



## ***“Casting for living waters” – the Water Framework Directive’s strategic importance for the EU’s recreational fisheries sector***

hosted by MEP Niclas HERBST

15 April 2026, 18:30 – 20:30  
European Parliament, MEP Salon - Brussels

### **AGENDA**

#### **18:30 Introduction**

***Welcome & introduction*** by **MEP Ingeborg ter Laak** – Member of the Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI)

***Welcome & introduction*** by **MEP Bruno Tobback** - Member of the Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI)

#### **18:36 Casting for clear waters – why the Water Framework Directive is key for thriving angling experiences**

***From river conservation to citizen science and policy: the angling sector’s contribution to EU water objectives*** Mark Owen, President of the European Anglers Alliance (EAA)

***Inland fishing tourism: an unexplored potential in Europe relying on healthy waters*** Gerard Bakkenes, Chair of the European Fishing and Tackle Trade Association (EFTTA)

#### **18:45 Networking event**

***Conclusion & opening of the networking event*** by **MEP Isabella Lövin** – Member of the Committee on Fisheries (PECH)

Networking event for MEPs, APAs, and others to connect with representatives of the ***European Anglers Alliance (EAA)*** & ***the European Fishing Tackle and Trade Association (EFTTA)***

