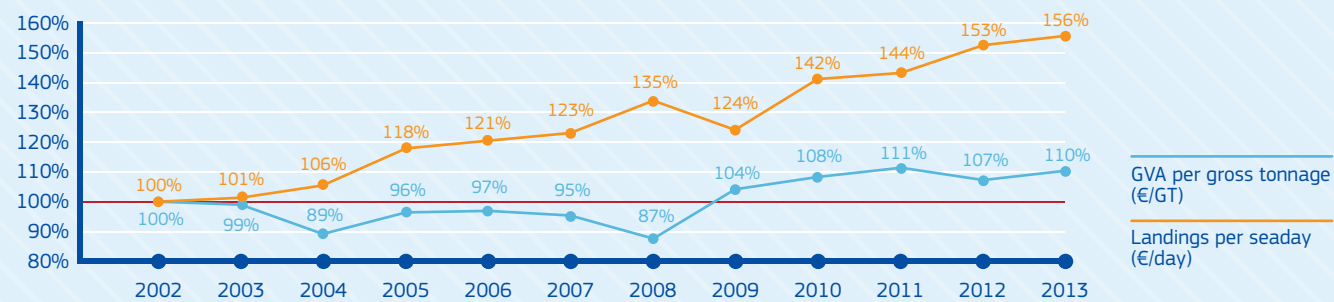


# Economic performance of the EU fishing fleet

## THE GOOD NEWS

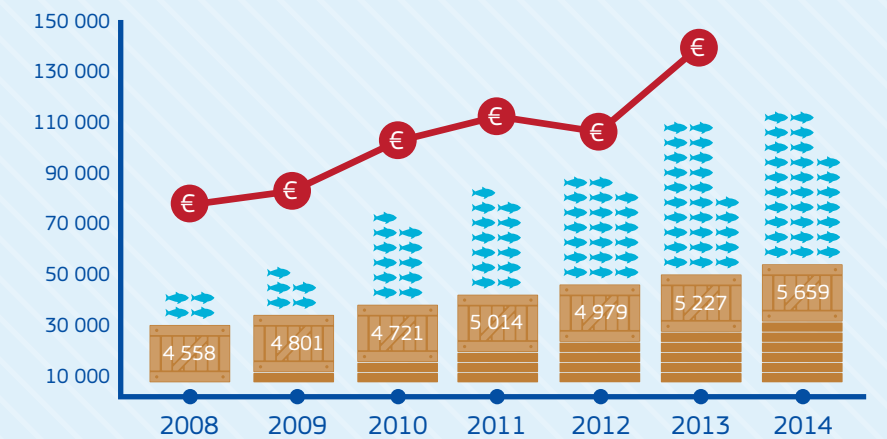
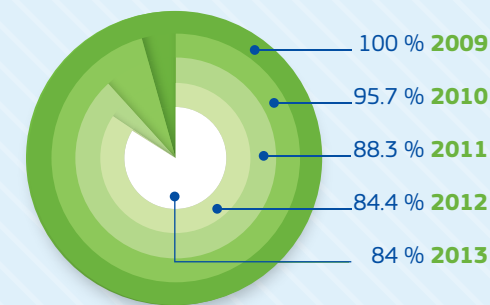
The EU fishing fleet's economic performance is improving and having a positive impact on many EU coastal communities, according to figures for 2008-2013.



## Improvement factors

**1** Increased number of sustainable fish stocks, leading to increased productivity (Northeast Atlantic, North Sea & Baltic Sea)

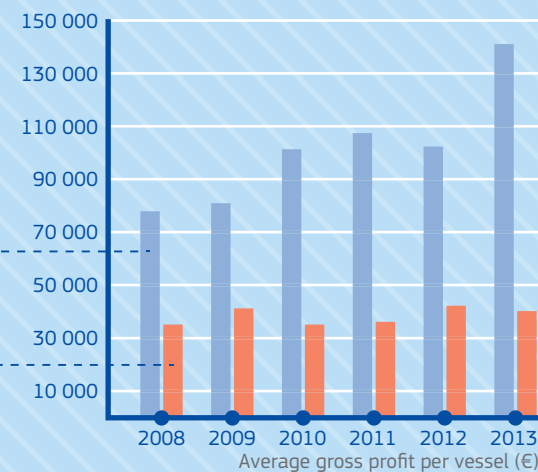
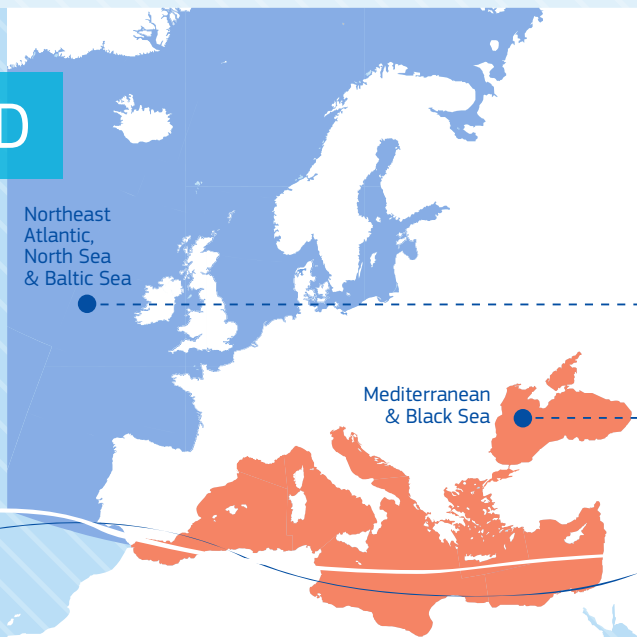
**2** Greater fuel efficiency



Fuel use intensity decreased by **16%** between 2009 and 2013

## CHALLENGES AHEAD

**1** The economic performance of the EU fleets in the **Mediterranean and Black Sea regions** continues to stagnate



**2** The economic performance of small-scale coastal fleets continues to deteriorate, while that for the large-scale fleet is improving.

**3** Employment within the EU fleet continues to decline. There is a need to create jobs and growth in coastal communities

