

Procedure file

Basic information	
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EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Implementation Protocol	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Fisheries	 KARLESKIND Pierre	04/03/2021
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Key events			
16/02/2021	Preparatory document	COM(2021)0072	
19/03/2021	Legislative proposal published	06566/2021	

26/04/2021	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/07/2021	Vote in committee		
15/07/2021	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0233/2021	Summary
05/10/2021	Decision by Parliament	T9-0399/2021	Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	2021/0037(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting final decision
Committee dossier	PECH/9/05416

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2021)0073	16/02/2021	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2021)0072	16/02/2021	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		06566/2021	19/03/2021	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE692.833	24/05/2021	EP	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE691.330	01/06/2021	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A9-0233/2021	15/07/2021	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T9-0399/2021	05/10/2021	EP	Summary

EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Implementation Protocol

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the recommendation by Pierre KARLESKIND (Renew Europe, FR) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand and the Implementation Protocol thereto.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the agreement.

As a reminder, the aim of the new agreement and protocol will enable 12 EU vessels to make use of fishing opportunities in Greenlands waters for eight species: cod, pelagic redfish, demersal redfish, Greenland halibut, northern prawn, grenadier, capelin and Atlantic mackerel. The agreement will be valid for four years renewable for a further two. Members considered that the new agreement and protocol needed to be negotiated to bring them closer into line with fishing opportunities and scientific advice, to increase flexibility regarding catches, to introduce a lower by-catch quota and establish a six-year validity period for the protocol.

In general, both the agreement and the protocol will contribute to better management and conservation of fishery resources, through financial support (sectoral support) for the implementation of programmes adopted at national level by the partner country, in particular to reinforce monitoring, control and surveillance.

The agreement provides for financial compensation from the EU of EUR 16 521 754, of which EUR 2 931 000 is earmarked for support for and the development of Greenlands fisheries sector.

It was stressed in the explanatory statement that the negotiations on the agreement and protocol thereto were held in parallel with the negotiations on the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which delayed the conclusion of an agreement. It was also stressed that Brexit

has destabilised relations with all North Atlantic countries and therefore particular attention needs to be paid to this state of affairs.

EU/Greenland/Denmark Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Implementation Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 624 votes to 12, with 56 abstentions, a resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union on the one hand, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, on the other hand and the Implementation Protocol thereto.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the agreement and the protocol.

The new agreement repeals and replaces the existing agreement, which entered into force on 28 June 2007. It covers a period of six years (2021-2026) from the date of its provisional application and is renewable by tacit agreement. The new protocol covers a period of four years (2021-2024) from the date of its provisional application and can be extended for two years.

The new agreement and its implementing protocol aim to achieve the priorities of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy and its external dimension, with a view to continuing and strengthening the strategic partnership between the European Union and the Governments of

Greenland and Denmark in the field of fisheries.

The purpose of the Protocol is to provide fishing opportunities to EU vessels in Greenland waters in accordance with best available scientific advice and the recommendations of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) and of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC). The aim is also to strengthen cooperation between the European Union and Greenland, thereby creating a partnership framework within which to develop the Greenlandic fisheries sector fisheries policy and to promote sound exploitation of fishery resources in Greenlandic waters, in the interests of both parties.

The species covered by the new Protocol are Cod, Pelagic Redfish, Demersal Redfish, Greenland Halibut, Northern Prawn, Grenadier, Capelin and Mackerel.

The new Protocol provides fishing opportunities for 12 vessels. In return, the EU budget will allocate an annual financial compensation to Greenland of EUR 16 521 754, of which EUR 2 931 000 is earmarked to support the Greenland Fisheries Policy.