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Multiannual guidance programmes MAGP IV for the fishing fleets end 2001 and June 2002. Reports

This document consists of the annual report from the Commission on the results of the multiannual guidance programmes for the fishing fleets at the end of 2001. This annual report aims to ensure the transparent implementation of the MAGP IV, which fixes fleet capacity and fishing effort targets that must be achieved progressively over the period 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001. This year's report is on the progress of the programmes at the end of 2001. At the end of the first five years of the MAGP IV, the Community fleet has been reduced by 38 078 GT and 460 042 kW, representing reductions in fleet capacity of approximately 1.9% and 5.9% respectively. The decrease in tonnage has been under-estimated due to the progressive remeasurement of the fleet. At 31 December 2001 the Community fleet had overfulfilled the final MAGP IV targets by around 16% in terms of tonnage and 12% in terms of power. Several Member States have failed to meet their targets in a few segments. In some segments capacity has even risen substantially beyond the MAGP target levels. As well as providing information, the aim of this report is to allow the Member States and the Commission to take steps to remedy the situation where required, to halt public aid schemes where necessary and to launch infringement proceedings.?

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The purpose of this document is to report on the situation at 30 June 2002 on the various fleet segments of the Member States subject to fourth generation multi-annual guidance programmes (MAGP IV) in the light of the intermediate targets fixed for those segments at that date. This information will ensure that public aid schemes for the fishing fleets are correctly and transparently implemented. As of 1 July 2002, aid may no longer be granted under the MAGP IV for the construction of new vessels in fleet segments which have not met their targets by that date. In this report, the Commission therefore explains how the intermediate targets for 30 June 2002 have been calculated for each fleet segment and then compared to the actual situation of each section at that date as evidenced by the Community register of fishing vessels. The calculations have been applied only to the targets expressed in terms of capacity (GT and kW), since the fishing effort targets (GT x days and kW x days) can only be expressed for complete years because of the seasonal nature of fishing activities. The results are as follows: - at 30 June 2002, all countries had met their overall intermediate target for kW; - only Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Finland have met their kW targets in all segments of their fleets. Belgium, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden have therefore had to suspend their aid schemes for the construction and modernisation of their fleets for one or more segments.?

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The committee adopted the own-initiative report drawn up by Patricia McKENNA (Greens/EFA, IRL) in response to the Commission's report on the results of the MAGP IV programmes. The report delivered a damning verdict on those programmes, which had resoundingly failed in their aim of achieving a sustainable balance between fish resources and the fishing rate. MEPs stressed that several segments of the Community fleet remained "excessively large" in comparison with the available resources and that only four individual Member States (Denmark, Spain, Finland and Portugal) had met all their individual targets by June 2002. The report added that the current crisis facing so many stocks of fish in Community waters was at least partly due to the long-standing and repeated failure to adopt meaningful programmes for the management of fishing capacity. The MAGP programmes, which had now been scrapped, had been replaced by a simple cap on total fleet capacity, which MEPs felt was equally inadequate. The committee therefore urged the Commission to develop a programme that would bring Community capacity into line with resources, while not exporting vessels to other parts of the world where there is already an excess. The programme should, moreover, be used to develop fleets that provide a maximum of employment while not further depleting fish stocks or damaging the marine environment. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report by Patricia McKENNA (Greens/EFA, Ireland) on MAPG for fishing fleets. (Please see the summary of 02/10/03).?