

FISHERS of the FUTURE

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Tetra Tech, Study lead



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The team

- One study lead: Tetra Tech
- Two partners leading the different study phases: Poseidon and Ipsos
- One panel of experts including F&S and Trinomics
- 21 national researchers covering the 22 EU coastal Member States



TETRA TECH



Trinomics



ecosphere
consultants in environment and development, Ltd

Eurofish
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION



NISEA
Fisheries and Aquaculture Economic Research





Foresight study

Foresight explores different possible futures and the opportunities and challenges they might present.

on Fishers of the Future

To project fishers in the future and explore the changes that their profession, role, and identity might face in the long term

Exploration
Foresight
Participation
Consultation



Objectives

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- To develop a **shared understanding** of challenges and possible future pathways with stakeholders
 - To provide a **foundation for further reflection** and discussion about the possible transitions of the fisheries sector
 - To support the Commission in **anticipating the transformation of the sector** to better develop transition pathways for 2050



Why?



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Scope

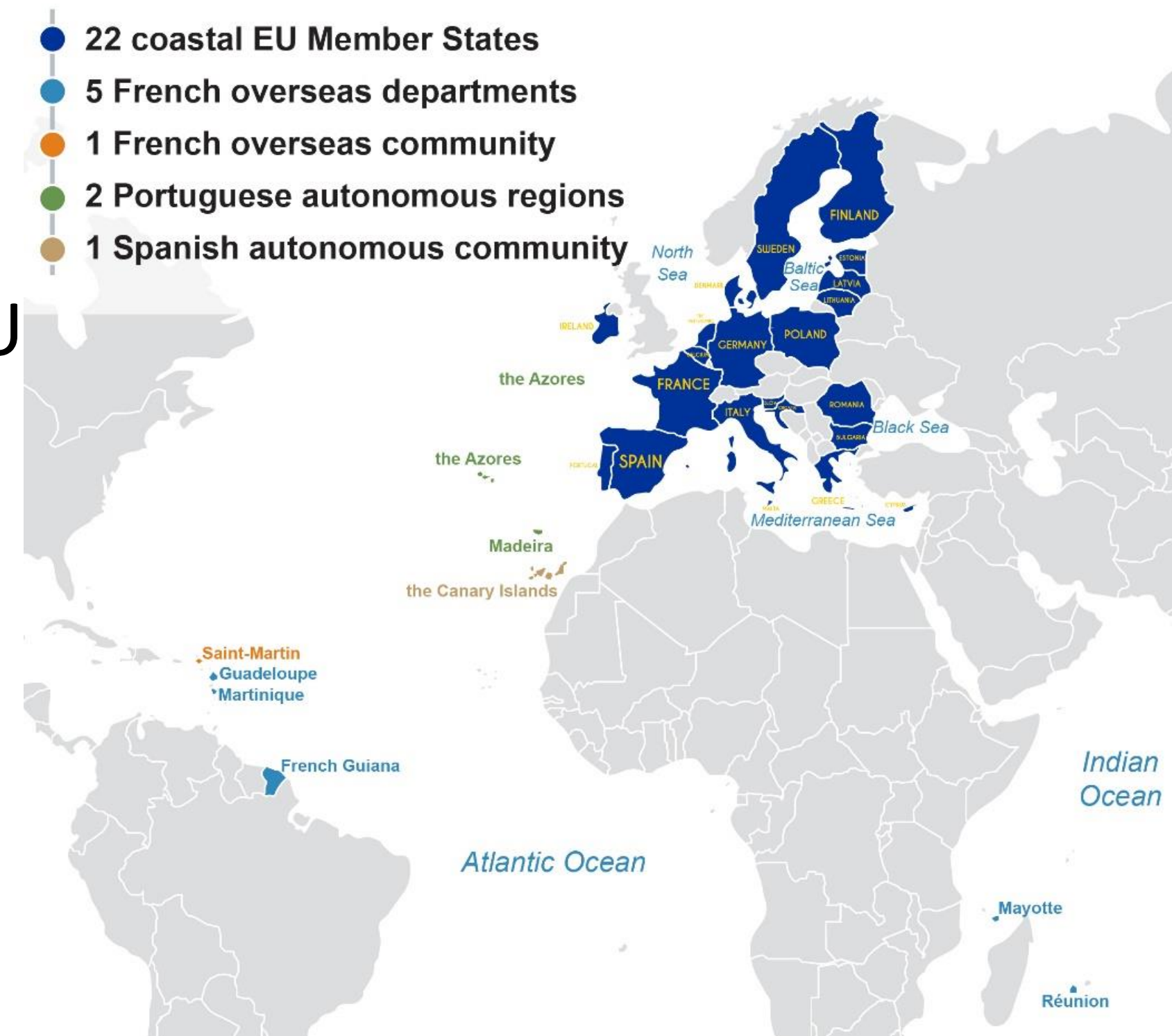
Who? Fishers who...

