several of the countries concerned. Whilst the MAGPs do not seem to have been directly responsible for the major part of the reductions in fleet capacity in recent years, the eligibility for public aid for the renewal and modernisation of the fishing fleet under the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance does not provide an incentive to meet the objectives, at least for some Member States. Lastly, there remain two areas where additional improvements are awaited, these are the measurement and control of fleet capacity.?

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The committee adopted the resolution by Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK) on the Commission report. As in previous years, it expressed criticism of the implementation of the multiannual guidance programmes and focused on certain key points, namely, the quality of the reported data, the fulfilment of the Member States' obligations and the need to apply penalties where appropriate. It called on the Commission and the Member States to adopt precise and clear criteria for the measurement of vessels and the categories of fishing fleets, and regretted that there had not yet been any harmonisation of the measurement of vessels' capacity in all Member States. Criteria for the measurement of tonnage and engine power needed to be comparable, so that a uniform reduction in capacity of the various fishing fleets could be achieved. The committee was also critical of the failure of many Member States to supply the necessary information, and welcomed the Commission's reinforced powers to withhold aid for the renewal or modernisation of fleets (under Articles 6 and 10 of Regulation 2792/99) in the event of non-compliance by the Member States. It urged the Commission to apply these penalties where necessary and called for them to be strengthened. The committee also wanted to be informed whenever a decision was taken to apply the penalty instruments, so that it could monitor Member States' failure to implement Community rules.?

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In adopting the report of Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK), the European Parliament did not propose amendments. The report criticises the implementation of the multi-annual guidance programme for the fishing fleets and calls for a reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (refer to previous document).?