

Programme Summary

Aquaculture and Fisheries Programme - Programme for Romania

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1. Programme overview

Total allocation – 232.072.724 EUR

EU contribution – 162.450.905 EUR

National contribution – 69.621.819 EUR

RO implements EMFAF Priorities 1, 2 and 3.

Priority 1 – 55.8 MEUR (24%)

Priority 2 – 108.4 MEUR (47%)

Priority 3 – 53.9 MEUR (23%)

TA – 13.9 MEUR (6%)

Priority	Specific objective	Union contribution
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.1.1. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. All operations other than those supported under Articles 17 and 19	11.858.917,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.3. Promoting the adaptation of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contribution to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	406.126,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.4. Promoting effective control and enforcement of fisheries rules, including in the fight against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	24.367.636,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.6. Contribute to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	2.436.762,00
2. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities and the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thereby contributing to food security in the Union	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, in particular enhancing the competitiveness of the aquaculture industry, while ensuring that activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	58.742.245,00

2. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities and the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thereby contributing to food security in the Union	2.2. Promoting the marketing, quality and added value of fishery and aquaculture products and the processing of such products	17.138.574,00
3. Promoting a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and internal regions and promoting the development of fishing and aquaculture communities	3.1. Encouraging a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and internal regions and promoting the sustainable development of fishing and aquaculture communities	37.753.591,00
Technical assistance in accordance with Article 36(4) CPR	5.1. Technical assistance in accordance with Article 36(4) CPR	9.747.054,00

2. Programme summary

Romania took into consideration in the new Programme the EU policy priorities outlined in the European Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies.

On Fisheries there are commitments on modernizing fisheries infrastructure, on health/safety/energy efficiency, on inland fisheries and on Temporary Cessation for conservation reasons. In addition, Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) development is explained, contributions to conservation policy (Common Fisheries Policy, MAPs, contribution to General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean targets, Birds and Habitats Directives, Water Framework Directive, good environmental status etc.) are presented, and Small Scale Coastal Fisheries is highlighted as priority. Marine litter action is covered. Compensation schemes to support sectors from health crisis are envisaged. Control and Data Collection Framework allocation is set at 15% of the budget.

On Aquaculture the interventions are in line with the adopted National Aquaculture Plan while decarbonisation and circular economy are also supported. Investments supporting organic, energy efficient, diversified and innovative aquaculture are foreseen as well as compensations for environmental services. Support for new Producer Organisations and processing facilities are included.

The Community Led Local Development has links to Smart Specialization Strategies S3 on Blue Economy. In addition, there is clarity and commitments on complementarity with Romanian integrated territorial investments and environment.

Operations of Strategic Importance reported: modernisation of one emblematic fisheries port at the Black Sea.

On Financial Instruments, Romania commits to undertake an ex-ante evaluation in the first 2 years and a roll-over of the EFF successful guarantee scheme.

On performance framework, the indicators selected and setting are clear and balanced. Complementarities with RRF are specified.

HECs are fulfilled. Climate change contribution: 45 %. Technical assistance (Art 36(4) CPR): 6%.

Contribution to EU horizontal priorities:

1) *Resilience:* Compensations for public health crises for fisheries, aquaculture and processing are proposed. Creation of new POs to support resilience is also envisaged.

2) *Green transition:* A set of actions is put forward: modernisation of fishing infrastructure (including marine litter facilities); support for MPAs creation, temporary cessation, energy efficiency of fisheries, aquaculture and processing; selective tools in fisheries; aquaculture providing environmental services to protect biodiversity and habitats; focus on innovation and research with role in decarbonisation; Local Action Groups actions linked to S3. Clear links with Biodiversity strategy are included. Good Environmental Status actions are spelled out and linked with Environmental policy objectives (e.g. Priority Action Framework, Birds and Habitats Directives, WFD).

3) *Digital transition:* Innovation is emphasised in the programme, including wide range of innovative solutions. Links on digital transition are established through the support on Specific Objective 1.4 for Control and Data-Collection.

4) *Added value of public investment:* Romania commits to undertake an ex-ante evaluation for FIs within 2 years of the approval of the Programme. Simplified Cost Options are considered for compensations.

Partnership Agreement (PA)

The Romanian PA was adopted on 26 July 2022. The EMFAF is mentioned under the PA Policy Objective 2 and 5.