



The European Union (EU) is an active participant in the vast majority of existing regional fisheries management organisations and arrangements (RFMO/As) and regional fisheries bodies (RFB)¹. As such, the EU has gained useful experience through its participation in different performance review (PR) exercises undertaken in these RFMOs.

The EU considers that, as mandated by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and further elaborated by the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement, RFMO/As are key instruments to ensure the States can meet their obligations under international law. Q " xper in' fr tQ

The promotion of PRs in RFMO/As to improve their performance is also one of the key policy objectives of the external dimension of the EU's common fisheries policy (CFP)² and the Joint Communication by the High Repm

