

Summary of the Operational Programme for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Bulgaria

Programme description

Main objectives

The "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund – Operational Programme for Bulgaria" (EMFF 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 aim at enhancing the competitiveness of the aquaculture sector and processing sector, the viability of the sea fisheries sector and the sustainable development of traditionally fisheries-dependent areas. The programme also addresses the need for the protection and rehabilitation of the marine environment and its living resources, the control of fisheries activities, the collection of fisheries data and the improvement of knowledge on the state of the marine environment.

Funding priorities

The OP will focus on the following priorities:

- 25.514.500 EUR, i.e. 22.47% of the total OP allocation, aim at ensuring the viability and sustainable development of the Bulgarian fisheries sector as well as the protection of its fishing/marine resources. This includes investments in the modernisation of fishing infrastructure, protection and restoration of marine biodiversity, promotion of innovation, collection of marine litter, development of complementary activities /new forms of income for fishermen. It could also cover permanent cessation of fishing activities and on board-investments to increase gear selectivity.
- 36.215.000 EUR, i.e. 31.89% of the total OP allocation, are aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, and competitive and knowledge based aquaculture. Under this priority axis, the EMFF will support productive investments in aquaculture as well as investments aiming at enhancing the sector's competitiveness and viability.
- 12.414.578 EUR, thus 10.93% 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.
- 17.858.824 EUR, thus 15.72% of the total OP resources, are allocated to maintaining the economic and social sustainability of the Bulgarian fisheries and aquaculture areas, job creation and diversification within and/or outside fisheries and aquaculture sectors, and the sustainable exploitation of related products through the implementation of comprehensive local development strategies.
- 12.706.991 EUR, thus 11.19% of the OP allocation, will be spent on measures dedicated to fostering marketing and processing.

- 3.333.333 EUR, thus 2.93% of the OP allocation, will be spent on measures under the EU's integrated maritime policy aiming at improving knowledge on the marine environment and the development of part of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE).
- 5.500.000 EUR, thus 4.84% 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.

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