

Preparing for the future of EU fisheries and aquaculture

**Informal Meeting of EU
Ministers of Fisheries**

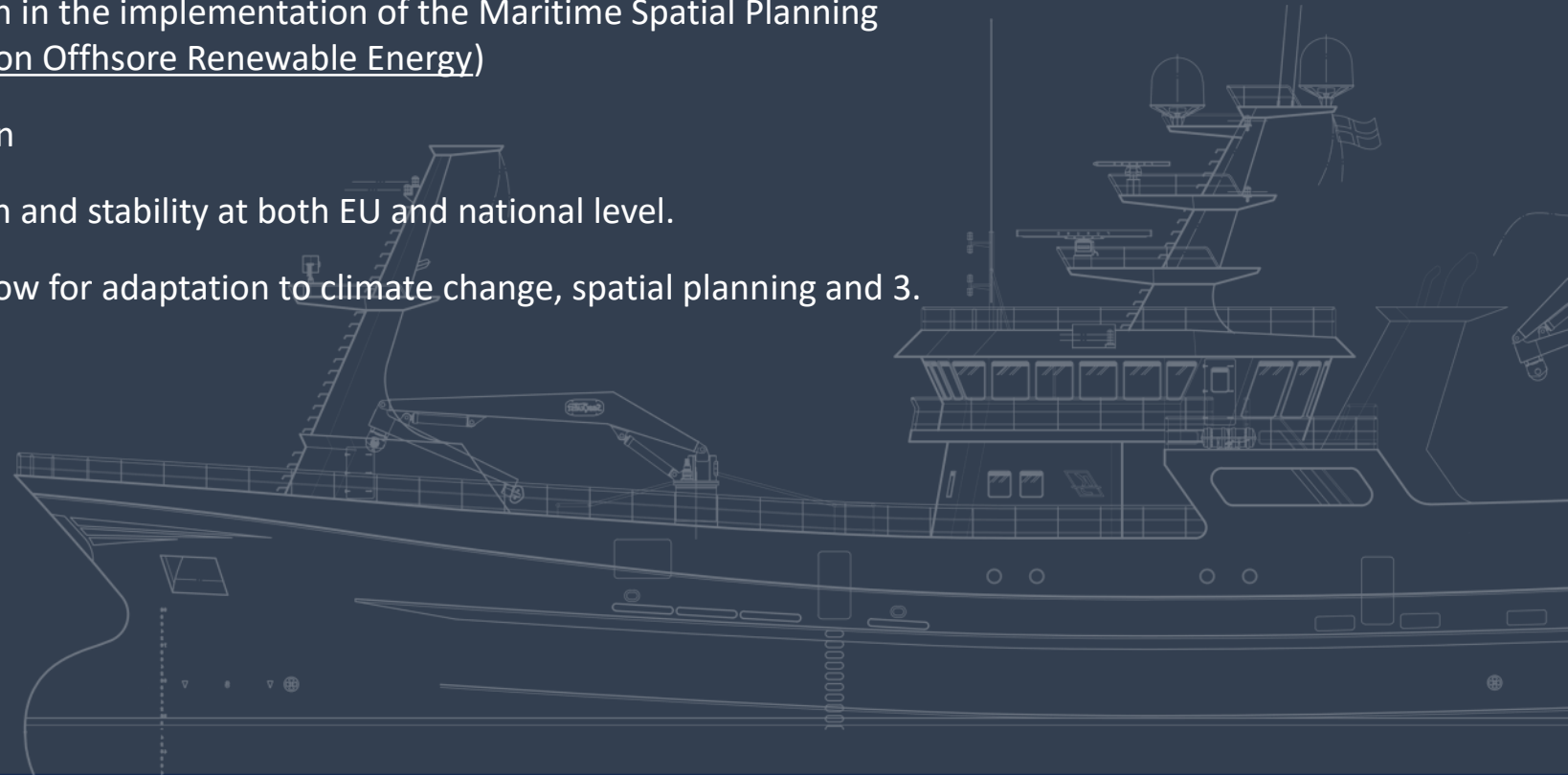
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- Ensure that EU fishers have access to areas inside the EU and outside the EU
- Use EU market access in negotiations with Coastal States, Norway and the UK
- Address the issue of stakeholder consultation in the implementation of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive ([European Court of Auditor report on Offshore Renewable Energy](#))
- Create positive incentives for green transition
- Secure legislative transparency, simplification and stability at both EU and national level.
- Secure legislative flexibility at all levels to allow for adaptation to climate change, spatial planning and 3. country agreements



