



EFCA

European Fisheries Control Agency



Promoting fisheries
compliance



Mission & objectives

EFCA promotes the highest common standards for the control, inspection and surveillance under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

EFCA was established to organise operational coordination activities by the Member States and to assist them to cooperate so as to comply with the rules in order to ensure its effective and uniform application.

The added value of the work of the agency lies in its contribution to a European-wide level playing field for the fishing industry, so that European obligations are observed by everyone and everyone in the sector is treated equally, wherever they might be operating.

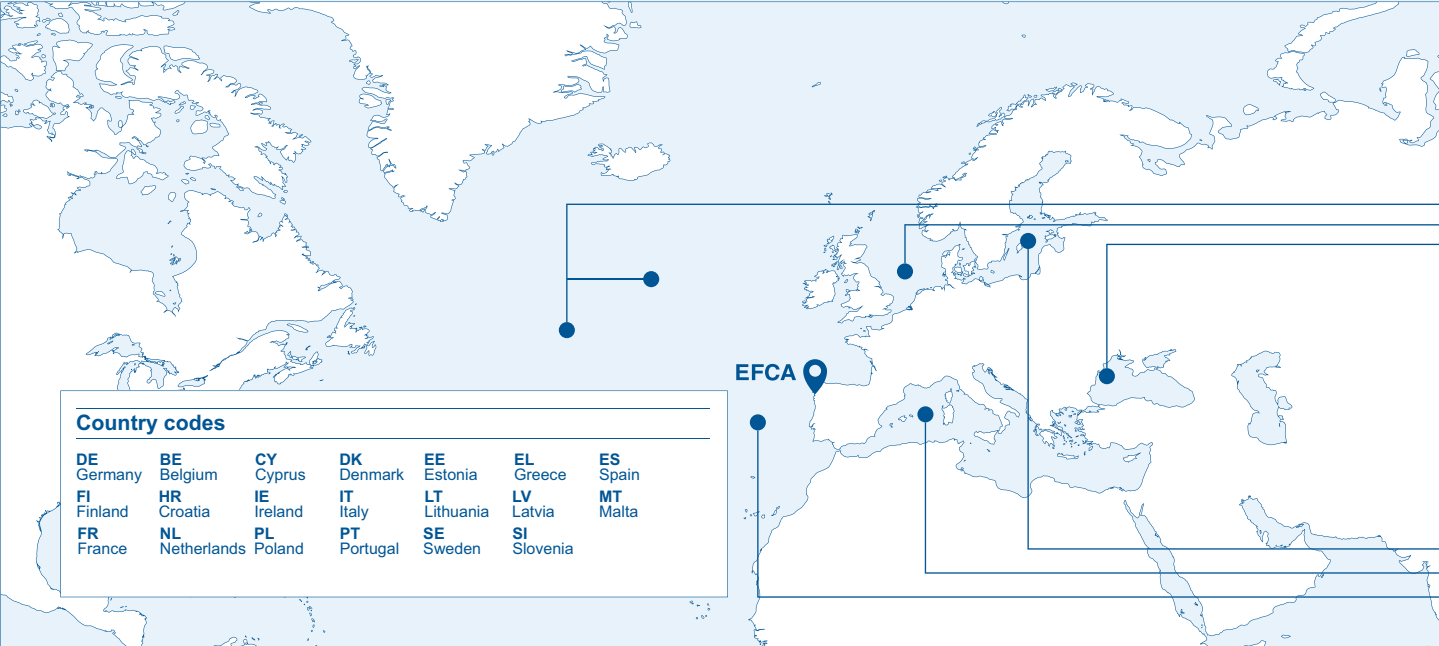
Secondly, EFCA contributes towards sustainable fisheries by enhancing compliance with existing conservation and management measures to the benefit of present and future generations.

CONTROL AND INSPECTION IN THE EU

Fisheries rules and control systems are agreed on at EU level, but implemented by the Member States by means of their national authorities and inspectors.

To achieve sustainable fisheries, there must be a culture of compliance throughout the fishing industry, which is one of the principle objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), and the European Fisheries Control Agency helps to work towards this objective.

Implementation of EFCA Joint Deployment Plans (JDP)



EFCA's tasks

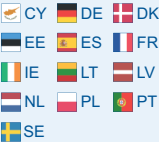
- Effective coordination of joint fisheries control operations by improving compliance, level playing field and cost effectiveness in joint deployment plans.
- Development of methodologies and fisheries information systems in support of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) activities assisting Member States and the Commission through improving standard risk, compliance evaluation and data management.
- Development of training on MCS activities sponsoring EFCA's e-learning platform, supporting national training activities, providing updated material & coast guard cross-functional training.
- Analysis of the weighing process of fisheries products in the Member States & strategy.
- Support the implementation of the external dimension of the CFP in international schemes, capacity building and assistance to the Commission in the fight against IUU fishing.
- Strengthening of compliance through the implementation of EU international projects contributing to harmonise third countries' legal frameworks and increasing the capacity of their fisheries officials.
- Supporting fisheries control and national authorities working in Coast Guard functions in order to get better fisheries control through making available services & means and ensuring the involvement of the fisheries community in initiatives of other Agencies.
- Implementation of the project on the Coast Guard (CG) Handbook and the results of the CG Qualifications Network.

“EFCA supports national authorities carrying out coast guard functions, together with the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and Frontex.”

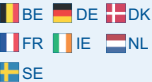
This cooperation involves multipurpose operations sharing assets such as the EFCA's chartered fisheries patrol vessels.



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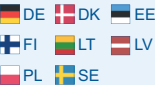
North Sea



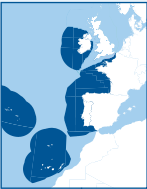
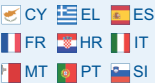
Black Sea



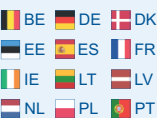
Baltic Sea



Eastern Atlantic & Mediterranean



Western Waters



KEY FIGURES

Member States Union Inspectors **1 758**
Fishing vessels in the European Union **74 635**
EFCA-coordinated inspections* **47 592**
Apparent infringements* **5 167**

Officials trained* **2 967**
EFCA staff* **104**
EFCA budget (2023) **€30,9 m**

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