



**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)<sup>1</sup>. 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)<sup>2</sup> and the Joint Communication by the High Repm**







