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Priorities:

- **Fisheries:** Pat the Cope believes that under the new Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), special recognition should be given to the inshore fleet and to the islands. Pat the Cope believes in a regional approach with a greater input from fishermen and the processing sector.
- **Farmers and Fishermen:** In the EU budget, Pat the Cope wants to protect the interests of farmers, fishermen and all of those that are depending so much on the European Union.
- **Cross-border Funds:** Pat the Cope believes that European cross-border funds are extremely important in Ireland and wants to protect and if necessary increase this funding.
- **Cutting Red Tape:** Pat the Cope fully supports measures at an EU level designed to reduce red tape affecting small to medium sized businesses in Ireland.

Member of the Bureau of ALDE Member of the Conference of Delegation Chairs

Committees:

- Member of the Committee on Fisheries
- Substitute Member of the Committee on Regional Development
- Substitute Member of the Special Committee on the policy challenges and budgetary resources for a sustainable EU after 2013

Delegations:

- Chairman of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee (current Chairman of the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee)