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List of acronyms

AIS Automatic Identification System
APO Association of producer organisations

ASM Annual Stakeholder Meeting

CCI Code Commun d'Identification (reference number of each programme,

attributed by the Commission)

CFP Common Fisheries Policy

CLLD Community-Led Local Development

CMES Common Monitoring and Evaluation System

CMO Common Organisation of Markets (in fishery and aquaculture products)

COM European Commission

CPR Common Provisions Regulation
DCF Data Collection Framework

DG MARE Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

EFCA European Fisheries Control Agency

EMFF European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2014-2020

EMFAF European Maritime, Fisheries, and Aquaculture Fund 2021-2027

EMODnet European Marine Observation and Data Network

ERS Electronic Reporting System

ETP Endangered Threatened and Protected

EU European Union

EUMOFA European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture

FAME Fisheries and Aquaculture Monitoring and Evaluation Support Unit

FARNET European fisheries area network

FFR Fishing Fleet Register or Fishing Fleet Register number (vessel number)

FLAG Fisheries Local Action Group GDPR General Data Protection Regulation

IB Intermediate Body

IBO Inter-branch organisation IMP Integrated Maritime Policy

IUU Illegal, Unreported and Undeclared fishing

LDS Local Development Strategy

LO Landing Obligation
MA Managing Authority

MEF Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

MPA Marine Protected Areas

MS Member State

MSFD Marine strategy framework directive

MSP Maritime spatial planning

N2000 Natura 2000 nature protected area

NUTS Nomenclature of territorial units for statistics

OI Output Indicator
PO Producer Organisation

PMP Production and Marketing Plan QMS Quality management systems

REM Remote Electronic Monitoring

RFMO Regional fisheries management organisation

RI Result Indicator

SCO Simplified Cost Option

SFC Shared Fund Management Common System

SME Small or medium-sized enterprise

SO Specific Objective

SSCF Small Scale Coastal Fisheries

STECF Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries

SWOT Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities und Threats

TA Technical Assistance

UNCLOS United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

UP Union Priority

VMS Vessel Monitoring System

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF Regulation), a common monitoring and evaluation system (CMES) for the operations co-financed by the EMFF under shared management was required to be established with the intention of measuring the performance and the achievements of the EMFF.

DG MARE assessed the implementation of the CMES and reported to the Council and the Parliament according to EMFF regulation 508/2014, Article 107(4). The so-called FAME CMES report appeared in September 2017 and summarised lessons learnt. A revised report is due in 2021.

In December 2020, there was a political agreement on both the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) and the EMFAF. Both regulations are expected to enter into force in the spring of 2021. They contain only general provisions related to the monitoring and evaluation framework (MEF). The MEF 2021-2027 details need to be formulated in subsequent implementing acts.

DG MARE and FAME SU developed a concept for the MEF 2021-2027 based on the lessons learnt from the current CMES since 2015 and the aforementioned report from 2017. This concept was presented to the Member States (MSs) and discussed with the EMFF Managing Authorities (MAs) during the FAME Annual Stakeholder Meeting (ASM) in September 2018. Updates were provided in the form of MEF fiches in the course of EMFF expert group meetings in 2019. This process culminates in the present paper.

1.2 Purpose and target group

The objectives of the working paper on the MEF 2021-2027 are to:

- summarise the lessons learnt from the CMES 2014-2020;
- create a common reference document for all MEF 2021-2027 elements (e.g. common result indicators, Infosys¹, etc.);
- provide a basis for the drafting of EMFAF implementing acts in relation to the monitoring, evaluation and reporting provisions of the CPR and the EMFAF regulation.
- assist MAs to prepare their EMFAF programmes for 2021-2027.

The target groups are DG MARE and MA officers, evaluators and other interested experts.

1.3 Structure of the document

After this introductory chapter, the working paper is divided into three main chapters. Chapter 2 provides a background and overview of the MEF 2021-2027, including the legal and regulatory basis for the MEF, its overall purpose, an outline of its main elements, and the

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¹ Monitoring system under EMFF and EMFAF.

key deliverables and timeframe for its fulfilment. Chapter 3 describes in full detail all of the main elements of the MEF. Chapter 4 includes annexes of the most up-to-date lists of all the concrete items which form the basis of these MEF elements and are required knowledge for programme preparation.

1.4 Acknowledgments

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Note: the present version of the working paper and all references to draft regulation articles are provisional; the working paper will be updated to reflect the MEF elements as they are defined according to the CPR/EMFAF Regulations upon their entry into force, which is expected in the spring of 2021.

The approach and methodologies proposed in this working paper do not constitute legal interpretation and are not binding. They are considered to be recommendations by among technical experts.

2 MEF 2021-2027

2.1 Legal basis

The MEF 2021-2027 described herein is based primarily on two documents²; the present paper combines them in a coherent structure:

- the December 2020 provisional agreement on the CPR 2021-2027, and
- the December 2020 provisional agreement on the EMFAF 2021-2027 regulation.

The fundamental principles of the MEF 2021-2027 are outlined in the CPR. It includes, in particular, a performance framework, a reporting on cumulative data on operations and a system of types of intervention. This framework common to all the funds is complemented with EMFAF-specific elements, i.e. reporting of operation-level data, specific EMFAF indicators and specific EMFAF types of intervention defined in the EMFAF regulation.

2.2 Purpose of MEF

The purpose of the MEF is to provide a standardised, structured system for the accurate, comparable, and systematic monitoring and evaluation of the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of EMFAF programmes. This requires a clearly defined system of data collection and reporting, and continued cooperation between COM and other relevant stakeholders.

An effective **monitoring and evaluation** system is necessary to assess to what extent MS' programmes achieve their desired objectives, and to provide insight into what can be improved in the future.

Box 1: Monitoring and evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation can be defined as two separate but closely related activities.

Monitoring is defined as "a continuing function that uses systematic collection of data on specified indicators to provide management and the main stakeholders of an ongoing intervention with indications of the extent of progress and achievement of objectives and progress in the use of allocated funds."

Evaluation is defined as "the systematic and objective assessment of an ongoing or completed project, programme, or policy, its design, implementation and results."

Source: OECD Glossary of Key Terms in Evaluation and Results Based Management, 2010

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² Both regulations have reached political agreement and are expected to be finalised soon and enter into force in the spring of 2021.; as soon as they are published in the Official Journal of the European Union this chapter will be updated.

2.3 MEF elements and their position in the EMFAF framework

The MEF 2021-2027 consists of a number of key elements. The table below gives an overview of these elements, their source and date of appearance in the legislative framework, with short comments for contextualisation. They are discussed in detail in Chapter 3.

Table 1: Overview MEF 2021-2027 elements (provisional, March 2021)

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No	MEF element	Legal base	Date	Comments			
1	Intervention	Based on final	Final	The legal framework does not contain			
	logic	CPR and EMFAF	version	an exact description of an			
		and implementing	expected	"intervention logic". Annex II of the			
		acts	spring	EMFAF regulation contains however			
			2021	an overview of the programming			
				logic described in Article 17(2) of the			
				new CPR.			
				Here the terms describe the			
				intervention strategy of the MS, and			
				the linkages of MEF elements.			
2	Policy	Article 4 of CPR;	January	The CPR contains five policy			
	objectives	EMFAF Annex II	2021;	objectives in Article 4; only two are			
			14 June	relevant to EMFAF (b and e).			
			2019	The links between the policy			
				objectives of the CPR and the			
				EMFAF priorities are outlined in			
				Annex II of the EMFAF.			
3	EMFAF	EMFAF Article 3	14 June	The EMFAF contains 4 fund-specific			
	Priorities	and Annex II	2019	priorities in Article 3.			
				The links between the EMFAF			
				priorities and the policy objectives of			
				the CPR are outlined in Annex II of			
				the EMFAF.			
4	SWOT	EMFAF	14 June	Discussed in FAME Peer Review			
		Article 9.3.a.	2019	Session 1 on 15 October, 2020			
	N. 1	ENGLA E	117	B			
5	Needs	EMFAF	14 June	Presented during FAME Peer Review			
		Article 8.3.a.	2019	Session 1 on 15 October, 2020			
6	Specific	EMFAF Title II	14 June	Replaced "Areas of Support" listed in			
	objectives	Ch. II-V and	2019	the initial EMFAF proposal (June			
		Annex II		2018)			

No	MEF element	Legal base	Date	Comments
7	Types of actions	CPR Article 17.3.d.i.	January 2021	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 2 on 29 October, 2020, not pre-defined in the regulation
8	Types of interventions	CPR Art. 37.2.a; EMFAF Annex IV; COM Working Paper WK 5246/2020 REV 2	29 May, 2018 15 October, 2020	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 3 on 12 November, 2020
9	Common indicators	CPR Article 17.4.e.; EMFAF Annex I; COM Working Paper WK 10216/2019 REV 1, Annex 1	29 May 2018 30 September 2019	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 2 on 29 October, 2020
10	Types of operations	FAME, future	14 June 2019	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 3 on 12 November, 2020
11	Infosys Reporting	EMFAF Article 46; CPR Article 37	14 June 2019	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 4 on 26 November, 2020
12	Annual Performance Review	CPR Article 36	January 2021	
13	CPR Article 37 Reporting	EMFAF proposal Interinstitutional File: 2018/0210(COD), Annex II	14 June 2019	Presented during FAME Peer Review Session 4 on 26 November, 2020
14	Evaluation Plan and Reporting Activities	COM(2018) 375 final 2018/0196(COD), Article 39.6	29 May, 2018	

Source: FAME, 2020

3 Elements of the MEF

3.1 Intervention logic

A key element of the MEF is a clear intervention logic, which outlines the reasoning behind EMFAF intervention into MS's fishery and aquaculture activities. The intervention logic will describe the needs of the MS in question, as well as how and why the EMFAF will be used to address these needs. We distinguish between three levels of the intervention logic: the policy level, the programme level as well as the operation level. For the programme all three levels need to be taken into account. For the programme level the following principles are relevant:

- The EMFAF is structured along four priorities;
- Each priority is broken down in specific objectives (see Annex section 4.1);
- For each specific objective:
 - o types of actions will be defined
 - o main target groups will be defined
 - o types of interventions will be selected
 - o target values and milestones for output indicators will be set
 - o a minimum of one common result indicator will be selected, and target values will be set.

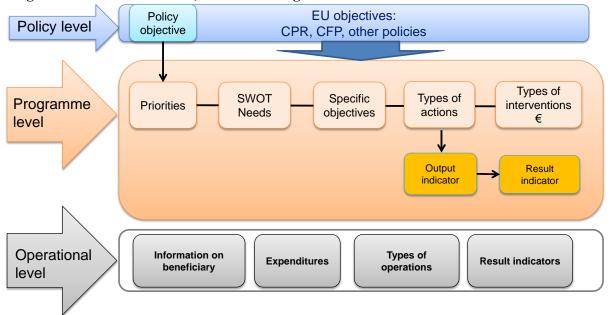


Figure 1: EMFAF 2021-2027, intervention logic

Source: FAME 2020

3.2 Policy objectives

According to Article 4 of the provisional CPR agreement from December 2020, the EMFAF shall support the following overarching policy objectives of the European Union:

- a) a more competitive and smarter Europe by promoting innovative and smart economic transformation and regional ICT connectivity;
- b) a greener, low-carbon **transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient** Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue
 investment, the circular economy, climate **change mitigation and** adaptation and risk
 prevention and management, **and sustainable urban mobility**;
- c) a more connected Europe by enhancing mobility;
- d) a more social **and inclusive** Europe implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights;
- e) a Europe closer to citizens by **fostering the sustainable and integrated development of all types of territories**.

EMFAF priorities (see below) link to two of these policy objectives: EMFAF priorities 1, 2, 4 link to policy objective (b), and EMFAF priority 3 links to policy objective (e).

3.3 EMFAF priorities

Priorities are broad thematic or sectoral categories. There are four priorities, based on the provisional EMFAF agreement from December 2020:

- 1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources;
- 2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the union;
- 3. Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the development of fishing and aquaculture communities
- 4. Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans.

MSs select the priorities they wish to support in their EMFAF programme and then proceed with a SWOT analysis.

3.4 SWOT

A SWOT

A SWOT analysis is a strategic comprehensive planning technique used to **identify** strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related to a region or a sector³.

The **SWOT** analysis is included in Table 1A of the EMFAF programme. The SWOT is performed separately for each of the selected EMFAF priorities. It serves as a starting point to identify the overall **needs** to be addressed by the MSs, and the subsequent actions to be undertaken using EMFAF support:

³ Further details and methodology for the completion of the SWOT section of the EMFAF programme can be found in the FAME working paper on the EMFAF programme template, Ch. 4.1.

- **Strengths** are *positive* characteristics inherent to the region or the sector, which can be beneficial to them as a whole.
- **Weaknesses** are *negative* characteristics inherent to the region or the sector, which could be detrimental to them as a whole.
- **Opportunities** are *positive elements outside the control of the region or sector*, which nevertheless affect them and can be utilised to generate positive outcomes.
- **Threats** are *negative elements outside the control of the region or sector*, which could be detrimental to them.

The SWOT analysis helps determine the needs of the sector and helps to select priorities and specific objectives.

3.5 Needs

The needs of a MS are determined on the basis of the SWOT analysis, and are general descriptions of what the MS needs to do/support in the coming programming period to improve its fisheries and aquaculture sector⁴. Examples of needs include:

- "Need for economic recovery of local fishermen";
- "Need to reduce the fleet";
- "Need for the development of knowledge exchange and availability of skilled labour".

Needs are a pivotal part in the intervention logic, because proposed actions are meant to respond to those needs.

MS need to provide a **justification of action** explaining why they will target support to the needs identified, showing a clear link between the SWOT and the identified needs. The justification of action follows a clear path from the SWOT and needs analysis, to the programme strategy and the selection of SOs, and finally to the types of actions.

