

Focus Group Workshop and World Café event on: Competitiveness and Sustainable Sourcing in Europe for Fish and Seafood

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Ensuring Sustainable Seafood Sourcing in EU: An important catalyst to ensure social and economic dimensions to sustainable sourcing could be through Retailer Public Policies.

The successes we have seen in catalyzing and mobilizing the environmental parameters of sustainability could provide lessons learned for other parameters.

Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs) have been proven successful and could provide a framework for integrating social and economic dimensions into sustainability criteria

- FIPs bring together stakeholders from across silos and across disciplines
- FIPs can also lead to better quality products
- Aquaculture Improvement Projects can also provide good platforms for building associations and encouraging better economic and social practices in fish farming
- FIPs can lead to increased stock assessments and better understanding for the fisheries who are not yet certified or may not intend to get certification
- FIPs and AIPs can also provide transparency and better visibility of the supply chain for buyers for products not yet certified
- FIPs and AIPs must be monitored and evaluated against progress

To ensure we consider all the sustainable dimensions of European seafood products we need to look to the success within the environmental dimension around Policy Commitments, Fishery Improvement Projects, transparency and evaluations