

Programme description

Main objectives

The Operational Programme "Fisheries 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Cyprus (OP) aims at achieving key national development priorities along with the "Europe 2020" objectives. The OP addresses the general reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and fully supports the priorities defined in the EMFF Regulation. The main objectives of the OP are to ensure the viability of the fisheries sector, enhance the competitiveness and growth of aquaculture enterprises (through investments allowing for the modernisation of aquaculture units, differentiation in new species with good prospects, new products and expansion both in the domestic market as well as in new markets abroad, maintenance of the industry's environmental sustainability and investments in respective joint infrastructures), and to promote the sustainable development of traditionally fisheries dependent coastal communities. The OP also addresses the need to increase productivity of the processing sector and aims to improve market organisation.

Funding priorities

The OP will focus on the following priorities:

- 32.6% of the total OP allocation aims at the sustainable management of the Cypriot fishing fleet (in particular of its small-scale fisheries segment) and of its fishing resources, as well as the improvement of working conditions, of fishermen's income and of their opportunities for training, thereby enhancing the viability of the fisheries sector and promoting the enhancement of marine biological resources.
- 23.8% of the total OP allocation is aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture. Under this priority, the EMFF will support productive investments in aquaculture as well as joint/common infrastructures, thereby enhancing competitiveness and viability of the aquaculture sector.
- 21.9% of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the implementation of the CFP by collection and management of data and by supporting monitoring, control and enforcement.
- 13.2% of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the maintenance of the economic and social sustainability of the Cypriot fisheries and aquaculture areas, the creation of jobs and the diversification within and/or outside fisheries and aquaculture sectors and the sustainable exploitation of related products (Union Priority 4) through the implementation of comprehensive local development strategies.
- 3.6% of the OP allocation will be spent on measures under integrated maritime policy aiming at protecting marine biodiversity and improving knowledge on the marine environment, with particular focus on the development of part of CISE.
- 3.1% of the OP allocation will be spent on measures dedicated to fostering marketing and processing.

- 1.9% of the OP resources are allocated to technical assistance in order to ensure efficient administration of the EU funding, including support to publicity and information measures as well as evaluations.

Financial information

- Total budget: EUR 52 610 495
- Total EU contribution (European Maritime and Fisheries Fund): EUR 39 715 209

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