- Operate in commercial marine fisheries.
- Work on board of, or own, an EU vessel operating in EU waters.

Where?

- Atlantic waters
- Baltic Sea
- Black Sea
- Mediterranean Sea
- North Sea
- Outermost regions

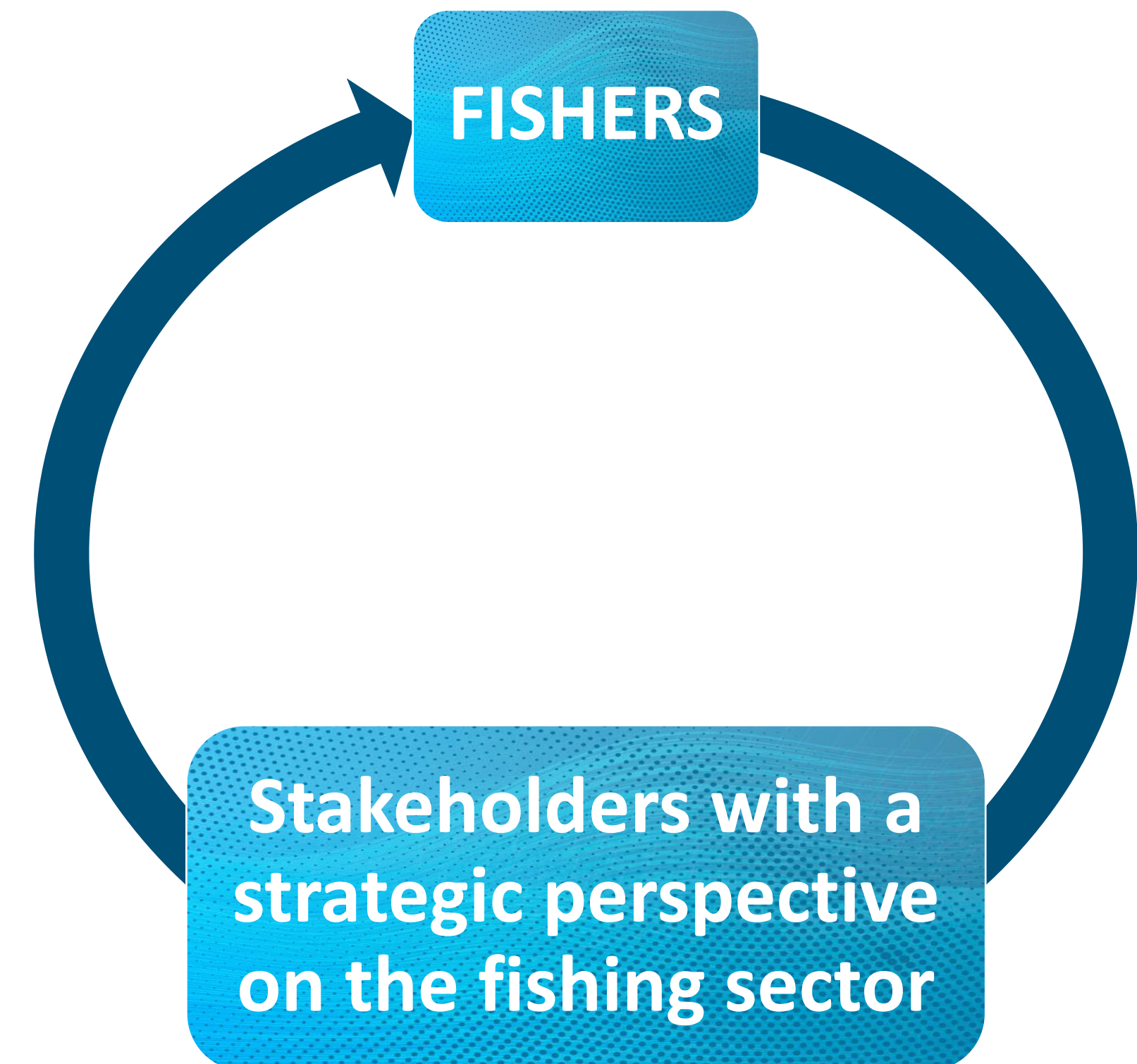
When?





