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Webinar “Enhancing Knowledge for the EU Accession Negotiation Process: Fisheries”

On 20 June 2025, the International Centre for Black Sea Studies ([ICBSS](https://icbss.org/)) in cooperation with the [Research Service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine](#), organised a webinar on the topic **“Best European Practices for Developing Administrative and Institutional Capacity for Managing and Regulating Fishing Activities”**.

More than 60 participants from the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine participated at the webinar that focused on key regulatory and management frameworks for Fisheries, such as the **Common Fisheries Policy**, the **Data Collection Framework** and the **Fisheries Control Regulation**.

Presentations were delivered by Dr. Gabriela OANTA, Professor of Public International Law at the University of A Coruña, Spain; Dr. Kolyo ZHELEV and Dr. Simona NICHEVA from the Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture (IARA), Bulgaria; and Mr. Pedro GALACHE, Head of Unit Strategy and Cooperation at the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA).

The webinar is part of the newly launched joint initiative **‘Enhancing Knowledge for the EU Accession Negotiation Process’** developed by ICBSS in cooperation with the Research Service of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, including a series of capacity building activities on the EU acquis chapters.

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