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EU/Presidency: Portugal wants to keep fishing as main sea activity – minister

Portugal's minister of maritime affairs, Ricardo Serrão Santos, said in Lisbon on Tuesday that Portugal wants to keep fishing as the main activity of the sea, and the common policy was an important tool to make this a worthy and indispensable profession.

Saying that he hopes that this will become a "future practice" of informal councils of maritime ministers during their presidencies, the minister said that a "first reflection" on the common fisheries policy and improved aspects was presented.

According to Santos, the ministers agreed that the central objective of this policy should be the exploitation of resources "in sustainable conditions from an environmental, economic and social point of view.

He added that the progress made on the common fisheries policy is "unquestionable". At today's meeting, the ministers said that there were many measures to protect the marine environment, recover resources, and develop aquaculture.

However, as he stressed, these measures have not gone further because of Brexit and the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Ministers also noted positive developments on maximum sustainable income and regionalisation [...]. Furthermore, the need to strengthen the principle of equity between the European fleet and third countries was highlighted through the adoption of effective measures to combat illegal and unregulated fishing," he added.

Santos told Lusa that, along with the recent agreement reached with the United Kingdom on fishing opportunities, the Portuguese presidency wants to conclude discussions on the control regulation by the end of the month, namely at the next Council of Ministers in Luxembourg, within the scope of the European fund for sea affairs and aquaculture.

On the national quota for sardine fishing, he declined to comment, postponing news to Friday after the final proposal.

Recently, the minister said he had a positive expectation about improving the quotas but did not give any figures.

The European commissioner for the environment, oceans and fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevičius, was also initially scheduled to attend the press conference, but this did not happen.





The ministers responsible for agriculture and fisheries met today in Lisbon as part of the Portuguese presidency of the Council of the European Union, which lasts until the end of the first half of the year.

Among the topics addressed throughout the day at this informal meeting were the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), food systems, management of natural resources and the future of the common fisheries policy.

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