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New President, Same Mission: Foster sustainable fishing in Europe

Today, Blue Fish Europe announces that Javier Touza, President of Blue Fish Spain, and of the Ship-Owner Cooperative of Vigo (ARVI), is the new President of Blue Fish Europe, taking over from Olivier Le Nézet, who as its Founder, will remain closely involved in the future work of the sustainable fishing NGO.

Javier Touza declared *"I am proud and honoured to take on the Presidency of Blue Fish Europe, after three years of outstanding results: today 50% of European stocks are fished sustainably, up from less than 10% in 2009"*.

These announcements were made during Blue Fish Europe's annual exhibition in the European Parliament, hosted by Galician MEP José Blanco López: *"My work as a member of the PECH Committee showed me how important it is for policy-makers to know about the reality of sustainable fishing. That is why I really appreciate the work Blue Fish has conducted over the past three years. Today, I am very pleased to see a fellow Galician leading the organization!"*

Olivier Le Nézet, founder of Blue Fish Europe added *"We pride ourselves that today's European fishing sector is the most controlled, sustainable and responsible in the world. Our ambition remains to safeguard marine resources, while supporting the socio-economic dynamism of European coastal communities"*.

Blue Fish Europe, through the voice of Javier Touza, will continue to be strongly committed to making Europe lead the way to a future of sustainable fishing.

About us:

Blue Fish Europe, an NGO, is the European Association for the Promotion of Sustainable and Responsible Fisheries. Created in Brussels in 2013 by the main fishing ports and maritime regions in Europe, Blue Fish is an NGO bringing together the entire fishing sector and citizens who depend upon it, from fishing professionals and ports to marine scientists and coastal communities, from local NGOs to individual citizens. Blue Fish members are present in France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Italy and the UK.

With the new presidency, Blue Fish Europe is also launching its new website, accessible as of Thursday 2 February, at www.bluefisheurope.org

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¹ [Consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2017 under the Common Fisheries Policy](#)



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