How?

- Step-by-step process
- Working at the local level in the local language
- With fishers and their views as the basis for the work
- Facilitating exchanges between people with diverse perspectives
- Developing learning
- Stimulating engagement





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Phase **1**

**SETTING THE
SCENE**



Definition
of 'fisher'



12 profiles
of today's
fishers

192

fishers consulted



Photo of a group discussion between fishers
in Italy in November 2023.

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12 profiles of today's fishers



The devoted fisher



The pendulum fisher



The mould-breaking
fisher



The proud foot fisher



The peripheral fisher



The innovative fisher
2.0



The itinerant crew
fisher



The opportunistic
fisher



The corporate fisher



The disillusioned
fisher



The adaptive fisher



The optimistic young
new entrant





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Phase 2

*Consultations with stakeholders
with a strategic perspective on
the fishing sector overall*

**EXPLORING THE
FUTURE OF THE
WORLD AROUND
FISHERS**



Dedicated
survey



Workshops

Relevant
megatrends
and drivers


**Scenario(s)
for the
future**

Concrete
challenges
for 2050



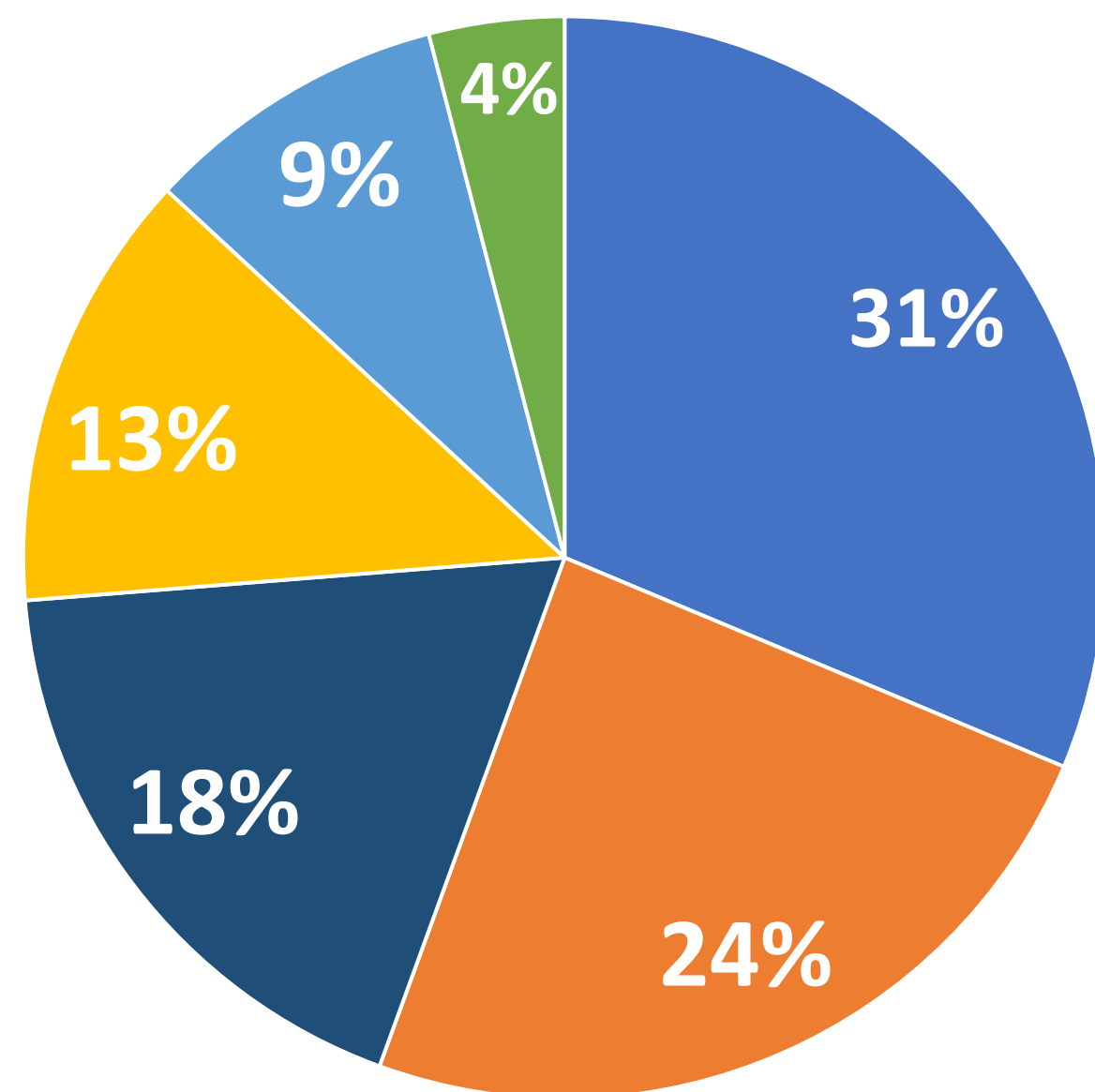


Survey on drivers & challenges

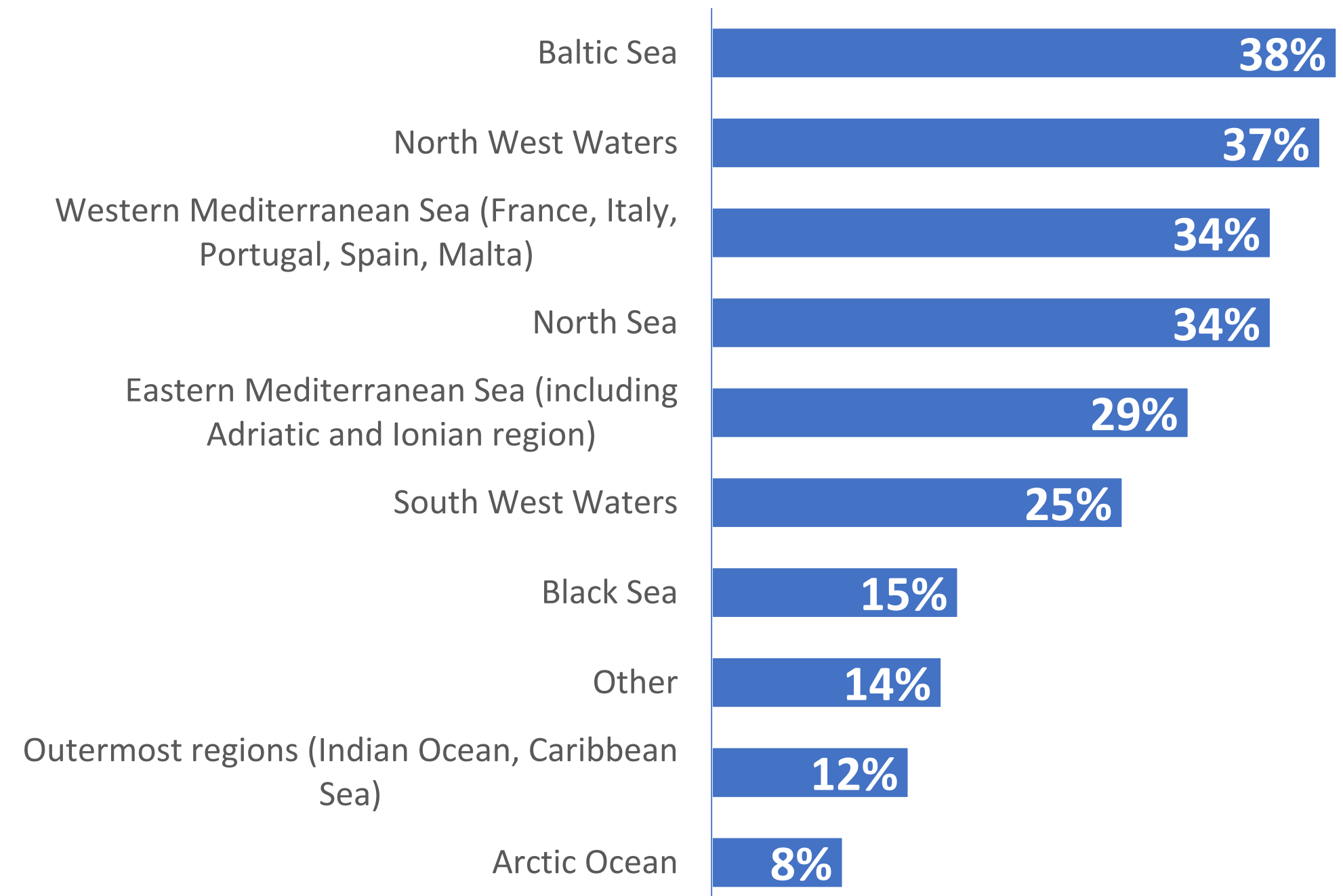
180 responses

Stakeholder categories

- Fisher/industry representative body
- Civil society (e.g. NGOs, charities or Local Action Group)
- Academia or research
- Member State National / Regional organisation or independent advisor
- Other
- EU organisation



Geographical area

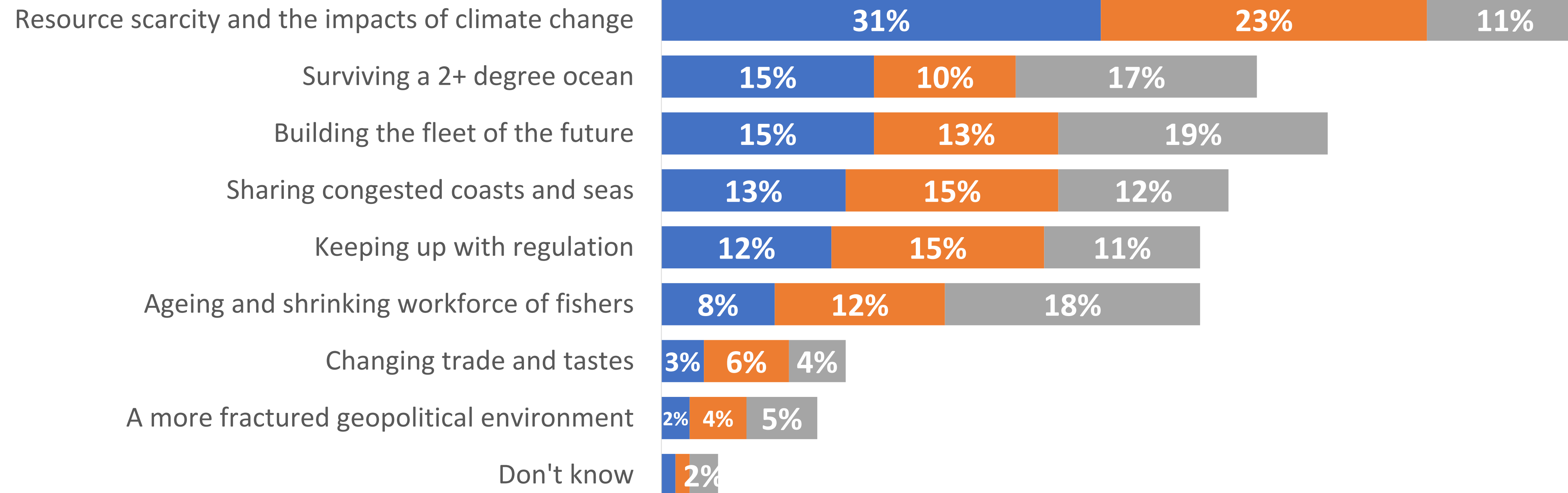




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■ 1st biggest challenge ■ 2nd biggest challenge ■ 3rd biggest challenge





