

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

The EMFF aims to support the diversification and sustainable development of maritime economies. Specific objectives include the following:

- Helping fisherman to transition to sustainable fishing
- Helping coastal communities to diversify their economies
- Financing projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts
- Making it easier for applicants to access financing

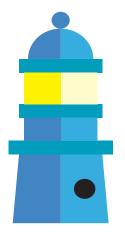
Methods of implementation

Shared management:

- **Funding**: 90% of the total EMFF budget is spent under shared management
- Managed by: European Commission and Member States through implementation of Operational Programmes
- **Focus**: The sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and the areas where these activities take place

Direct management:

- **Funding:** 10% of the total EMFF budget is spent under direct management
- Managed by: European Commission and EASME through grants and procurements
- **Focus:** The development and implementation of the EU's maritime policy through integrated governance, cross-sectorial initiatives and support for sustainable economic growth





Objective:

To enhance the development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy by awarding grants within three specific funding strands

Budget:

€18.5 million

| Strand | About | Budget | Launch date |
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| Blue Labs | Grants will support projects that leverage the skills, creativity, knowledge and competences of young people, local stakeholders, businesses and research institutions to develop innovative solutions for maritime/marine challenges | €5 million | Q4 2018 |
| Blue Careers | Grants will support projects that develop responses to the needs of the blue economy labour market through collaboration between industry and educational institutions | €6 million | Q4 2018 |
| Grants for the blue economy | Grants will support innovative blue economy projects that build on research and development, and require some support to establish themselves in the market | €7.5 million | Q4 2018 |

Find out more: Work programme 2018 https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/c-2017-8146-annex_en.pdf

