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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation by the Commission• Policy debate

1. On 16 July 2025, the Commission presented its proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034¹, as well as various related proposals. Those were supplemented by a second package of proposals adopted on 3 September.
2. The proposed MFF differs significantly from the current framework. For future Union funding, a single toolbox and fewer funds are meant to replace the currently high number of regulations and programmes. Under the proposal, support falls into three large substantive fields: (1) Economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture, rural and maritime prosperity and security; (2) Competitiveness, prosperity and security; and (3) Global Europe.
3. Support for fisheries, the European Ocean Pact, aquaculture and maritime policy is mainly foreseen to be provided under the European Fund for economic, social and territorial

¹ ST 11691/25 + ADD 1.

cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security², as part of National and Regional Partnership (NRP) Plans. Specific rules for the implementation of operations are set out in the sector-specific proposal on the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Fisheries Policy, to the European Ocean Pact and of the Union's maritime and aquaculture policy as part of the National and Regional Partnership Fund³.

4. Various preparatory bodies of the Council have started examining the proposals falling within their remit. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy has begun with the examination of the sector-specific proposal on conditions for support to the CFP and linked sectors, except for provisions directly dealt with by the Ad Hoc Working Party on the MFF. The sub-group of the Ad Hoc Working Party on the MFF dealing with the NRP Plans will examine the fisheries-related provisions under its remit.
5. The Council is called to hold a policy debate on the sector-specific proposal, thereby providing guidance for the further examination of the proposal in the relevant preparatory bodies of the Council.

² ST 11815/25 REV 1 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + COR 1.

³ ST 11757/25 + COR 1 + COR 2 REV 1.