3.6 EMFAF specific objectives

Specific objectives result from breaking down the priorities into smaller, more focused segments. Specific objectives are set in the EMFAF regulation. Priority 1 has six specific objectives, priority 2 has two, and priorities 3 and 4 have only one specific objective each.

MSs select specific objectives based on the SWOT and needs analysis. For each selected specific objective, MSs will define or select:

- types of actions (narrative of intervention);
- common result indicators (based on a predefined set) and their respective baselines and targets;
- types of interventions (based on a predefined set) and indicative allocation of funds thereto;
- financial allocation and EU co-financing rate.

A full list of the EMFAF specific objectives is provided in Annex 4.1.

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⁴ Further details and methodology on the completion of the "needs" and "justification of action" portions of the EMFAF programme can be found in the FAME working paper on the EMFAF programme template, Ch. 4.1.

3.7 Types of actions

Types of actions are new to the EMFAF 2021-2027. These are broadly-defined planned actions to address the needs defined through the SWOT. MAs need to define types of actions according to their needs, separately for each specific objective, following the logic of the programme. Types of actions are not selected from a predefined list⁵.

The definition of types of actions helps in selecting types of interventions and common result indicators.

3.8 Types of interventions

Types of interventions are predefined thematic categories related to policy issues (for example combating climate change). They are used to indicatively allocate funds along those policy issues at the programming stage. They are the main thematic blocks MAs should use when communicating about the funds on their websites. They are also used to monitor climate and environment expenditure and for reporting on funding allocated. Each type of intervention has predefined climate and environment coefficients, which the Commission will apply to the amounts reported by the MSs to track climate change and environmental expenditure.

The provisional EMFAF agreement from December 2020 includes 16 types of interventions, of which three are CLLD-specific and one is TA-specific. They are listed in Annex IV of the EMFAF Regulation.

During programming MSs select under each specific objective the most appropriate types of interventions in accordance with the defined types of actions, and indicatively allocate funds to each of them. This indicative allocation must match the financial plan of the programme.

MSs can freely choose as many types of interventions per specific objective as they see fit; no formal restriction applies. MS however must choose at least one type of intervention per specific objective in their programme.

During the programme implementation, the MA must choose the most appropriate type of intervention for each selected operation (see also chapter 0). Every operation must be linked to only one type of intervention most suitable for the operation. This is necessary for reporting of aggregated data for each operation under CPR Article 37. MS however can also select a type of intervention not selected in the programming phase.

A full list of the EMFAF types of interventions is provided in Annex 0.

3.9 Set of common indicators

A crucial component of an effective monitoring and evaluation system is a set of indicators that can be used to monitor results and outputs and evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of interventions.

⁵ Additionally, actions listed in the "Commission Staff Working Document (SWD) setting out a regional sea basin perspective to guide the EMFF programming" can act as source of inspiration.

MEF 2021-2027 has three types of **common indicators: output indicators, result and core performance indicators.**

N.B. Core performance indicators for EMFAF are to be used by the Commission in compliance with its reporting requirement pursuant to Article 41(3)(h)(iii) of Regulation (EU) No 2018/1046 (Financial Regulation). They are derived from the common result indicators and Infosys. Please note that they are not further discussed in this working paper.

3.9.1 Common output indicators

Output indicators aim to measure output produced with EMFAF support. The EMFAF has only one type of output indicator: "number of operations".

MAs define the target value for the number of operations for each specific objective in the EMFAF programme. That is the sum of all operations to be implemented for that specific objective.

EMFAF output indicators demonstrate their full explanatory potential in combination with Infosys (see chapter 3.11).

3.9.2 Common result indicators

Common result indicators are a predefined set of indicators, along specific thematic categories, included in Annex 1 of the EMFAF regulation. They aim to demonstrate the gross effect of the EMFAF programme, and are common to all MS.

It is assumed that the set of common result indicators covers the entire scope of what the MSs might fund under the EMFAF. Programme-specific result indicators defined by the MS themselves are in principle possible, and MAs may use them, but they should not include them in their programme nor report on them to the COM.

A full list of common result indicators is provided in Annex 4.3.

They are used in **three phases**, during:

- programming,
- implementation,
- evaluation.

Common result indicators during programming

MAs select under each specific objective the most appropriate common result indicator(s) to reflect their strategy and the outcome expected. MAs must select at least one common result indicator for each specific objective, but may select more.

The rule is: "As few as possible, as many as necessary".

Selected common result indicators need not cover every possible aspect of the envisaged actions, but cover the most important effects.

MAs define the **baseline and the target value** for each selected common result indicator for all specific objectives in the EMFAF programme. The baseline is the value of the indicator at the "starting point", for example, 2021. The specific period in which the baseline is measured

depends on the timing of approval of the MS' programme. The target is the sum of the effects of all operations to be implemented up to the end of the period. Target values only refer to results achieved by EMFAF operations.

All common result indicators have a baseline of zero in the programme; the only exception is CR12 "Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use of data".

Example:

A certain MA determines that the programme should address their country's SSCF, which is in decline. As part of their programming strategy, the MA decides to allocate EMFAF funds towards actions relating to SSCF under specific objective 1(a) "Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities".

The total effects of these actions would ultimately be seen in terms of securing employment, turnover increased, and skills enhancement. Relevant indicators are "jobs maintained", "businesses with higher turnover" and "persons benefitting". However, the political focus and the majority of the funds are linked to employment and economic viability. Thus, the MA decides that the most important indicators to use in the programme and to set targets for are "jobs maintained" and "businesses with higher turnover".

Common result indicators during implementation

MAs report in Infosys for each selected operation the common result indicator(s) selected under the given specific objective of the programme. Should those indicators not be applicable to the specific operation, the MA selects (either at the point of selection or during the first Infosys reporting) another, more fitting, common result indicator.

The rule is: "no operation without at least one common result indicator; should the common result indicators selected in the programme not be applicable, the operation can use another common result indicator".

When the operation is selected, the MS (MA, IB or beneficiary, as per the discretion of the MS) will decide which common result indicator(s) will be chosen for the operation. Then, during implementation, the beneficiary will report three values for each relevant common result indicator:

- a baseline value indicating the situation before the operation (in most cases zero);
- An ex-ante target value, which is the situation expected to be reached because of the operation;
- An ex-post target value, which is the situation actually reached after the operation and because of the operation.

Example:

The MA of the example above selects two operations under specific objective 1(a), a diversification operation and a training operation.

The beneficiary of the diversification operation invests to enable them to take tourists on board their vessel. The jobs of the family members are secured and their turnover rises. The programme indicators "jobs maintained" and "businesses with higher turnover" are both suitable, since they measure the primary effects of the operation.

The beneficiary of the training operation, a vocational training institute, trains young fishers in marketing techniques. In this case the employment and turnover of the beneficiary are irrelevant to the EMFAF, so "jobs maintained" and "businesses with higher turnover" are not applicable at the operation level. Instead, the beneficiary (i.e. the vocational training institute) selects "persons benefitting" as a more suitable indicator for this operation.

In the case that MS desire to make an amendment to their programme, including the *modification* of indicators (for example target values), they may submit a motivated request for an amendment to the COM as per the requirements set out in Article 19 of the CPR. However, amendments relating to the *introduction* of additional indicators for programmes supported by the EMFAF do not require the approval of the commission, as per CPR Art. 19(7).

Common result indicators during evaluation

MAs provide the monitoring data collected during implementation to the evaluators. The task of the evaluators is the systematic and objective assessment of the programme design, implementation and results, comparing – among other things – the targets set in the programme with the results achieved. The evaluation analyses whether or not targets have been achieved, reviews the assumptions made during the programming, and investigates the reasons that led to achievement or non-achievement

The common result indicators offer a valuable quantitative base for the evaluation, although they do not cover all possible aspects to be evaluated. Additional evaluation indicators might be needed.

The EMFAF common result indicators gain explanatory power when combined with Infosys data (among others NUTS location, type of intervention, type of operation etc.). For example, the common result indicator "Innovations enabled" becomes more versatile when combined with the type of operation ("Innovations enabled – marketing", "Innovations enabled – product", etc.) and the type of beneficiary.

3.10 Types of operations

Types of operations are precise thematic categories used to label single operations for EMFAF monitoring (Infosys).

They will be set in a future legal supporting act following the final EMFAF regulation.

When an operation is selected for implementation, MSs (MAs, IBs or the beneficiary, as per the discretion of the MS) select the most appropriate "type" for each operation. Only one type is possible per operation; for complex operations the most representative type must be chosen.

A full list is provided in Annex 4.5.

3.11 Infosys

Infosys is the database structure for the collection and reporting of the EMFAF monitoring data. It is a valuable source of readily available data for evaluations and generation of policy information. Infosys data are combined with output and result indicator values.

Infosys consists of two tables (Figure 2), which correspond to table 1 and table 2 of annex 1 of the future Infosys implementing act:

- Table 1 has 35 fields focus on information about operations
- Table 2 has six fields focus on result indicators.

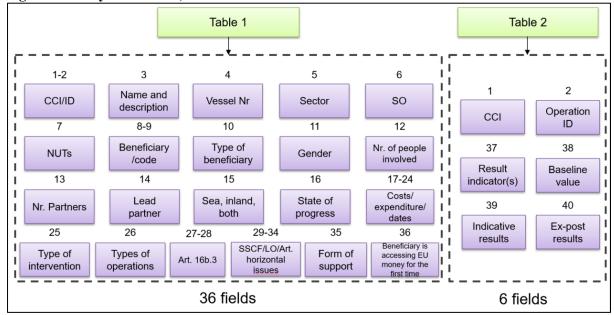


Figure 2: Infosys 2021-2027, structure

Source: FAME, 2020

Infosys 2021-2027 evolved organically from Infosys 2014-2020. Infosys 2021-2027 is considerably simpler that its predecessor, reduced from four annexes to two tables, with more uniform data fields, and the number of types of operations reduced from 160 to 66.

Data are collected at the individual operation level. It includes basic operation information, beneficiary information, financial data, type of operation (one per operation), result indicators (including baseline values, estimated result values before the operation, and values achieved after the operation).

The Infosys structure is provided in Annex 4.4.

3.12 Annual performance review (CPR Article 36)

Every year, COM will organise review meetings with each MS to examine the performance of each programme.

The review meeting shall be chaired by the COM or, if the MS so requests, co-chaired by the MS and the COM. The MS and the COM may agree not to organise an annual review meeting. In this case, the review may be carried out in writing.

The outcome of the annual review meeting shall be recorded in agreed minutes.

Requirements of the annual review meeting may be defined in a future implementing act.

3.13 CPR Article 37 reporting

The cumulative data of the EMFAF programme shall be transmitted by the MA electronically via the IT platform SFC. The design of the elements described herein allows for a largely automated processing of the relevant data (for example, aggregation is conducted at the level of the type of intervention chosen for each operation).

Under the MEF 2021-2027 the reporting will have three different levels (see

Figure 3):

- 1. the operations' level, that is the Infosys in the narrow sense (see chapter 3.11) similar to the 2014-2020 Infosys (twice a year, 31 January and 31 July)
- 2. the aggregated indicator values' level based on Infosys with possible corrections (same timing as Infosys)
- 3. the aggregated financial data (5 times per year, 31 January, 30 April, 31 July, 30 September, 31 October)

The first Infosys reports for the 2021-2027 period will be submitted on 31 January, 2022.

30 September 31 January 30 April 31 July 31 November Infosys Infosys CPR Art .37 CPR Art. 37 CPR Art. 37 CPR Art. 37 CPR Art. 37 Financial **Financial Financial Financial** Financial reporting reporting reporting reporting reporting CPR Art .37 CPR Art. 37 reporting reporting Indicator Indicator values values

Figure 3: Timeline of CPR Article 37 reporting (provisional)

Source: FAME 2020

3.14 Evaluation plan and evaluation activities (CPR Article 39)

As with the current programming period, each MS will have to draw up an evaluation plan and submit it to their EMFAF monitoring committee no later than one year after the approval of the programme.

The evaluation plan should cover all evaluations foreseen for the programme period.

As for the EMFF 2014-2020, EMFAF evaluations should validate the results achieved, exploring how and why inputs, outputs and results contributed to the achievement of objectives. They should focus on effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value. FAME will provide methodological support for the formation of evaluation plans and related evaluation activities in the 2021-2027 period at a later stage.

MS will have to undertake the following evaluations:

- Evaluation on effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value;
- Impact evaluation to be carried out by 30 June 2029.

These evaluations by MSs will feed the mid-term (by the end of 2024) and retrospective (by the end of 2031) evaluations to be conducted by the COM in the same framework. Article 39(3) states that MS shall entrust the evaluations to "...internal or external experts who are functionally independent."

The main simplification in 2021-2027 is that an ex-ante evaluation (as required in 2014-2020) would no longer be required. The necessary information should be captured in the SWOT analysis and identification of needs in the programme.

