



## SSF Regional Symposium for Europe "Bright Spots ~ Hope Spots"

Journalists' Village, Pervolia, Cyprus  
July 1-3, 2024

### **Purpose:**

The symposium aims to bring together a group of researchers and practitioners interested in small-scale fisheries in Europe to share current situation and recent development in small-scale fisheries, discuss persisting issues and challenges facing the sector, and explore mechanisms and opportunities to promote sustainable and viable small-scale fisheries in Europe, in line with the principles and goals stipulated in the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries, as well as other European policies.

It is a follow-up from the 2022 World Small-Scale Fisheries Congress for Europe, held in Malta, where concerns were raised about the 'disappearing' of small-scale fisheries in the region, mostly as a result of demographic and policy changes, as well as pressures from ocean development. The symposium is organized to foster sharing of 'bright spots & hope spots' in small-scale fisheries in Europe, through presentations and discussion. The program is structured to enable knowledge exchange, reflection, networking, and collaboration.

### **Format:**

The symposium is a three-days 'in-person' event (no virtual participation), with presentations and discussion all in plenary for everyone to participate in. Regular session will be 90 minutes in duration, with four papers (20 minutes for each presentation), and 30 minutes for questions and discussion. Special session, roundtable discussion, and plenary sessions are meant to be interactive and foster good conversation. A half-day field trip will be organized on Day 2 in the morning for a visit to a fishing village and the coastal area. Lunch and nutrition breaks are provided for Days 1 and 3. Lunch on Day 2 will be at the village (more details to follow).

## Tentative program

### Day 1: Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>

TIME	
08:30	Registration
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks
09:15	Setting the stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participant self-introduction &amp; expectations</li></ul>
10:30	<i>Group photo &amp; tea/coffee break</i>
11:00	Session (1) Healthy Communities   Healthy Ecosystem
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30	Session (2) Viable Communities   Sustainable Resources
15:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
15:30	Roundtable discussion (1): Bright Spots   Hope Spots
17:00	<i>End of day 1</i>

### Day 2: Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

TIME	
08:30	Field visit
12:00	Lunch at the village
14:00	Session (3) Present Dilemmas   Future Opportunities
15:30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
16:00	Session (4) Fishers' Participation   Stakeholders' Cooperation
17:30	<i>End of day 1</i>

### Day 3: Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

TIME	
09:00	Session (5) Governance Challenges   Legal Possibilities
10:30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
11:00	Special session (6) SSF Guidelines - Talk   Walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sharing lessons about SSF Guidelines</li></ul>
12:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30	Roundtable discussion (2): Bright Spots   Hope Spots
15:00	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>
15:30	Closing plenary: SSF Europe Future – Outlook   Prospect
17:00	<i>End of symposium</i>