THE GOOD NEWS

Key Facts

Number of vessels
- Small-scale coastal fleet: 74%
- Large-scale fleet: 25%
- Distant water fleet: 1%

Gross tonnage
- Small-scale coastal fleet: 8%
- Large-scale fleet: 72%
- Distant water fleet: 20%

The EU fishing fleet’s economic performance is improving and having a positive impact on many EU coastal communities, according to figures for 2008-2013.

In 2014, the EU fleet generated over €7.2 billion in revenue and €3.7 billion in gross value added (which measures the contribution of the fisheries sector to the local economy).

Improvement factors

1. Increased number of sustainable fish stocks, leading to increased productivity (Northeast Atlantic, North Sea & Baltic Sea)
2. Greater fuel efficiency

Fuel use intensity decreased by 20% between 2009 and 2014.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

1. The economic performance of EU fleets in the Atlantic and North Sea saw a more intense increase than those in the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
2. The economic performance of some small-scale coastal fleets continues to stagnate, while that for the large-scale fleet is improving.