



Navigating the energy transition: strategic goals for a sustainable Distant Water Fleet

Organised by the Energy Transition Partnership set under DG MARE (European Commission).

Background

Following the work on the Energy Transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture Partnership, launched on 16 June 2023 and the successful workshops organised since, the Energy Transition Partnership is organising its new round of consultations. This time, with a segmented approach, it will host three workshops for stakeholders specifically dedicated to small scale coastal fisheries (SSCF), large scale fisheries (LSF) and distant water fleet (DWF). This series will be followed by another similar workshop dedicated to aquaculture to be organised in January/February 2025.

This agenda is for the Distant Water Fleet (DWF) workshop.

Workshops Objectives and Deliverables

The workshop aims to:

1. **Identify challenges and needs:** Analyze barriers and solutions to the energy transition of the DWF sector.
2. **Identify concrete pathways:** Discuss and propose actionable short-term, mid-term and long-term pathways for implementation to be considered for the future Energy Transition Roadmap 2050 of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.
3. **Showcase innovations and best practices:** Highlight successful case studies to inspire replication and document future measures to speed up the energy transition of DWF.

The deliverables will include a comprehensive summary report detailing the outcomes of the sessions, which will be used as input for the design of the roadmap for the energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture.

AGENDA

*12 December 2024, 9:30-13:30 CET – workshop dedicated to DWF
Brussels and Online*

*Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie - Brussels (interpretation in EN/FR/ES/IT available) or online
(transcription in all EU languages available)*

14:15 – 14:30 **Registration of the participants on site**

Opening

14:30 – 14:45

Welcome and presentation of the ETP (**Sven Langedijk**, Head of Unit, DG MARE)

Setting the scene

14:45 – 15:10

ETP-AM introduction and explanation of the aims of the workshop (**Mihaela Mirea**, ETP-AM Project Leader)

DWF sector general overview (**Susana Sainz**, Fisheries Support Group Leader)

Presentation of the summary fiche for the DWF (**Gema San Bruno**, CINEA)

15:10 – 16:00 **Innovative solutions for energy transition in DWF**

Q&A through Slido

16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee break**

16:20 – 17:45 **Breakout sessions**

(there will be organised 3 on-site and 3 online)

Brief summary of the outcomes coming from the previous workshops (**Mihaela Mirea**, ETP-AM Project Leader)

Guiding questions:

1. **What challenges do the DWF sector foresee in meeting the energy transition objectives for 2030/2040/2050?**
 2. **What are the conditions and solutions needed to meet the energy transition objectives for 2030/2040/2050?**
 3. **What is the sector ready to deliver by 2030/2040/2050 to achieve its energy transition?**
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SLIDO will be used to support gathering the feedback

17:45 – 18:15 Summary of the outcomes

Each group will have maximum 5 minutes to present the results.

**18:15 – 18:30 Closing
(DG MARE, Fisheries Support Group Leader)**

Target Audience and Expected Inputs

The **workshop is open to all stakeholders interested in advancing the energy transition for DWF**. Participants should represent diverse sectors and perspectives that contribute to overcoming challenges, identifying solutions, and driving innovation in sustainable energy adoption. Stakeholders may include:

- Distant water fleets and their governing bodies.
- Fishing port authorities, shipbuilders, and technology providers.
- NGOs, Advisory Councils, and advocacy organizations focused on marine sustainability.
- Researchers, academics, and innovators in energy and marine technology.
- Representatives from the financial sector, including private investors, insurers, and funding organizations.
- Local, regional, and national policymakers, including Member States and EMFAF correspondents.

Participants are encouraged to actively engage, sharing their perspectives and expertise to craft actionable and innovative solutions.

Workshop Format

Participants from all regions and governance levels are invited to attend, representing diverse organizations and sectors linked to fisheries, aquaculture, and sustainable energy. **In-person attendance** is strongly encouraged to maximize networking and discussion opportunities, but hybrid participation will also be available for those unable to attend on-site.

- **Plenary Presentations:** Presentations to share diverse perspectives and consolidate recommendations.
- **Interactive Breakout Sessions:** Collaborative discussions to identify challenges, develop solutions, and explore innovative practices.
- **Stakeholders networking:** For in-person participants, opportunities to engage directly with funding and energy experts to discuss specific needs or projects.

Preparation:

Participants are expected to come prepared, having reviewed the agenda, briefing documents, and preparatory questions below. This groundwork will ensure productive contributions to the discussions.

Feedback:

Participating stakeholders will be given the opportunity to provide **feedback within two weeks after the workshop**. This feedback will inform future workshops and will be inspiring the content of the roadmap to be prepared in 2025.

Logistics

The workshop will take place on 12 December 2024 in Brussels, at Thon Hotel Bristol Stephanie, Bristol room, Avenue Louise/ Louizalaan 91-93, 1050, Brussels, from 9:30 – 13:30, as follows:

- Each participant, according to their profile and interest, can participate in one or more sessions, considering the other workshops dedicated to SSCF and LSF. A hybrid format will be offered, allowing both in-person and online participation. The participants on-site are requested to come at least 15 minutes before the workshop starts to ensure a smooth access registration process.
- **On-Site Participation:** Limited to 35 participants to ensure a focused and productive experience.
- **Online Participation:** Open to a maximum of 40 participants for those unable to attend in person.
- **Registration Process:** An application form will need to be completed to indicate your preferred mode of participation (on-site or online). Additional details about the workshop, including the application form, can be found on our [registration page](#) and [registration link](#).
- **Language:** The workshop will be conducted in English. For the participants online machine learning service will be provided to cover all the EU languages. For the participants on-site the following languages will be cover for interpretation: **English, Spanish, French, and Italian**. If the participants in the room are requiring other languages for interpretation, we are kindly suggesting bringing a personal computer and use the online link to benefit from the automatic translation.
- **Catering services:** for the on-site participants coffee-break and light lunch will be provided.

All attendees are requested to:

- Participate actively throughout the workshop.
- Maintain a collaborative and constructive attitude.

We encourage all stakeholders to register promptly, as spaces are limited. Your contributions will play a vital role in shaping the energy transition for large scale fisheries.

GDPR policy

By applying to participate in this workshop, you are confirming that you are happy for photos, video and comments made by yourself to be publicly viewable online. If you do not wish for photos, videos or comments to be taken, please let us know by contacting us at MARE-ENERGY-TRANSITION@ec.europa.eu. The Data Protection Notice (available for consultation during the registration process in the registration link) contains information about our compliance with GDPR (EU data protection law). In this document you can find how to send us a request to let you access your data that we have collected, request us to delete your data, correct any inaccuracies or restrict our processing of your data.