



**Invitation to Webinar
ILO “Work in Fishing Convention, 2007” C.188
not a love story... but real problems and real solutions**

In 2007 the International Labour Organisation Member States adopted the Convention 188 to set basic standards of decent work in the fishing industry. Since then the [“Work in fishing” Convention](#) has become an important tool to promote effective protection of the rights of fishers at global level. Unfortunately, the number of countries that have ratified the Convention remains insufficient, also at European level.

The European social partners of the sea fisheries sector, the European Transport Workers’ Federation (ETF) representing fishers and Europêche and Cogeca representing employers, concluded in 2012 an agreement on the implementation of the above-mentioned Convention. Such social partners agreement was transposed into EU law with the [Directive 2017/159/EU](#).

The ratification of the ILO convention 188 from EU Member States is fundamental:

- to align the legislation on protection of fishers’ rights to a common level, considering that the fishing sector has a strong international dimension,
- to be in line with the EU Directive 2017/159/EU,
- to encourage non-EU countries, which have a relevant share of the fishing sector and more problems when it comes to protection of fishers’ rights, to ratify and implement the ILO Convention 188,
- To make sure that competition between fishing companies is not done by cutting down the costs of labour and the fishers’ right to decent working conditions.

For these reasons, ETF and Europêche are organising on the **19 November 2020 (10:00-12:30)** a **webinar in cooperation with the ILO and the European Commission** with the aim of addressing the practical dimension and concrete challenges of the ratification of the ILO Convention 188.

We are pleased to invite you to the webinar, which will cover a presentation of the ILO, the European Commission and representatives of EU Member States who have already ratified the C188 at national level. You can find attached a draft agenda.

Please register to the webinar by filling the form at:
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