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Phase **3**

**EXPLORING
WHO THE
FUTURE
FISHERS ARE**

Closing event



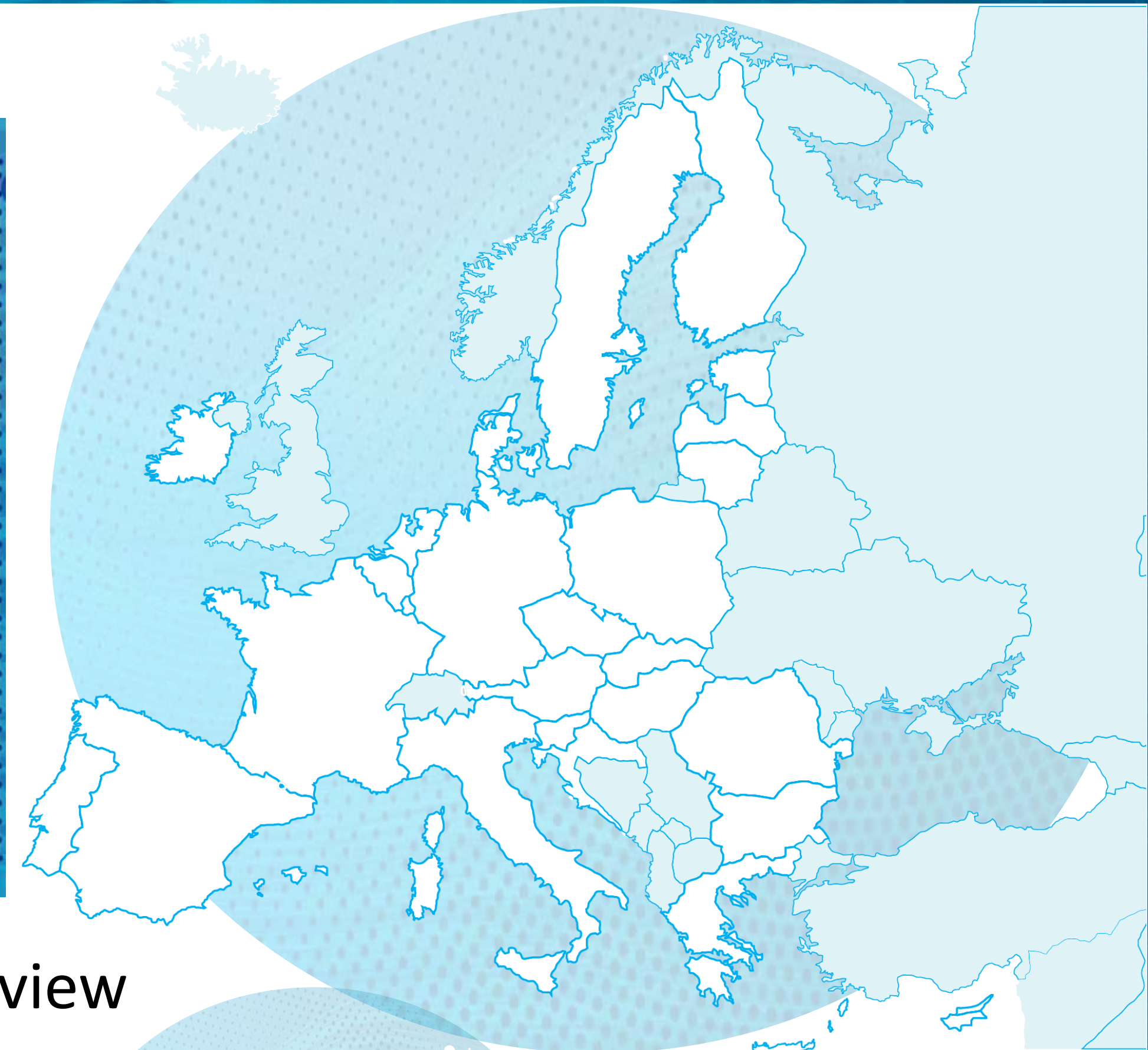
Profiles of
fishers for 2050

NOVEMBER
2024





If you are a fisher and want to participate in an interview or group discussion, please email Tetra Tech:
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Thank you for your attention!