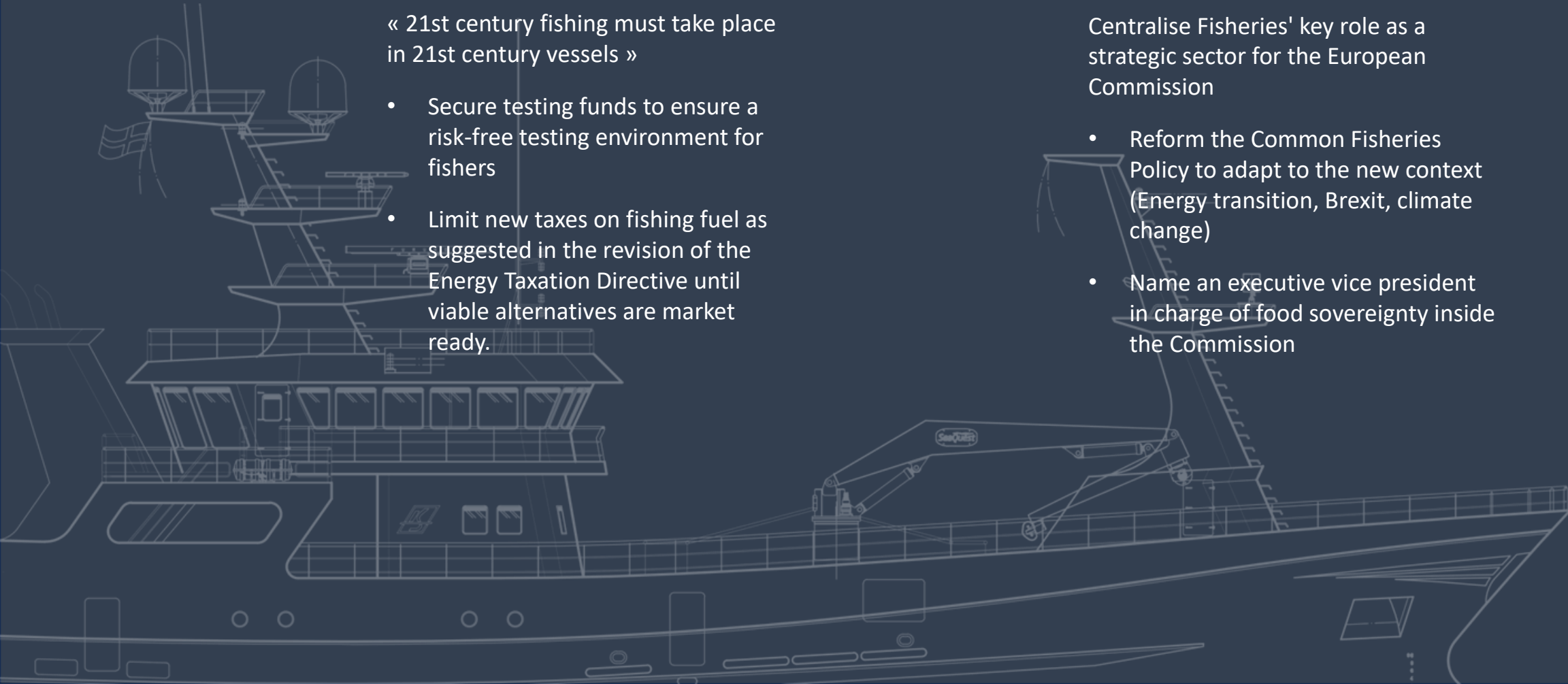
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« 21st century fishing must take place in 21st century vessels »

- Secure testing funds to ensure a risk-free testing environment for fishers
- Limit new taxes on fishing fuel as suggested in the revision of the Energy Taxation Directive until viable alternatives are market ready.

Centralise Fisheries' key role as a strategic sector for the European Commission

- Reform the Common Fisheries Policy to adapt to the new context (Energy transition, Brexit, climate change)
- Name an executive vice president in charge of food sovereignty inside the Commission



European Association of fish Producer Organisations

- Founded in 1980
- 32 Producer Organisations
- 12 EU Member States

• EU 1379/2013 on the Common Market Organisation

• One fisher, one vote
Representation at a local level

- Promote sustainable fishing practices
- Manage Fishing quotas in the Northeast Atlantic
- Stabilise the markets
- Recruitment to the sector / safety
- Contribute to science and management



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