4 Annexes

4.1 EMFAF Specific objectives⁶

Priorities	Specific objectives	Nomenclature	Specific conditions
Priority 1:	Strengthening economically,	1.1.1	Article 15 Transferring or
Fostering	socially and environmentally	All operations	reflagging of fishing
sustainable	sustainable fishing activities	except those	vessels
fisheries and the		under Art. 17/19)	Article 17 First acquisition
restoration and		1.1.2	of a fishing vessel
conservation of		Operations under	Article 18 Replacement or
aquatic biological resources		Articles 17/19	modernisation of a main or
resources	Increasing energy efficiency and	1.2	ancillary engine
	reducing CO2 emissions through		Article 19 Increase of the
	the replacement or modernisation		gross tonnage of a fishing
	of engines of fishing vessels		vessel to improve safety,
			working conditions or
	Promoting the adjustment of	1.3	energy efficiency
	fishing capacity to fishing		Article 20 Permanent
	opportunities in cases of permanent		cessation
	cessation of fishing capacity and		Article 21 Temporary cessation
	contributing to a fair standard of		
	living in cases of temporary		Article 22 Control and enforcement
	cessation of fishing activities		
	Fostering efficient fisheries control	1.4	Article 23 Collection, management, use, and
	and enforcement, including		processing of biological,
	fighting against IUU fishing, as		environmental, technical
	well as reliable data for		and socioeconomic data in
	knowledge-based decision-making		the fisheries sector
	D .: 1 1 1 : C 11 C	1.5	Article 24 Promoting a
	Promoting a level playing field for	1.5	level-playing field for
	fishery and aquaculture products		fishery and aquaculture
	from the outermost regions		products from the
	Contributing to the protection and	1.6	outermost regions
	restoration of aquatic biodiversity		Article 25 Protection and
	and ecosystems		restoration of aquatic
			biodiversity and
			ecosystems
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 $^{^{6}\} Interinstitutional\ File:\ 2018/0210(COD)-Council\ of\ the\ European\ Union-10297/19-Brussels,\ 14\ June\ 2019,\ Annex\ II.$

Priorities	Specific objectives	Nomenclature	Specific conditions
Priorities Priority 2: Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the union	Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term Promoting marketing, quality and value added of fishery and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	2.1 2.2	Article 27 Aquaculture Article 28 Processing of fishery and aquaculture products
Priority 3: Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the development of fishing and aquaculture communities	Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the sustainable development of fishing and aquaculture communities	3.1	Article 30 Community-led local development
Priority 4: Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans	Strengthening sustainable sea and ocean management through the promotion of marine knowledge, maritime surveillance and/or coastguard cooperation	4.1	Article 32 Marine Knowledge Article 33 Maritime surveillance Article 34 Coastguard cooperation
	echnical Assistance	5.1	Article 5 — CPR article 30

4.2 Types of interventions⁷

		Climate	Env.
No.	Type of Intervention	Coefficient	Coefficient
	Reducing negative impacts and/or contributing to positive impacts on	100%	100%
01.	the environment and contributing to good environmental status		
	Promoting conditions for economically viable, competitive and	40%	40%
02.	attractive fishing, aquaculture and processing sectors		
03.	Contributing to climate neutrality	100%	100%
04.	Temporary cessation of fishing activities	100%	100%
05.	Permanent cessation of fishing activities	100%	100%
06.	Contributing to a good environmental status through implementing and monitoring marine protected areas including Natura 2000	100%	100%
07.	Compensation for unexpected environmental, climatic or public health events	0%	0%
08.	Compensation for additional costs in outermost regions	0%	0%
08.	Animal health and welfare	40%	40%
10.	Control and enforcement	40%	100%
11.	Data collection, analysis and promotion of marine knowledge	100%	100%
12.	Maritime surveillance and security	40%	40%
Comm	unity Led Local Development (CLLD)		1
13.	CLLD preparation actions	0%	0%
14.	CLLD implementation of strategy	40%	40%
15.	CLLD running costs and animation	0%	0%
	cal Assistance (TA)	•	•
16.	Technical Assistance	0%	0%

 $^{^7\} Interinstitutional\ File:\ 2018/0210(COD)-Council\ of\ the\ European\ Union-10297/19-Brussels,\ 14\ June\ 2019,\ Annex\ IV.$

4.3 Common result indicators

4.3.1 Common result indicators, overview⁸⁹

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR01	New production capacity	Tonnes/annum	Applicable to all sectors	Zero	Production capacity before the operation	Sum of difference between Target and Baseline of each single operation	Production capacity AFTER the operation
CR02	Aquaculture production maintained	Tonnes/annum	Applicable mainly to aquaculture	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Production maintained with the EMFAF support
CR03	Businesses created	Number of entities	An operation can create several businesses.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Businesses created with the EMFAF support
CR04	Businesses with higher turnover	Number of entities	An operation can lead to more businesses with higher turnover.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Businesses with higher turnover with the EMFAF support

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⁸ Interinstitutional File: 2018/0210(COD) – Council of the European Union – 10297/19 – Brussels, 14 June 2019, Annex I.

⁹ Several common result indicators are also core performance indicators: these are RI 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 18.1, 18.2, 19, and 22. A full list of the core performance indicators is provided along with the result indicators in EMFAF Annex 1. This working paper does not go into detail on the full list of core performance indicators.

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR05.1	Capacity of vessels withdrawn	GT	For permanent cessation, programmes must use both sub-indicators 5.1 and 5.2 combined. Temporary cessation should use "persons benefitting" and provide "FFR number"	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Capacity (GT) of the vessel withdrawn
CR05.2		kW	As above	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Capacity (kW) of the vessel withdrawn
CR06	Jobs created	Number of persons	Half persons are possible (FTE approximation)	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Jobs created with the EMFAF support
CR07	Jobs maintained	Number of persons	As above	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Jobs maintained with the EMFAF support

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR08	Persons benefiting	Number of persons	Specifically for this indicator, conservative calculations are paramount. Care should be taken to only report people <i>directly</i> benefitting, so that the number of persons benefitting is not overreported or exaggerated.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Persons <i>directly</i> benefitting with the EMFAF support
CR09.1	Area addressed by operations contributing to a	km2	Natura 2000and other protected habitats and zones.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	km2 covered with the EMFAF support
CR09.2	good environmental status, protecting, conserving, and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems	km	Rivers and riparian zones.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Km covered with the EMFAF support

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status, including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, fish health and welfare	Number of actions	Unlike CR9.1 and 9.2, this indicator applies to operations without a spatial dimension. An operation can deliver several actions.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Actions implemented with the EMFAF support
CR11	Entities increasing social sustainability	Number entities	An operation can concern several entities.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Entities enhanced with the EMFAF support
CR12	Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use of data"	3 = high 2 = medium 1 = low	The quality of the national data collection programme as assessed by STECF, and the improvement achieved.	Status quo (1,2,3)	Status quo (1,2,3)	Average of the values	Status to be achieved or maintained (1,2, 3)
CR13	Cooperation activities between stakeholders	Number of actions	An operation can deliver several cooperation activities.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Cooperation facilitated enhanced with the EMFAF support

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR14	Innovations enabled	Number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods	An operation can deliver several innovations of different types and in different sectors.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Innovations enabled with the EMFAF support
CR15	Control means installed or improved	Number of means	An operation can include several means installed on a single vessel. Beneficiaries need to provide "FFR number"	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Systems installed or improved with the EMFAF support
CR16	Entities benefiting from promotion and information activities	Number of entities	An operation can concern several entities.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Entities participating with the EMFAF support
CR17	Entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or processing	Number of entities	An operation can concern several entities.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Entities improved with the EMFAF support

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR18.1	Energy consumption leading to CO ₂	litres/hour	Measurement of CO ₂ emissions reduction requires further calculation. FAME will provide the methodology.	Zero	Consumption per hour BEFORE the operation	Average of difference between Target and Baseline of each single operation	Consumption per hour AFTER the operation
CR18.2	emissions reduction	kWh/tonnes	As above	Zero	Energy need per tonne of produce and year BEFORE the operation	Average of difference between Target and Baseline of each single operation	Energy need per tonne of produce and year AFTER the operation
CR19	Actions to improve governance capacity	Number of actions	An operation can deliver several actions.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Actions facilitated with the EMFAF support

Code	Common result indicator	Unit	Comment	Baseline in programme	Baseline of the single operation	Target in programme	Target of the single operation
CR20	Investment induced	EUR	Investment made after a project, as a direct consequence of an operation's enabling actions. To be clear, this differs from investments in a project. Investment can be financed through private or public funds. Investment induced is not the private funds included in the operation itself.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Investments induced through the implementation of a project with EMFAF support
CR21	Datasets and advice made available	Number	An operation can deliver several datasets and advice pieces.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Datasets and advice made available with EMFAF support
CR22	Usage of data and information platforms	Number of page views	Number of views over the course of the operation.	Zero	Zero	Sum of targets of the single operations	Usage of data during the implementation of a project with EMFAF support

4.3.2 Common result indicators, fiches (December 2020)¹⁰

CR01	New production capacity			
Indicator name	New production capacity			
Measurement unit	Tonnes/annum			
Definition	Increase in the maximum potential for production or processing of fish, calculated in product weight per year (aquaculture and processing) respective to customs of the exact product (for example, with or without shell)			
Further clarification	 indicator refers to the potential for additional, new production capacity based on the facility specifications. Actual production prediction is difficult due to market fluctuations. volume intended for sale for human consumption. sector defined in a specific Infosys field. 			
Further clarification direct management	n/a			
Programme level				
Clarification	 in the programme, the indicators should express the sum of the change of production capacity per year through EMFAF support baseline and target different from the indicator at the operation level 			
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero			
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective ex-ante target value of zero indicates "no change", meaning the maintenance of the status quo estimation of target values should be based on beneficiary input and experience from historic values or benchmarks from other operations the target value achievements is the sum of the achievements of all operations 			
Operation level				
Inputs from the beneficiary	 volume of production capacity before and after the operation. volume of new production capacity should be reported for the capacity of production units directly involved in the operation. In the case of micro- and very small companies, the volume of new production capacity of the whole company can be reported. In the case of large companies, only the volume of new production capacity of the department/location involved in the operation should be reported. 			
Inputs from other sources	n/a			
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a			
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation			
Baseline for the single operation	production capacity before the operation			

 $^{^{10}\} Interinstitutional\ File:\ 2018/0210(COD)-Council\ of\ the\ European\ Union-10297/19-Brussels,\ 14\ June\ 2019,\ Annex\ I.$

CR01	New production capacity
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	production capacity at the time of completion
Example at the operation	A local oyster farmer decides to grow her business, and uses
level	EMFAF funds to invest in her oyster farming operations in one
	location out of two where the business is active, hence increasing
	production capacity.
	To provide data for CR01: "New production capacity", she must
	report on the potential harvest in tonnes per annum of oysters before
	the investment in the specific farm area, and the potential harvest in
	tonnes per annum of oysters after the investment in the farm area.

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CR02	Aquaculture production maintained
Indicator name	Aquaculture production maintained
Measurement unit	Tonnes/annum
Definition	Maintenance of capacity for aquaculture production
Further clarification	 indicator refers to the potential production capacity maintained based on the facility specifications, not to actual production. Actual production prediction is difficult due to market fluctuations. The attention is on the maintenance of the activity. volume intended for sale for human consumption. sector defined in a specific Infosys field; the indicator can be used for aquaculture and processing
Further clarification direct management	n/a
Programme level	
Clarification	in the programme the indicators should express the sum of maintained production capacity per year with the support of the EMFAF
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective ex-ante target value is the sum of the maintained production capacity estimation of target values should be based on beneficiary input and experience from historic values or benchmarks from other operations the target value achievements will be calculated based on the total results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	 volume of production capacity maintained after the operation volume of production capacity maintained should be reported for the capacity of production units directly involved in the operation. In the case of micro- and very small companies, the volume of production capacity maintained of the whole company can be reported. In the case of large companies, only the volume of production capacity maintained of the department/location involved in the operation should be reported.
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input	n/a

CR02	Aquaculture production maintained
from contracting authority	
(direct management)	
Reference period for the	duration of the operation
single operation	
Baseline for the single	• zero
operation	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	maintained production capacity at the time of completion
Example at the operation	A local carp farmer invests in maintaining the infrastructure of their
level	concrete ponds, implementing a construction project to fortify and
	upgrade the old and degraded ponds
	While the production is not increased, the pond remains operational.
	To provide data for CR02: "Aquaculture production maintained" the
	farmer must report on the potential harvest of carp in tonnes per annum
	that would have been abandoned, had the pond not been maintained.

CR03	Businesses created			
Indicator name	Businesses created			
Measurement unit	Number of entities			
Definition	Number of businesses created based on formal registration of these			
	businesses in the appropriate registry of the MS			
Further clarification	 all businesses are eligible regardless of size, legal form (sole operator, limited or stock company, other forms) and turnover for businesses requiring extensive approvals or permits before commencing operations, preliminary business registration prior to approval or granting of permits also count as formal registration for this indicator the beneficiary can also be a different entity from the business founder for a professional organisation within the meaning of the CMO regulation, "business created" refers to formally recognised producer organisations, associations thereof and inter-branch organisations for CLLD, "business created" refers to all types of new entities registered in the FLAG area, relevant to the Local Development 			
	Strategy (LDS), where creation can plausibly be attributed to an EMFAF intervention; operations do not need to be directly related to the fisheries, aquaculture or maritime sectors.			
Further clarification direct management	this should include any start-ups or scale-ups receiving support through grants or financial instruments or benefiting from assistance			
Programme level				
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator should provide the number of businesses created with EMFAF support			
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero			
Target values	target values should be defined separately for each specific objective			
	estimation of target values should be based on surveys among beneficiaries, studies, statistics or experience from the			

CR03	Businesses created
	 programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum
	of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of businesses created based on formal documentation
	number of professional organisations in the meaning of the Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 and relevant delegated acts
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	• zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• number of business created at completion or up to a certain number of years after the completion of the operation, depending on the MA rules for data collection (the general rule is: the later, the better)
Calculation	n/a
Examples at the operation level	A FLAG supports a local fisher to diversify and establish new companies in the area with a series of actions (advisory service, support in the form of feasibility studies, help with business plans, etc.).
	A number of fishers establish a limited company to serve the local tourism sector with fresh local seafood.
	The beneficiary registers the company, which is operational before the end of the EMFAF operation, and reports 1 business created.

CR04	Businesses with higher turnover			
Indicator name	Businesses with higher turnover			
Measurement unit	Number of entities			
Definition	Number of businesses which achieved a higher turnover thanks to			
	EMFAF support			
Further clarification	all businesses are eligible regardless of size, legal form (sole operator, limited or stock company) and turnover			
Further clarification direct management	 for direct management, this should include any start-ups or scale-ups receiving support through grants or financial instruments or business assistance for direct management it should not include businesses benefiting 			
	from information or data that is publicly available			
Programme level				
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator should provide the number of businesses with higher turnover thanks to EMFAF support			
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero			
Target values • target values should be defined separately for each specion objective				

CR04	Businesses with higher turnover
	 estimation of target values should be based on surveys among beneficiaries, studies, statistics or experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	 indication whether their business has a higher turnover if more than one business is involved in the operation, then the sum of all businesses with a higher turnover should be reported.
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	• zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value (1 or more)
Achieved value	• number of businesses with higher turnover at completion or up to a certain number of years after the completion of the operation, depending on the MA rules for data collection (the general rule is: the later, the better)
Calculation	n/a
Example at the operation level	An operator invests in infrastructure or introduces a new product with EMFAF support. As a direct consequence she or he can operate more efficiently, increase production and reach new markets. The resulting increased turnover would have been impossible without EMFAF support. The beneficiary can verify the higher turnover by comparing profit and loss accounts before and afterwards, and reports one business with higher turnover.

CR05.1/CR05.2	Capacity of vessels withdrawn (GT/kW)
Indicator name	5.1 Capacity of vessels withdrawn in gross tonnes (GT)
	5.2 Capacity of vessels withdrawn in kilowatt (kW)
Measurement unit	5.1 Gross tonnes (GT)
	5.2 Kilowatt (kW)
Definition	5.1 Capacity of vessels withdrawn permanently from the fleet in
	gross tonnes
	5.2 Capacity of vessels withdrawn permanently from the fleet in
	kilowatts
Further clarification	• This indicator is specifically for <i>permanent cessation</i> . Infosys
	should include the FFR number.
	• For temporary cessation operations, MA should rather choose RI
	8: "persons benefitting", and provide the FFR number in Infosys.
Further clarification direct	n/a
management	
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator should provide the total capacity

CR05.1/CR05.2	Capacity of vessels withdrawn (GT/kW)
	of vessels withdrawn with EMFAF support
	• programmes need to use both indicators if permanent cessation is included in the programme.
Baseline value	• the baseline value in the programme is zero for CR05.1 and CR05.2
Target values	 estimation of target values should be based on surveys among beneficiaries, studies, statistics or experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	or results delite ved at operational level
Inputs from the beneficiary	 05.1 GT of their vessel withdrawn 05.2 kW of their vessels withdrawn FFR number
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	This indicator might be used in relation to a Simplified Cost Option (SCO) ¹¹
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	• zero
Target value	05.1 GT of their vessels planned to be withdrawn
	05.2 kW of their vessels planned to be withdrawn
Achieved value	 05.1 GT of their vessels actually withdrawn 05.2 kW of their vessels actually withdrawn
Example at the operation level	A fisher scraps his or her vessel, making use of the opportunity offered by the MA following the decision of national authorities to adjust the fleet capacity to the available fishing opportunities. The fisher reports the FFR number of the scrapped vessel and its capacity in GT and kW as per the official registration documentation.

CR01	Jobs created
Indicator name	Jobs created
Measurement unit	Number of persons
Definition	Employment of staff due to EMFAF investment (employed or self-
	employed for pay, profit or family gain)
Further clarification	Jobs should be created according to the legal provision of the MS.
	The value of the CR is based on the report by the beneficiary based
	on their employment record:
	• reporting half-persons is possible to approximate the Full Time
	Equivalent approach; the calculation is as follows:
	o full-time = 1 person
	o part-time = 0.5 person
	o seasonal or irregular = 0.3 person

 $^{^{11}}$ See also EUROPEAN COMMISSION – Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Unit D.3 (2020): FAME SU: working paper EMFAF simplified cost options, Brussels

CR01	Jobs created
CHUI	In the case of individual fishers, the value is based on their own
	assessment
	if no company records are available, fishers should estimate that
	the job created is either full- or part-time
	• in the case of companies, the jobs created should be based on
	company records
	people employed temporarily to work on realisation of the
	operation (e.g. FLAG management, project coordination,
	researchers) should not be recorded here
	• in the case of representative organisations such as POs the value is
	based on their own assessment
	• jobs are expected to be permanent or – in the case of seasonal jobs – recurring
	jobs are considered at the beneficiary level
	the indicator does not take account of qualitative factors such as
	educational level or salary
Further clarification direct	This covers only the beneficiary of the grant, financial instrument or
management	assistance, not those benefiting from data or information services.
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator should provide the number of jobs
Danillan andra	created with EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	• target values should be defined separately for each specific objective
	• target values are expressed in persons, half persons are possible
	estimation of target values could be based on surveys among
	beneficiaries, studies, statistics or experience from the
	programming period 2014-2020
	• the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum
	of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	• number of newly created jobs (persons)
	• the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit
	or location implementing the operation; if this is not possible, the
	number of jobs created during the operation should be linked to
	the whole company
	• in the case of large companies, it should be linked to the relevant
Young Connect	department involved in the operation
Inputs from the MA/Input	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority	• the MA might assist beneficiaries to define the number of persons
(direct management)	in case of part time employees
Reference period for the	duration of the operation
single operation	- duration of the operation
Baseline for the single	• zero
operation	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value

CR01	Jobs created
Achieved value	Number of newly created jobs (persons) at completion or up to a
	certain number of years after completion of the operation,
	depending on the MA rules for data collection (the general rule is:
	the later, the better)
Example at the operation	An entrepreneurial young fisherwoman decides to start her own
level	business and uses EMFAF funding to develop her own small-scale
	commercial fishing company. The new company hires a full-time
	salesperson and a part-time logistics assistant. These jobs would not
	be there without EMFAF support. The beneficiary reports 1.5 persons
	with jobs created.

CR02	Jobs maintained
Indicator name	Jobs maintained
Measurement unit	Number of persons
Definition	Retention of staff due to EMFAF investment (employed or self-
	employed for pay, profit or family gain)
Further clarification	The indicator includes only jobs that would have been lost without
	the EMFAF operation.
	The value of the RI is based on the report by the beneficiary based
	on their employment record:
	• reporting half-persons is possible to approximate the Full Time Equivalent approach; the calculation is as follows:
	o full-time = 1 person
	\circ part-time = 0.5 person
	o seasonal or irregular = 0.3 person
	• in the case of individual fishers, the value is based on their own assessment
	• if no company records are available, fishers should estimate that
	the job created is either full- or part-time
	• in the case of companies, the jobs created should be based on company records
	• people employed temporarily to work on realisation of the operation (e.g. FLAG management, project coordination, researchers) should not be recorded here
	• in the case of representative organisations such as POs the value is based on their own assessment
	• jobs are expected to be permanent or – in the case of seasonal jobs – recurring
	jobs are considered at the beneficiary level
	the indicator does not take account of qualitative factors such as educational level or salary
Further clarification direct	For direct management this only covers the beneficiary of grant or
management	financial instrument, not those benefiting from assistance or data
	access
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator should provide the estimated
	number of jobs maintained following EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero

CR02	Jobs maintained
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective target values are expressed in persons estimation of target values could be based on surveys of beneficiaries, studies, statistics or experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	 number of jobs maintained (persons) the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit or location implementing the operation if this is not possible, the number of jobs maintained during the operation should be linked to the whole company in the case of large companies, it should be linked to the relevant department involved in the operation
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	the MA might assist beneficiaries to define the number of persons in case of part time employees
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	• zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• number of jobs maintained (persons) at the completion of the operation
Example at the operation level	A local aquaculture producer loses market shares due to price competition and inefficient production equipment. EMFAF helps them invest in new processing facilities and thus they are able to produce with increases cost efficiency. None of the employees needs to be laid off. The beneficiary registers the number of employees that would have been fired but were kept in the business with the EMFAF support.

CR03	Persons benefiting
Indicator name	Persons benefiting
Measurement unit	Number of persons
Definition	Persons directly benefiting from an activity with EMFAF support,
	for example training, installation of new equipment, provision of
	improved services, temporary cessation etc.
Further clarification	 as a general rule, a conservative estimate is recommended – for example, only people actively participating in a training course, not their colleagues not attending, although they benefit indirectly, or only the specific users of a local service, not the municipality as a whole (a few thousand people). in the case of large companies, the number of persons benefitting should be calculated at the level of departments directly involved Examples include:

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CR03	Persons benefiting
	participants in a training session or a meeting
	persons acquiring new skills or knowledge fishers be refising from temporary acception.
	• fishers benefiting from temporary cessation
	• number of people benefiting from acquisition of safety equipment
	or improved working conditions on board and on land in the fisheries sector (fishing, aquaculture, processing)
	 number of people benefiting from new or improved local services
Further clarification direct	As for shared management
management	As for shared management
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of persons
	benefitting thanks to EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific
Turget varies	objective
	• estimation of target values could be based on monitoring data and
	experience from the programming period 2014-2020
	• the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum
	of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Input from beneficiary	• number of persons directly benefiting from the actions, e.g.
	receiving training, using safety equipment, participating in a
	knowledge exchange, benefiting from temporary cessation
	• if it is not possible to estimate the number of persons benefitting
	directly from the operation, it is also possible to calculate the
	number of employees of the companies addressed by the beneficiary
	 double counting can easily occur and should be avoided where
	possible
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input	n/a
from contracting authority	Th d
(direct management)	
Reference period for the	duration of the operation
single operation	
Baseline for the single	• zero
operation	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
	target values estimated ex-ante should be chosen based on
	realistic assumptions
Achieved value	• number of persons benefitting at the completion of the operation
Example at the operation	A local committee of lobster fishers organises a training course
level	using EMFAF funding to teach the practice of v-notching their local
	lobster stock. By making a small notch in the tail of each egg-
	bearing female lobster they encounter, they can quickly identify
	breeding lobsters and thus protect the stock.
	For this operation, the organisers of the event would provide the
	total number of individuals who participated in the event and

CR03	Persons benefiting
	completed the training.

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CD00 1/CD00 A	Area addressed by operations contributing to good
CR09.1/CR09.2	environmental status, protecting, conserving, and restoring
	biodiversity and ecosystems
Indicator name	Area addressed by operations contributing to good environmental
	status, protecting, conserving and restoring biodiversity and
	ecosystems (km2)
	Area addressed by operations contributing to good environmental
	status, protecting, conserving and restoring biodiversity and
	ecosystems (km)
Measurement unit	09.1
	• km2 of marine protected area (MPA)
	• km² of Natura 2000 area
	• km² of other protected area (e.g. inland water)
	09.2
	km of river or river segment
Definition	Protected area as per its Standard Data Form (for Natura 2000 areas)
	or, in the case of other MPAs, its designation decree
Further clarification	• the entire protected area in which the operation occurs should be
	counted, regardless of the extent of a specific operation, unless
	there is a distinct spatial focus of the operation, and an exact
	measurement of km ² is possible and meaningful (alternatively
	CR10 can be used)
	this includes establishing new areas but also protecting and
	restoring biodiversity or ecosystems in an area that already has
	protected status
	formal or legal protected status of the area is not required
	• it is sufficient that an operation is within the designated area and
	is clearly linked to the conservation management of the area in
	accordance with the requirements under the Birds 2009/147/EC or
	Habitats 92/43/EEC directives or the MSFD 2008/56/EC (see
	also CFP Article 11)
	other types of protected areas should be linked to the national
	ecosystem protection strategies or other relevant strategies
	this indicator can be also used for aquaculture providing
	environmental services when the type of operation is "27
	Environmental services" when the farm is inside such a protected
	area. In that case the beneficiary should only provide the area of
	the farm within the protected area.
Further clarification direct	n/a
management	
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is km² or km of protected area
	addressed with EMFAF support
Baseline value	• the baseline value in the programme is zero for CR 09.1 and
	CR 09.2
Target values	target values should be defined separately for each specific
	objective

CR09.1/CR09.2	Area addressed by operations contributing to good environmental status, protecting, conserving, and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems
	• estimation of target values could be based on experience from the programming period 2014-2020, or on national strategies and plans
	the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	09.1 km² of the protected area concerned
	09.2 km of protected river
	 double counting, for example when the same protected area or river management body is beneficiary of two separate operations, can occur easily and should be avoided where possible or flagged for example by including the area code in the project name In case of aquaculture providing environmental services (i.e. the type of operation is "27 Environmental services") the beneficiary should only provide the area of the farm within the protected area
	and not the spatial extent of the entire area.
Inputs from other sources	agencies responsible for the management of protected areas can deliver the list of officially designated MPAs at a reference date, which should contain the spatial extent as a verification of the beneficiary data
Inputs from the MA/Input	the MA should make sure to use the correct measurement unit
from contracting authority	(km ²) and check the conversions of figures in other units (e.g.
(direct management)	hectares or acres) from the beneficiary or other sources
	• the MA should add the area code in the name of the operation in
Defense a maried for the	Infosys to reduce double counting
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	The baseline value is zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	CR09.1
	• km² of marine protected area (MPA) at completion of the
	 operation km² of Natura 2000 area at completion of the operation
	km² of other protected area (e.g. inland water) at completion of
	the operation CR09.2
	km of river or river segment
Example at the operation	A Natura 2000 management body invests in infrastructure needed for
level	habitat and species protection. The situation of biodiversity and ecosystems is improved in the specific Natura 2000 area. The
	beneficiary reports the extent of the area as per its Standard Data.
	An aquaculture operator uses cultivation techniques that support biodiversity, enhance the landscape, and improve the quality of water, air and soil such as extensive farming within a protected area. The beneficiary reports the spatial of extent of her farm only (in km2).

CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems,
	biodiversity, fish health and welfare
Indicator name	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, fish health and welfare
Measurement unit	Number of actions
Definition	Actions protecting, conserving and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems that CANNOT be expressed in terms of area (being a point action or intangible)
Further clarification	 Actions can relate to: conservation measures under Article 7 and Article 11 (if not covered by CR09) of the CFP Regulation restoring ecological continuity of rivers, restocking of marine and inland water, environmental services and specific investments for improving aquatic habitats and biodiversity such as investment in demarcating areas, artificial reefs, rebuilding fish banks, river revitalisation refurbishment and equipment of vessels to meet CFP and IMP requirements marine litter collection animal welfare extraordinary cessation when dictated by conservation reasons collection or processing of data to measure environmental status development of indicators for the environment aquaculture providing environmental services (in case no spatial extent can be reported under CR09.1)
Further clarification direct management	Only one indicator per action (yes/no)
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of actions addressing nature restoration and protection needs of biodiversity and ecosystems with EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective estimation of target values could be based on experience from the programming period 2014-2020, or on national strategies and plans the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
	one operation can include one or several actions
Operation level	- One operation can include one of several actions
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of actions implemented
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	 advice to the beneficiary in terms of what constitutes an action the MA could add the area code in the name of the operation in Infosys to reduce double counting

CR10	Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, fish health and welfare
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value is zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• number of actions implemented at the completion of the operation
Example at the operation level	The beneficiary, the national agency for biodiversity, works with the regional fisheries committees and Natura 2000 management bodies to develop a guide for the implementation of management and mitigation measures. Three pilot schemes are implemented in an equal number of protected areas. The beneficiary reports four actions (one guide and three pilots).

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CR11	Entities increasing social sustainability
Indicator name	Entities increasing social sustainability
Measurement unit	Number of entities
Definition	Number of entities that contribute to social sustainability (well-being and fair standard of living)
Further clarification	Actions related to improving gender equality, employment of long-term unemployed, people with disabilities. Indicator to address the social objectives of the EMFAF. Examples are: • employment of people who are older than 54, disadvantaged, long-term unemployed, inactive, refugees, people with disabilities • improved working conditions • improved health and safety conditions • better work-life balance • involving disadvantaged communities • entities include businesses, FLAGs, NGOs and POs
Further clarification direct	This covers only the beneficiary of the grant, contract or financial
management	instrument
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of entities increasing social sustainability following EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective estimation of target values could be based on a share of the average number of entities participating in EMFAF compared to the share of total entities in the MS that address social sustainability the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of entities

CR11	Entities increasing social sustainability
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input	n/a
from contracting authority	
(direct management)	
Reference period for the	duration of the operation
single operation	
Baseline for the single	the baseline value is zero
operation	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• number of entities at completion of the operation
Example at the operation	The beneficiary, a FLAG, helps a cooperative of fishers and a
level	women's club in a coastal community to develop a job swapping
	mechanism for seasonal jobs to increase the employment of people
	over 54.
	The beneficiary reports two entities increasing social sustainability
	(the fishers' cooperative and the women's club).

	Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use
CR12	of data"
Indicator name	Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use of data"
Measurement unit	Ordinal scale: $3 = \text{high}$, $2 = \text{medium}$, $1 = \text{low}$
Definition	Ability of state authorities, agencies and related bodies to meet the requirements of the regulations relating to data collection (Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 and related legislation). The quality of the national data collection programme responses is assessed by STECF. The assessment of the improvement made and the selection of the value is done by the MA and/or the national correspondent.
Further clarification	 this CR relates to the whole national data collection program as outlined in the corresponding National Work Plan (Article 6 of EU 2017/1004 and/or forthcoming regulations) the data collection programme is composed of several parts, which may be funded together or separately in different MSs; however, the RI is not related to separate individual operations which may be funded by EMFAF for this purpose in case the MS reports various operations, all operations in a given year should have the same values. the judgment of effectiveness is provided by the National Correspondent, who is responsible for the implementation of the whole data collection programme based on correspondence with the STECF for the landlocked countries the RI relates to their implementation of their programme, which, in contrast to the coastal MS might just include a number of pilot studies.
Further clarification direct	n/a
management	
Programme level Clarification	to the annual desired and the desired and the control of the contr
Ciarincation	• in the programme the indicator is the change in the effectiveness

	Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use
CR12	of data"
	of the system for "collection, management and use of data" of the required quality following EMFAF support
Baseline value	• the baseline value of this indicator cannot be lower than 1
Target values	 the target value should always be greater than or equal to the baseline value estimation of target values could be based on monitoring data and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 it is assumed that there is only a limited number of operations, e.g. two per programming period corresponding to the DCF work programmes
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	• judgement by the National Correspondent, supported by a brief justification for the MA's records
Inputs from other sources	• judgement of the National Correspondent can be based on the annual STECF report "Evaluation of DCF AR and transmission issues, Annex 2 – Data Transmission Results" or other suitable official documentation
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value of this indicator cannot be lower than 1
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use of data" at completion of the operation
Example at the operation level	The MS responds to the data calls and its obligations according to the national data collection programme. The STECF assesses the quality of the responses and documents them in the annual STECF reports and related annexes. The MA or the national correspondent reviews and synthesizes the STECF reports and decides for one of the values possible (1,2,3). If more than one operation is implemented in one year, they should have the same value.

CR13	Cooperation activities between stakeholders
Indicator name	Cooperation activities between stakeholders
Measurement unit	Number of actions
Definition	Number of new sustainable cooperation activities implemented that involve more than one partner/entity/institution (includes businesses, FLAGs, NGOs, POs, APOs, IBOs, training and governmental organisations)
Further clarification	Cooperation is defined as any activity that includes two or more partners/entities/institutions. The cooperation should involve a sustainable result such as an agreement, initiative, joint business, project, product, innovation, memorandum of understanding, consultation process, joint learning, etc.

Cooperation activities between stakeholders
Cooperation includes for example:
cooperation on fisheries control and coastguard operations (e.g. Frontex and EFCA)
regional maritime cooperation in support of integrated governance and maritime policy management
• cooperation among ministries, agencies or regions within a single MS
cooperation with other MSs, EU agencies or initiatives
• cooperation with third countries
CLLD cooperation includes:
• all types of partners (fishers, researchers, local authorities, businesses, NGOs etc.)
Ocean partnerships, coastguard, RFMO support
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in the programme the indicator is the number of newly created cooperation activities following EMFAF support
the baseline value in the programme is zero
• target values should be defined separately for each specific objective
• estimation of target values could be based on monitoring data,
surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020
the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level
 the target values may be close to estimated output values
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number of cooperation activities
• the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit
or location implementing the operation
n/a
n/a
duration of the operation
the baseline value is zero
ex-ante assumption of the target value
target values estimated ex-ante should be chosen based on realistic assumptions
 number of cooperation actions implemented involving more than one partner/entity/institution addressed at the completion of the operation
An NGO and a local research institute use EMFAF funds to combine
their resources and expertise to research the effects of a cessation of fishing activities on the local cod stock. This operation results in one "cooperation activity" and thus the beneficiaries would report a value of 1 for CR13: "Cooperation activities between stakeholders" at the operation level.

CR14	Innovations enabled
Indicator name	Innovations enabled
Measurement unit	Number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods
Definition	Number of innovations, which are implemented or tested for new products, services, processes or business models
Further clarification	<i>Innovation activities</i> include all developmental, financial and commercial activities undertaken by a firm that are intended to result in an innovation for the firm. The OSLO manual defines ¹² :
	A <i>business innovation</i> is a new or improved product or business process (or combination thereof)that differs significantly from the firm's previous products or business processes and that has been introduced on the market or brought into use by the firm.
	A <i>product innovation</i> is a new or improved good or service that differs significantly from the firm's previous goods or services and that has been introduced on the market.
	A <i>business process innovation</i> is a new or improved business process for one or more business functions that differs significantly from the firm's previous business processes and that has been brought into use by the firm.
	In the EMFAF context this may include:
	 identification or application of innovations that are useful in finding marketing solutions
	• identification or application of new ideas that are useful in finding solutions to issues of business processes (e.g. more sustainable fishing)
	 identification or application of new ideas that result in new products and services (e.g. environmental and social services) support for changes or improvements in a series of linked tasks or activities to better help businesses reach their goals
	Mere studies, research and advice on potential innovations in the future are excluded.
Further clarification direct management	for direct management this should only include innovations enabled through a grant or financial instrument to a beneficiary – not those supported by assistance or data services.
	• for direct management there should normally be a maximum of one innovation per action
Programme level	<u> </u>
Clarification	in the programme the indicator is the number of innovations enabled following EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	target values should be defined separately for each specific objective

 $^{^{\}rm 12}$ Oslo Manual 2018: Guidelines for Collecting, Reporting, and Using Data on Innovation

CR14	Innovations enabled
	 estimation of target values could be based on monitoring data, surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level one operation can include one or several innovations, hence the estimated value can be close to the estimated output value
Operation level	estimated varieties to the estimated output varieties
Inputs from the beneficiary	 number of innovations enabled the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit or location implementing the operation
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	• the baseline value is zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	• number of innovations per operation at completion, or up to a certain number of years after the completion of the operation, depending on the MA rules for data collection (the general rule is: the later, the better).
Example at the operation level	The beneficiary, a research institute with EMFAF support, in cooperation with a local fishing fleet develops a new trawl monitoring system in hopes of reducing harm to local fauna. The local fishers adopt the system. The beneficiary reports one innovation enabled.

CR15	Control means installed or improved
Indicator name	Control means installed or improved
Measurement unit	Number of means
Definition	Number of new control means installed, as specified in the EMFAF
Bermusii	regulation Article 22.2.a
Further clarification	 this CR aims specifically at the results of Article 22.2.aequipment installed to meet the legal requirements, though equipment providing more than the legal requirement is also eligible. the CR counts the <i>number of installed or improved means</i>, not the type of instrument. these include, according to the regulation, "the purchase, installation and management on vessels of the necessary components and devices for: compulsory vessel tracking and electronic reporting systems used for control purposes compulsory remote electronic monitoring systems used for controlling the implementation of the landing obligation
	o compulsory continuous measurement and recording
Further clarification direct management	of propulsive engine power" n/a
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of control means installed following EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 estimation of target values could be based on expert knowledge, statistics, monitoring data, surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target values may be close to estimated output values
Operation level	the target variety may be close to estimated output variety
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of means installedFFR number (if installed on board a vessel)
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	number of control means installed, as supported under Article 22.2.a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value is zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
Achieved value	number of new control means installed at completion of the operation
Example at the operation level	A vessel owner buys and installs new VMS and ERS on their vessel. The beneficiary would report a value of two, as he installs two different control means, as well as the FFR number of the vessel.

CR16	Entities benefiting from promotion and information activities
Indicator name	Entities benefiting from promotion and information activities
Measurement unit	Number of entities
Definition	 number of entities (e.g. fisheries/processing companies, NGOs) as well as companies of any kind that are not grant beneficiaries but which benefit directly from promotion- and information-related operations implemented by the grant beneficiary differs from "persons benefitting" in that it does not include any individual persons unless they are sole operators
Further clarification	 for example, if a regional authority or a PO participates in trade fairs, market promotion activities etc., the fishers (as a business entity) of the region or the members of the PO are represented and thus benefit directly; the same applies to any fish processing companies or retailers who benefit this indicator is not about the number of companies or people who visit the trade fair or the pavilion of the beneficiary entities include businesses, FLAGs, NGOs, POs, etc.
Further clarification direct	 for events, this should be those exhibiting, pitching and promoting
management	 their activities – not those attending for direct management it covers only private entities
	for direct management it should not include closed workshops
Programme level	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of business entities benefiting from promotion and information activities following EMFAF support
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective estimation of target values could be based on surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target value might be based on beneficiary surveys
Operation level	
Inputs from the beneficiary	 entities benefiting from promotion and information activities (e.g. participants on a stand at a fair, or in an information event) the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit or location implementing the operation double counting can occur easily and should be avoided where possible
Inputs from other sources	n/a
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value is zero
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value
	target values estimated ex-ante should be chosen based on

CR16	Entities benefiting from promotion and information activities
	realistic assumptions
Achieved value	• entities benefiting from promotion and information activities at
	completion of the operation
Example at the operation	The beneficiary, a regional maritime affairs and fisheries authority,
level	decides to host a community trade fair, using EMFAF funding, for
	local businesses in the fisheries and aquaculture sector to advertise
	their products. A total of 20 local businesses participate with a stand
	or a pavilion. Approximately 2000 visitors attend.
	The beneficiary reports 20 entities benefiting from promotion and
	information activities. The number of visitors is irrelevant.

CR17	Entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or	
CK17	processing	
Indicator name	Entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or	
	processing	
Measurement unit	Number of entities	
Definition	Number of sole operators or companies introducing resource-saving	
	technologies and processes including conversion to renewable	
	energy or increasing efficiency through reduced water use,	
	insulation, or reuse of material previously considered waste.	
Further clarification	Examples are:	
	reducing or avoiding discharges	
	reduction of water use	
	reducing water pollution	
	• increasing efficiency in water consumption through recirculation	
	systems or multi-trophic aquaculture	
	• reduction of energy use and transfer to renewable energy sources	
	reduction of food waste	
	multi-use platforms	
	• demonstrators or prototypes	
	Entities include businesses, FLAGs, NGOs and POs.	
Further clarification direct	As for shared management	
management		
Programme level	1	
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of entities	
	improving resource efficiency in production and/or processing	
D 1' 1	following EMFAF support	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme should be zero	
Target values	• target values should be defined separately for each specific objective	
	estimation of target values could be based on surveys and	
	experience from the programming period 2014-2020	
	• the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum	
	of results achieved at operational level	
Operation level		
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of entities improving resource efficiency in production	
	and/or processing	
	• the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit	
	or location implementing the operation	

CR17	Entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or processing	
Inputs from other sources	n/a	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation	
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value is zero	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value	
Achieved value	• entities improving resource efficiency in production and/or processing at the time of completion of the operation	
Example at the operation	An aquaculture plant installs solar cells to cover its energy needs.	
level	To provide data for this indicator, the beneficiary would report the number of entities, which in this case is one as only the aquaculture plant is an EMFAF beneficiary.	

CR18.1/CR18.2	Energy consumption leading to CO ₂ emissions reduction	
Indicator name	Energy consumption (on board a vessel/aquaculture/	
	processing) leading to CO ₂ emissions reduction (litres/h)	
	Energy consumption (on board a vessel/aquaculture/	
	processing) leading to CO ₂ emissions reduction (kWh/tonne)	
Measurement unit	18.1: litres/h	
	18.2: kWh per tonne	
Definition	Engine modernisation and replacements, and other measures to	
	reduce fuel consumption. CO ₂ emissions are estimated based on the	
	characteristics of the engine:	
	• 18.1: energy consumption of new or modernised engines in	
	fishing vessels (expressed in litres of fuel per hour of operation	
	according to the specification of the manufacturer)	
	• 18.2: energy consumption of an aquaculture or processing	
	enterprise, expressed in kWh per tonne of produce	
Further clarification	• 18.1: the indicator measures only theoretical consumption	
	• 18.2: the indicator is a combination of energy consumption and	
	fish production	
	• sector and type of investment are defined in Infosys	
	• the CO ₂ emissions reduction will be calculated by DG MARE	
	(methodology for this will be addressed in a forthcoming FAME	
	working paper)	
Further clarification direct	n/a	
management		
Programme level		
Clarification	• 18.1: in the programme the indicator should express the average	
	change in energy consumption (i.e. sum of all changes divided by	
	the number of operations) in litres/h following EMFAF support	
	• 18.2: in the programme the indicator should express the average	
	change in energy consumption in kWh per tonne (i.e. sum of all	
	changes divided by the number of operations) following	
	EMFAF support	

CR18.1/CR18.2	Energy consumption leading to CO ₂ emissions reduction	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero.	
Target values	target values should be defined separately for each specific objective	
	• estimation of target values could be based on surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020	
	the target value achievements will be calculated based on the average of the total results achieved at operational level minus the average baseline value at operational level	
Operation level		
Inputs from the beneficiary	 18.1: calculation based on energy consumption in litre/h before and after the operation Standardised values based on the energy specifications of the 	
	equipment can be used	
	• the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit or location implementing the operation	
	• 18.2: calculation based on (a) energy consumption before and after the operation AND (b) volume of production before and after the operation (a/b)	
	for cases where no exact numbers are available, estimates based on the energy specifications of the equipment can be used	
	the result indicator value should be as close as possible to the unit or location implementing the operation	
Inputs from other sources	RI 18.1 fuel consumption per hour on board of a vessel as per technical specifications of the engine manufacturer	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation	
Baseline for the single operation	 18.1: litres/h per engine before investment 18.2: kWh per tonne energy consumption before the operation 	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value	
Achieved value	• 18.1: litres/h (new or modernised engine) at completion of the operation	
	• 18.2: kWh per tonne energy consumption at completion , or up to a certain number of years after completion of the operation	
Example at the operation level	A fishing company upgrades its vessels with more fuel-efficient engines using EMFAF funding. To provide a reliable indicator for the effectiveness of this operation, the beneficiaries decide to choose RI 18.1: "Energy consumption leading to CO ₂ emissions reduction litres/h". To provide data for this indicator, the company would need to report data on the litres/h per engine of its vessels before the EMFAF investment, as well as the litres/h per engine of the new or modernised engines at completion of the operation. The values can be based on the engine manufacturers' specifications.	

CR19	Actions to improve governance capacity	
Indicator name	Actions to improve governance capacity	
Measurement unit	Number of actions	
Definition	Actions can be any planned and systematic activities increasing institutional capacity and governance for example related to training, joint exercises, operational support, IT systems, investment in other equipment and hardware etc.	
Further clarification	 for shared management it applies to actions related to the support of control agencies such as hardware investments (installation of IT infrastructure, helicopters, patrol vessels, etc.), software investments (IT programmes, communication and information protocols etc.), and human resources capacity building; the specific purpose should be indicated in the project description in Infosys for shared management it also applies to actions related to the FLAG operation that aim to increase institutional capacity and governance (for example animation, participation, local strategy development actions, etc.) at the local level, going beyond the FLAG operation alone 	
Further clarification direct management	 for direct management this includes actions for enforcement, coastguards or maritime surveillance for direct management it applies to actions related to the support of institutions such advisory councils, RFMOs, United Nations agencies, the COM and the MS (FARNET, FAME) 	
Programme level		
Clarification	 in the programme for control and enforcement, the indicator is the number of actions addressing control agency institutional capacity and governance with EMFAF support in the programme for FLAGs the indicator is the number of outreach actions of the FLAG 	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero	
Target values	 target values should be defined separately for each specific objective estimation of target values could be based on monitoring data, surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target values may be close to estimated output values 	
Operation level		
Inputs from the beneficiary	 number of actions This indicator can be combined with other result indicators at the operation level, for example persons benefitting. 	
Inputs from other sources	n/a	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation	

CR19	Actions to improve governance capacity	
Baseline for the single operation	the baseline value is zero	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value	
	target values estimated ex-ante should be chosen based on realistic assumptions	
Achieved value	number of actions implemented at the completion of the operation	
Example at the operation	The control agency implements an operation including i) patrol	
level	vessels procurement and ii) enhancement of the interoperability with	
	other agencies. The beneficiary reports 2 actions.	

CR20	Investment induced	
Indicator name	Investment induced	
Measurement unit	EUR	
Definition	 Investment induced after the operation as a direct consequence of an operation's enabling actions, for example: when an operation provides potential investors with feasibility studies, cost benefit analyses etc. when a grant or financial instrument or assistance to the beneficiary increases investment suitability Investment can be financed thought private or public funds. 	
Further clarification (e.g.	not private co-financing of the EMFAF project per se	
possible exceptions)	not private co-infancing of the EMTAT project per se	
Further clarification direct management	for direct management this does not include investment in companies benefiting from publicly available products	
Programme level		
Clarification	• in the programme the indicator is the number of investments induced following EMFAF support	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero	
Target values	 estimation of target values could be based on expert knowledge, statistics, monitoring data, surveys and experience from the programming period 2014-2020 the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target values may be close to estimated output values 	
Operation level		
Inputs from the beneficiary	 total amount for concrete investment plans either started or defined in a binding agreement after the operation This indicator can be combined with other result indicators at the operation level, for example innovations enabled. 	
Inputs from other sources	n/a	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the	• duration of the operation and up to two years after completion of	
single operation Baseline for the single	the operation • zero	
operation		

CR20	Investment induced	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value	
Achieved value	investment induced up to two years after completion of the operation	
Example at the operation level	A research institute develops an innovative product for which market demand exists. When the operation is in the phase of finalisation an investor steps-in and agrees to invest EUR 1 million to bring the innovation to the market. This is sealed with an agreement. The beneficiary reports EUR 1 million as investment induced.	

CR21	Datasets and advice made available	
Indicator name	Datasets and advice made available	
Measurement unit	Number	
Definition	 datasets made available in a "ready to use" form via a website or a similar data depository. Such datasets should comply with state-of-the-art quality criteria, include metadata, and be in a non-proprietary format. advice made available in a coherent, final and "standalone" form responding to a request to an institution (e.g. RFMO, advisory councils). market intelligence (studies/reports/monthly highlights). can include scientific/ professional publications. 	
Further clarification (e.g.	The indicator excludes ad-hoc responses and incremental	
possible exceptions)	improvements/modifications of existing elements	
Further clarification direct	For direct management only the number of sets of advice and	
management	intelligence is measured – not the data itself	
Programme level		
Clarification	in the programme the indicator is the number of datasets and sets of advice and intelligence made available following EMFAF support	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero	
Target values	 estimation of target values could be based on expert knowledge, statistics, surveys and experience the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target values may be close to estimated output values 	
Operation level		
Inputs from the beneficiary	total number of reports and advice made available based on internal reporting and recording systems	
Inputs from other sources	n/a	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation	
Baseline for the single operation	• zero	
Target value	ex-ante assumption of the target value	
Achieved value	total number of datasets	

CR21	Datasets and advice made available
Example at the operation	A MS government develops with EMFAF support an online
level	platform with an open-source database of maritime and fisheries statistics. The data are provided in three packages depending on the fisheries type in the MS and can be downloaded by interested parties. The beneficiary reports three datasets made available on the online platform during the duration of the operation.

CR22	Usage of data and information platforms	
Indicator name	Usage of data tools	
Measurement unit	Number of page views	
Definition	number of unique page views over the course of the project	
Further clarification (e.g. possible exceptions)	 number of unique views counted by visitor counting system of a platform number of unique views by users registered on a restricted database platform 	
Further clarification direct management	As for shared management	
programme level		
Clarification	in the programme the indicator is the number of views of a database or information platform made available following EMFF support	
Baseline value	the baseline value in the programme is zero	
Target values	 estimation of target values could be based on expert knowledge, statistics, surveys and experience the target value achievements will be calculated based on the sum of results achieved at operational level the target values may be close to estimated output values 	
Operation level	the target values may be close to estimated output values	
Inputs from the beneficiary	number of views in total during the operation	
Inputs from other sources	platform's own metrics (e.g. Google Analytics)	
Inputs from the MA/ Input from contracting authority (direct management)	n/a	
Reference period for the single operation	duration of the operation	
Baseline for the single operation	• zero	
Target value • ex-ante assumption of the target value		
Achieved value	number of views over the course of the project	
Example at the operation level	A MS government develops with EMFAF support an online platform with an open-source database of maritime and fisheries statistics. The beneficiary provides the number of unique views on the platform during the duration of the operation using the respective platform's own metrics provisions.	

4.4 Infosys structure

4.4.1 Infosys, Table 1

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description	
1.	CCI	Common code of Identification of the programme	
2.	Unique identifier of the operation (ID)		
3.	Name/description of the operation		
4.	Vessel number	Fishing fleet register(FFR) number as per Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/218 • one vessel per operation: FFR number • more than one vessel per operation: FFR numbers as Comma Separated Values	
5.	Sector the operation is contributing to	 fisheries aquaculture processing tourism environment public administration (incl. maritime policy) integrated multisector other 	
6.	Specific objective	Specific objectives according to the EMFAF regulation, or according to direct management work plan for operations under direct management.	
7.	NUTS code	In accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) and related legislation	

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description
8.	Beneficiary	 information on the beneficiary according to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Regulation (EU) 2016/679; e.g. name of the beneficiary or other description name of the lead partner of the operation
9.	Beneficiary code	The beneficiary code is a unique code, generated by the national application system when the beneficiary applies for funding, used to uniquely identify beneficiaries and reduce instances of double counting of result indicator values.
10.	Type of beneficiary ¹³	PO – Producer organisation APO – Association of producer organisations IBO – Inter-branch organisation private micro enterprise SME – Small or medium-sized enterprise private enterprise larger than SME public authority or similar body research centre / university / scientists Non-governmental organisation (NGO) / association educational institution FLAG entity without legal personality international organisation commission bodies and agencies natural persons and sole operators other

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¹³ The lead partner, if an operation has more than one beneficiary.

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description	
11.	Gender of beneficiary/natural person	 natural person – male natural person – female natural person – non-defined gender more than one natural person, family more than one natural person, predominately male more than one natural person, predominately female n.a. (in the case of legal persons) 	
12.	Number of people involved in the operation	Number of people directly involved in the operation. While it may not be possible to calculate an exact number of individuals involved in every operation, an estimate should be made as to the number of people who directly participated in the main activities of the project. For cases where this field is irrelevant, it is possible to enter a value of 0 or leave blank	
13.	Number of partners involved in the operation	Number of partners in a consortium or cooperation (excluding subcontractors) For cases where this field is irrelevant, it is possible to enter a value of 0 or leave blank	
14.	Lead partner	This field is only valid for type of operations "Cooperation": • yes • no	
15.	Indication as to whether the operation relates to sea or inland fishing or both	 sea inland both n.a. 	
16.	State of progress of the operation	Code 0 = operation selected Code 1 = operation interrupted following partial implementation	

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description
		Code 2 = operation abandoned following partial implementation
		Code 3 = operation under implementation
		Code 4 = operation fully implemented (but for which all expenses have not necessarily been paid to the beneficiary)
		Code $5 = $ operation completed
17.	Total eligible cost (EUR)	Amount of the total eligible cost of the operation approved in the document setting out the conditions for support (EMFAF, private, national public)
18.	Total eligible public cost (EUR)	Amount of the total eligible costs constituting public expenditure (EMFAF, national public)
19.	EMFAF support (EUR)	Amount of EMFAF support, as set out in the document setting out the conditions for support
20.	Date of approval	Date of the document setting out the conditions for support
21.	Total eligible expenditure (EUR)	Actual total eligible expenditure, total (EMFAF, private, national public), declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority in payment claim(s)
22.	Total eligible public expenditure (EUR)	Actual total eligible expenditure, public (EMFAF, national public) corresponding to the eligible expenditure declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority in payment claim(s)
23.	EMFAF eligible expenditure (EUR)	Actual total eligible expenditure (EMFAF) corresponding to the eligible expenditure declared by the beneficiary to the Managing Authority in payment claim(s)
24.	Date of final payment to beneficiary	
25.	Type of intervention	According to the EMFAF regulation Annex IV
26.	Type of operation	According to the EMFAF implementing regulation Annexes

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description	
27.	Increase of the gross tonnage of a fishing vessel under Article 19.3 of the EMFAF regulation- 1	 increase in GT (inserting a value, including 0, in this field indicates an operation under Article 19.3. In this case the selected type of operation in field 26 should refer to Article 19.3). if the operation is not implemented under Article 19.3, the field should be left blank 	
28.	Increase of the gross tonnage of a fishing vessel under EMFAF, Article 16b.3 of the EMFAF regulation- 2	• Code of the fleet segment of origin of the gross tonnage allocated to the vessel benefitting from the operation as presented in the annual report foreseen under Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, in line with Commission guidelines COM(2014)545.	
29.	Operation relevant to small-scale coastal fishing (SSCF)	yesno	
30.	Operation relevant to landing obligation (LO)	yesno	
31.	Operation relevant to climate change	 yes no For an operation to be <i>relevant</i> to climate change, the operation must have an impact on addressing climate change.	
32.	Operation relevant to non-discrimination	 yes no For an operation to be <i>relevant</i> to non-discrimination, the operation must have an impact on reducing discriminatory practices.	

No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description	
		yesno	
33.	Operation relevant to gender equality		
		For an operation to be <i>relevant</i> to gender equality, the operation must have an impact that helps to advance gender equality.	
34.	Operation relevant to rights of people with disabilities	yesno	
		For an operation to be <i>relevant</i> to rights of people with disabilities, the operation must have an impact on gender equality.	
35.	Form of support (Related to CPR, Article 47)	 grants financial instruments combination of grants and financial instruments compensation not related to costs contracting 	
36.	Beneficiary is receiving EU financial support for the first time	To be used only for CLLD • yes • no	

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4.4.2 Infosys, Table 2

Infosys CI	Infosys CIR content		
No.	Content of fields 2021-2027	Description	
1.	CCI	Link to Infosys Table 1 (key attribute)	
2.	Unique identifier of the operation (ID)	Link to Infosys Table 2 (key attribute)	
37.	Common result indicator(s) code(s) applicable to the operation (one row per indicator; as many rows as relevant)	Codes(s) according to the EMFAF regulation	
38.	Baseline value (one row per indicator)	Value before the operation.	
		Value in most cases is zero. Except for:	
		CR01 - New production capacity, where baseline is production capacity before the operation	
		• CR12 - Effectiveness of the system for "collection, management and use of data", where baseline value cannot be lower than 1;	
		• CR18.1 Energy consumption leading to CO2 emissions reduction (litres/hour), where baseline value is consumption per hour BEFORE the operation	
		• CR18.2 Energy consumption leading to CO2 emissions reduction (kWh/tonnes), where baseline value is energy need per tonne of produce and year BEFORE the operation.	
39.	Indicative result expected by the beneficiary (one row per	Expected value to be achieved after the operation.	
	indicator)	Indicative result can be the same as baseline - this means no change to	
		the status quo	
40.	Ex-post result (one row per indicator)	Actual value achieved after the operation.	
		Actual result can the same as baseline - this means no change to the	
		status quo	

4.5 Types of operations (Infosys field 26)

Type of operation	Further definition
	Operations related to reductions in energy demand and increases in
	energy-use efficiency.
	Examples include:
01. Investment in reduction of energy use and energy efficiency	 converting/modernising to more fuel-efficient vessel main or ancillary engines or replacing them (FFR number required in the respective Infosys field and the selection of the CR18.1) gear modifications to reduce fuel use onshore operations provision of electricity to vessels in ports improved insulation for refrigeration systems use of heated water from adjacent industrial sources (e.g. power plants) improved thermal insulation of processing areas or other measures to avoid temperature fluctuations shifting to local suppliers, leading to reductions in food miles purchasing more energy-efficient production technology In case the installation or renovation of energy efficiency according to EMFAF Article 19(3) leads to an increase of GT the among of GT increased needs to be reported in field Error! Reference source not found. of Infosys.
02. Investment in renewable energy systems	Operations related to the transition to more renewable energy sources. Examples include: • installation of renewable energy systems (solar panels, wind turbines) • shifting to renewable energy systems • use of renewable energy by businesses or other entities in the FLAG area
03. Investment in on-board production equipment	Operations related to the acquisition of efficiency-improving and sustainability-increasing physical items, used on board fishing vessels for production activities, which are considered investment costs related to production. Examples include: • replacement or modernisation of on-board production equipment such as cool storage facilities Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 01 Investment in reduction of energy use and energy efficiency • 02 Investment in renewable energy systems • 04 Investment on board to improve navigation or engine control • 33 Gear selectivity to reduce unwanted catches • 34 Gear modification to minimise habitat impacts • 35 Gear selectivity in relation to endangered, threatened and protected species

Type of operation	Further definition
	54 Investments in safety equipment
	55 Investments in working conditions
	Operations related to investment in integrated bridge systems to
04. Investment on board to	improve navigation or engine control.
improve navigation or	In case the operation leads to an increase of GT according to
engine control	EMFAF Article 19 (3), the among of GT increased needs to be
	reported in field Error! Reference source not found. of Infosys.
	Operations related to investment in physical infrastructure at existing
	fishing ports.
	Examples include:
05. Investment in physical	implementing the landing obligation
infrastructure at existing	developments in the blue economy
fishing ports	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	• 54 Investments in safety equipment
	55 Investments in working conditions
	Operations related to the first acquisition of a fishing vessel by a
OC Final consistion of	young fisher who, at the time of submitting the application, is under
06. First acquisition of a	40 years of age and has worked at least five years as a fisher or has
fishing vessel	acquired adequate vocational qualification in accordance with
	EMFAF, Article 17
	Operations related to the traceability of fish from point of capture to
07. 1	retail.
07. Investment to improve	Examples include:
traceability	IT systems related to development of traceability
	• use of barcodes, scanners, etc.
00 Duamanation and	Operations related strictly to the design and execution of production
08. Preparation and implementation of	and marketing plans (PMPs) by producer organisations.
production and marketing	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
plans by producer	operations, for example:
organisations	• 09 Investment in marketing activities to support business
organisations	development
	Operations related to strengthening the competitiveness of the Union
	fishery and aquaculture industry; improving the transparency and
	stability of the markets, particularly in regard to economic
	knowledge and understanding of the Union markets for fishery and
09. Investment in marketing	aquaculture products along the supply chain; ensuring that the
activities to support business	distribution of added value along the sector's supply chain is more
development	balanced; and improving consumer information and raising
and the second s	consumer awareness, for the purpose of increasing sales, by means
	of notification and labelling.
	Examples include:
	promotional campaigns and branding
	eco-label certification

Type of operation	Further definition
Type of operation	 promoting sales measures under Articles 8 and 15 of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 (related to the activities of producer organisations) short circuits (e.g. direct sales) for fisheries products improving the image of fisheries Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: 08 Preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans by producer organisations 11 Additional investments to support business development (strategy development, administration, equipment) 12 Other business-diversification operations not involving fisheries, aquaculture, or innovation 16 Awareness raising, communication to the wider public 18 Development of marketing innovation 20 Development of product innovation
10.Advisory services	Operations related to specialised technical advice given to operators in the relevant sectors and delivered by external experts, either during the implementation phase or once a business is already running. Examples include: • advice on technological solutions for environmental conservation • feasibility studies for aquaculture, processing, or market developments • introduction of quality management systems (QMS, ISO)
11.Additional investments to support business development (strategy development, administration, equipment)	Operations related to existing businesses and the creation of new businesses in the relevant sectors. Under direct management this may include additional investments delivered through investment funds, for example through the BlueInvest Initiative. This does not include support to company through an intermediary. Examples include: • business planning strategies • start-up registrations • business development strategies • equipment to enhance local businesses Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 08 Preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans by producer organisations • 09 Investment in marketing activities to support business development • 10 Advisory services • 12 Other business-diversification operations not involving fisheries, aquaculture, or innovation • 18 Development of marketing innovation

Type of operation	Further definition	
	20 Development of product innovation	
12.Other business-diversification operations not involving fisheries, aquaculture, or innovation	 20 Development of product innovation Operations related to the action plan for small-scale fisheries and diversification of activities in the broader sustainable blue economy. Operations could be those that serve to enhance and access opportunities and income offered by the sustainable blue economy, and the potential for fishers to engage in new types of non-fishery-related activities in addition to, or in place of, fishery-related activities. In the case of CLLD, diversification can also refer to activities outside of fisheries, including by non-fishers, which serve to diversify the local economy as outlined in the respective Local Development Strategy. Examples include: tourism activities, including pesca-tourism trade new business development outside the fisheries sector recycling products or services developed outside fisheries and which do not involve innovation renewable energy Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: 08 Preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans by producer organisations 09 Investment in marketing activities to support business development 	
	 10 Advisory services 11 Additional investments to support business development (strategy development, administration, equipment) 18 Development of marketing innovation 66 Other (economic)Other (economic) 	
	Operations related to aquaculture stock insurance schemes.	
13.Insurance schemes	Examples include: • mutual insurance schemes set up by operators to cover damage by natural disasters or diseases	
14.Training to improve skills and develop human capital	Operations related to the transfer of skills and/or knowledge to individuals, with the aim of strengthening the capability, human capital, productivity, and performance of trainees. Examples include: • individual seminars, workshops, meetings etc. directed at individuals and conducted by trainers and experienced experts (e.g. fishers) with trainees, with the purpose of building human capacity and disseminating good practices • operations to improve the skills of different actors in the fisheries area (e.g. redirecting skills towards tourism or aquaculture) • apprenticeship schemes	

Type of operation	Further definition
	scientists training fishers, e.g. to sample water quality
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	17 Capacity building
	60 Preparatory actions
	Operations related to organising and holding of events.
	Examples under direct management:
	decarbonisation
	spatial planning
	sea-basin activities
	voluntary cooperation (UNCLOS)
	ocean partnerships
	international agreements
15 Events	Events under shared management should be chosen if the main
15.Events	activity in the operation is the organisation and holding of one or
	more events.
	Examples include:
	• conferences
	• trade shows
	• conventions
	• symposiums
	marketing events
	other types of events offered to the general public
	Operations related to general awareness-raising among the public
	(general public, schools, tourists etc.) on issues related to
	sustainability, the health benefits of fish consumption, and
	environmental protection, such as developing and conducting PR
	and communication campaigns.
	Examples include:
	campaigns on sustainable fish consumption, marine litter and
16.Awareness raising,	microplastics, nutrition
communication to the wider	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
public	operations, for example:
	08 Preparation and implementation of production and marketing
	plans by producer organisations
	09 Investment in marketing activities to support business
	development
	18 Development of marketing innovation
	• 27 Environmental services
	60 Preparatory actions
	Operations related to sector-level capacity building, with the aim of
	strengthening the capacity of relevant sectors as a whole. Activities
17.Capacity building	in TA are included.
	Examples include:
	development of training centres

Type of operation	Further definition
	• exposure visits
	office and documentation support
	development of learning centres
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital
	Operations related to the identification or application of new ideas
	that are useful in finding solutions to marketing issues.
	Examples include:
	 identifying and developing new markets for species that currently have no or low market value
	• responding to the need to cater for new market requirements such as organic sales or trademark registration
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
18.Development of marketing innovation	08 Preparation and implementation of production and marketing plans by producer organisations
	09 Investment in marketing activities to support business development
	• 10 Advisory services
	11 Additional investments to support business development
	(strategy development, administration, equipment)
	• 12 Other business-diversification operations not involving
	fisheries, aquaculture, or innovation
	• 20 Development of product innovation
	66 Other (economic)
	Operations related to identifying or applying new ideas that are
	useful in improving business processes. Support changes or
	improvements in business processes through a series of linked tasks
19.Development of process	or activities to better help businesses reach their goals. These types
innovation	of operations focus on <i>how</i> things are done.
	Examples include:
	setting up or revamping systems of organisationoperational processes
	 operational processes supporting processes
	Operations related to the identification or application of new ideas
	that are useful in finding solutions to product-related issues
	(Article 25 of COM(2018)390).
	Operations should be in line with Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No
20.Development of product	1380/2013 and Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013).
innovation	Examples include:
	developing and diversifying into new products processing advironment
	• processing equipment
	adding value to productsimprovements in consumer convenience
	packaging
	l bacambang

	Further definition
	extending shelf life
	other quality improvements
	Operations related to desk-based and/or field-based research into specific maritime and fisheries-related issues. Examples include: • Studies in the framework of scientific advice • Studies in the framework of voluntary contributions (fisheries) • market intelligence
21.Studies and research	 healthy seas decarbonisation EMODnet (see type 21, below) literacy socio-economic data projects and finance IUU
22.Knowledge sharing	Operations related to investments aiming to increase data sharing and exchange of experience. Operations are those aimed at strengthening contacts between stakeholders and sharing knowledge, mainly through meetings or digital platforms. Operations related to the European marine observation and data network (EMODnet). Examples include: IT platforms to share data and information meetings, workshops, study visits etc. to share knowledge CLLD operations aiming explicitly at knowledge sharing Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: 46 Data collection
23.Cooperation	Includes cooperation in direct management or CLLD operations with partners from different FLAG or LAG areas (from the same MS, different MSs or non-EU countries)
24.Restoring ecological continuity of rivers	Operations related to investments to preserve or restore rivers. This includes river restoration as well as investments in the continuity of the river to support biodiversity, recreation, flood management and landscape development. Examples include: • dam removal • supporting fish migratory routes • fish ladders in riverine fisheries • fish ladders Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example:
	 38 Investments in Natura 2000 areas restoration 40 Investments in the restoration

Type of operation	Further definition
species in marine and inland	fisheries, when explicitly listed as a conservation measure by a
waters	specific Union legal act, or to experimental restocking
26.Retrieval and proper disposal of marine litter	Operations related to the retrieval and proper disposal of lost fishing gear and marine litter. Examples include: • fishing for litter • infrastructure improvements for collection and disposal of marine litter Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 10 Advisory services
27.Environmental services	 10 Advisory services Operations aiming to protect and enhance the marine and inland environment through fishing and cultivation techniques that support biodiversity, enhance the landscape, and improve the quality of water, air and soil. Examples include: extensive farming environmental contributions of farming, e.g. maintenance and development of ponds contributing to water management in the local area farming systems with low impact on the environment, e.g. aquaponics (combined production of fish and vegetables or seaweed) integrated farming (e.g. using animal waste as fertiliser for fish ponds) and organic aquaculture (e.g. use of sustainably sourced feed) conservation of high-value habitats and their associated biodiversity (e.g. by reducing predator mortality through deterrent devices) Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: 32 Productive investments for sustainable aquaculture 34 Gear modification to minimise habitat impacts 36 Use of unwanted catches 37 Natura 2000 areas management and monitoring (soft operations) 38 Investments in Natura 2000 areas restoration 39 Management and monitoring of marine protected areas (soft operations) 40 Investments in the restoration
28. Specific investments for improving aquatic habitats and biodiversity	Operations related to specific and punctual investments in marine and inland waters to improve and preserve habitats and biodiversity. Examples include: • investment in demarcating areas • artificial reefs • rebuilding fish banks

Type of operation	Further definition
	river revitalisation
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	36 Use of unwanted catches
	37 Natura 2000 areas management and monitoring (soft
	operations)
	38 Investments in Natura 2000 areas restoration
	• 39 Management and monitoring of marine protected areas (soft operations)
	• 40 Investments in the restoration
	Operations related to permanent cessation achieved through the
	scrapping of a fishing vessel or through its decommissioning and
29.Permanent cessation of	retrofitting for activities other than commercial fishing, in line with
fishing activities	the objectives of the CFP and multiannual plans. Specific conditions
	apply.
	Operations related to temporary cessation of fishing activities.
30.Temporary cessation of	Temporary cessation applies in specific situations and under specific
fishing activities	conditions (conservation).
	Operations related to compensation for additional costs in all regions
31.Compensations	eligible, including outermost regions, for fishery and aquaculture
_	products.
	Operations related to the production of sustainable aquaculture
	products and operations contributing to processing of aquaculture
	products. Such support shall contribute to the achievement of the
	objectives of the common organisation of the markets in aquaculture
	products.
32.Productive investments	Examples include:
for sustainable aquaculture	purchase of equipment
_	modernisation to create more energy-efficient aquaculture
	• improving quality of products
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example:
	O1 Investment in reduction of energy use and energy efficiency
	or investment in reduction of energy use and energy efficiency
	Operations related to the implementation of the Landing Obligation
	that serve to reduce unwanted catches through better targeting of
	species and sizes of fish.
33.Gear selectivity to reduce unwanted catches	Examples include:
	new gear to increase selectivity of catches by implementing new
	designs, new materials or escape panels
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital 17 Consists building
	17 Capacity building21 Studies and research
	■ 21 Studies and research

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34.Gear modification to minimise habitat impacts	Operations related to changes in fishing gear to reduce negative impacts on the seabed and sensitive benthic habitats, i.e. physical characteristics of the sea bottom and its flora and fauna, as foreseen in Council Directive 92/43/EEC ("Habitats Directive"). Examples include:
35.Gear selectivity in relation to endangered, threatened and protected species	 gear that reduces physical interactions with the seabed and its flora and fauna Operations related to the selection of gear aimed at reducing unwanted catches of endangered threatened and protected (ETP) species such as birds and mammals. Examples include: new gear designs to reduce ETP interactions shape of fishing hooks noise devices on gear
36.Use of unwanted catches	Operations related to addressing or alleviating consequences of the Landing Obligation. Unwanted catches must not be destined for human consumption. Examples include: • storage on board • reception facilities in port • production and marketing of products based on unwanted catches
37.Natura 2000 areas management and monitoring (soft operations)	Operations related to management and monitoring in accordance with the prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to the requirements under the Birds 2009/147/EC or Habitats 92/43/EEC directives' "soft" operations, related specifically to Natura 2000 areas. Note that demarcation of areas and soft management actions may also contribute to natural restoration and regeneration of degraded areas. Examples include: • actions related to the establishment of Natura 2000 sites (for example scientific studies/inventories for the identification of sites – surveys, inventories, mapping, condition assessment, workshops and meetings, creation of databases, establishment and operation of management structures and bodies etc.). • preparation of management plans, strategies and schemes (including scientific studies and investigations needed for planning and implementation, consultations, public meetings and liaison with landowners) • pilot projects; • conservation management measures design and implementation; • preparation of information and publicity material, awareness campaigns and surveys • monitoring and surveying, site surveillance. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of

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	operations, for example: • 03 Investment in on-board production equipment
	 05 Investment in on source production equipment 05 Investment in physical infrastructure at existing fishing ports 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital 17 Capacity building 33 Gear selectivity to reduce unwanted catches
	 34 Gear modification to minimise habitat impacts 35 Gear selectivity in relation to endangered, threatened and protected species 38 Investments in Natura 2000 areas restoration
	Operations related to investments in the restoration of Natura 2000
	areas, in accordance with the prioritised action frameworks established pursuant to the requirements under the Birds 2009/147/EC or Habitats 92/43/EEC directives.
38.Investments in Natura 2000 areas restoration	 Examples include: infrastructure needed for habitat or species protection, restoration and conservation including equipment acquisition specific infrastructure for the monitoring and management of the environmental issues for example water management infrastructure for public access, interpretation, observatories and kiosks, etc. (for example infrastructure to increase the amenity value of sites such as signage, trails, observation platforms and visitor centres). investments related to green infrastructure measures. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: 37 Natura 2000 areas management and monitoring (soft operations)
39. Management and monitoring of marine protected areas (soft operations)	Operations related to management and monitoring of MPAs, i.e. protected areas other than Natura 2000 pursuant to the MSFD 2008/56/EC, and "soft" operations related specifically to MPAs. Examples include: • actions related to the establishment of MPAs (for example scientific studies/inventories for the identification of sites — surveys, inventories, mapping, condition assessment, workshops and meetings, creation of databases, establishment and operation of management structures and bodies etc.). • preparation of management plans, strategies and schemes (including scientific studies and investigations needed for planning and implementation, consultations, public meetings and liaison with landowners) • pilot projects; • conservation management measures design and implementation; • preparation of information and publicity material, awareness campaigns and surveys • monitoring and surveying, site surveillance. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of

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	operations, for example:
	40 Investments in the restoration
40.Investments in the restoration of marine protected areas	Operations related to the restoration of MPAs, i.e. protected areas other than Natura 2000 pursuant to the MSFD 2008/56/EC. Examples include:
	 infrastructure needed for habitat or species protection, restoration and conservation including equipment acquisition specific infrastructure for the monitoring and management of the environmental issues for example discharges and litter infrastructure for public access, interpretation, observatories and kiosks, etc. investments related to green infrastructure measures.
	Operations related to reducing or preventing pollution from fisheries and aquaculture.
41.Reduction and prevention of pollution/contamination	 Examples include: eco-friendly anti-fouling paints reduction of discharges from vessels, aquaculture operations and processing plants Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	 operations, for example: 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital 16 Awareness raising, communication to the wider public 17 Capacity building 21 Studies and research 26 Retrieval and proper disposal of marine litter
42.Water usage and quality in aquaculture	Operations related to the efficient use of water, particularly in land-based activities like aquaculture and processing plants. Examples include: • technologies to reduce water use • installation of water purification systems • recirculation systems Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 10 Advisory services • 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital • 17 Capacity building • 21 Studies and research
43.Investments for control and enforcement for public authorities	Operations related to "hard" investments in equipment and facilities, or "softer" operations, supporting activities of the fisheries control agencies. Examples include: • equipment for control agencies • IT solutions • IT processes for the management and recording of control-related data Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of

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	operations, for example:
	• 51 Inspections
	23 Cooperation
	Operations related to investments in equipment used by private
	businesses for control and enforcement.
	Examples include:
	CCTV cameras
	• installation of VMS/AIS/ERS, REM
44.Investments for control	devices for electronic reporting of catch by small-scale fishers
and enforcement for private	devices for continuous measurement and recording of engine
business	power
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	• 10 Advisory services
	• 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital
	• 17 Capacity building
	21 Studies and research Or agent and replaced to the data collection from sound in direct.
	Operations related to the data collection framework in direct
	management.
	Examples include:
45. Observation coordination	scientific adviceEMODnet
	voluntary contributions (governance)
	ocean research and data
	regional coordination of sampling through Data Collection
	Framework
	Operations related to MSs' actions to collect and process data (in
	line with the Data Collection Framework Regulation (EU) No
46.Data collection	2017/1004,), to contribute to the best available scientific advice and
	to provide information important for studies and evaluations, which
	serves to increase knowledge of the state of the marine environment.
	Operations related to investments in any kind of hardware used for
	governance of the seas and oceans (including MSP) and collection
	and processing of data for fisheries management and scientific
47.Investment in IT –	purposes.
hardware	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	• 43 Investments for control and enforcement for public authorities
	• 48 Investment in IT – software
	Operations related to investment in any kind of software related to
	governance of the seas and oceans (including MSP) and collection
48.Investment in IT –	and processing of data for fisheries management and scientific
software	purposes.
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:

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	43 Investments for control and enforcement for public authorities
	47 Investment in IT – hardware
49.IT development and	Operations related to investment in IT, development and maintenance
	as a joint operation mainly under direct management.
maintenance	Examples include:
mamiciance	enforcement
	• IUU
	Operations related to data assembly and dissemination mainly under
	direct management.
	Examples include:
	data assembly and processing
50.Data assembly and	maritime security
dissemination	data aggregation and dissemination. e.g. EMODnet, Blue indicators
	ocean research and data
	EUMOFA market observatory under direct management
	any future observatory on blue economy und direct management
	Operations related to inspection under direct management. Examples
51.Inspections	include:
	enforcement
	COM inspection missions
	Operations related to animal health and welfare in aquaculture in
	accordance with Regulations (EU) No 2016/429 and (EU) No
	652/2014.
	Examples include:
	disease prevention
52.Investment in animal	management of stocking densities
welfare	slaughtering techniques France that the appreciancies not make a place to a then times of
	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example:
	10 Advisory services14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital
	17 Training to improve skins and develop numan capital 17 Capacity building
	21 Studies and research
	Operations related to food safety to protect consumers, reduce food
	waste and increase EU food security.
	Examples include:
	hygiene promotion
53.Food quality and hygiene	quality certification
	quality promotion
safety	Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	operations, for example:
	10 Advisory services
	14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital
	17 Capacity building

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	21 Studies and research
54.Investments in safety equipment	Operations related to improvements in health, safety and working conditions. Examples include: • on board health/safety improvements for crews such as on-board fire prevention systems, safety and alarm systems or noise reductions systems • health/safety improvements in ports • health/safety improvements in processing and aquaculture operations In case the operation leads to an increase of GT according to EMFAF Article 19 (3), the among of GT increased needs to be reported in field Error! Reference source not found. of Infosys. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital • 17 Capacity building
	55 Investments in working conditions
55.Investments in working conditions	Operations related to improvements in health, safety and working conditions. Examples include: • on board working condition improvement such as accommodation facilities dedicated to the exclusive use of the crew, including sanitary facilities, common areas, kitchen facilities and shelter deck structures • improvements in ports • improvements in processing and aquaculture operations In case the operation leads to an increase of GT according to EMFAF Article 19 (3), the among of GT increased needs to be reported in field Error! Reference source not found. of Infosys. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital • 17 Capacity building • 54 Investments in safety equipment
56.Pilot projects	Operations related to an initial, often small-scale, implementation that is used to prove the viability, applicability and risks of an idea, concept or technique. Pilot projects can relate to a broad range of activities including CLLD. Examples include: • assessment of new gear • specifications of processing machines • testing compositions of feeds in aquaculture • new diversification activities
57.Socio-cultural	Operations related to promoting and/or capitalising on the social and

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development	cultural heritage of the area or improving the quality of life of the local community. Investments that strengthen and capitalise on the environmental resources, cultural resources and social resources of the region. Projects can be related to CLLD. Examples include: • investments in revitalisation of old crafts • museums • markets • trails • support for clubs and societies
58.Governance	 socio-cultural development Operations related to improving ocean and coastal governance, within the EU as well as at global level. Investments that strengthen and capitalise on the environmental resources, cultural resources and social resources of the region or area. Examples under shared management include: CLLD actions to involve small-scale coastal fisheries in relevant decision-making structures CLLD actions to improve the management of local resources Examples under direct management include:
59. Animation and capacity building	Operations related to participative implementation of FLAG local development strategies, including staff costs and operations supporting community animation, project development, and awareness- raising activities in FLAG areas. Examples include: • information campaigns • strengthening community organisations • promoting and supporting the preparation of projects and applications, post-start-up project support • training courses, seminars, workshops etc. Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of operations, for example: • 14 Training to improve skills and develop human capital • 17 Capacity building
60.Preparatory actions	Operations related to participative design of FLAG local development strategies. Examples include:

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	studies of the area concerned
	 costs related to creating a local development strategy, including consultancy and meetings with stakeholders, community groups and potential project promoters
	 administrative costs (operating and personnel costs) of the organisation that is applying for preparatory support, during the preparatory phase capacity building for local development strategy development support for small pilot projects
	• information campaigns: events, meetings, leaflets, websites, social media, press etc.
61.Management	Operations related to the running costs and animation of FLAGs in terms of staff and operational expenses, including activities related to monitoring and evaluation of the FLAGs, and strategy implementation if not separate from the FLAG operation. TA activities.
	 Examples include: office expenses and staff costs technical assistance fisheries management monitoring and evaluation of the FLAGs and strategy implementation (if not separate from the FLAG operation). Ensure that the operation is not more relevant to other types of
	 operations, for example: 59Animation and capacity building 60Preparatory actions 63Evaluation
62.Assistance	Operations supporting the implementation of EU policy, for example the Maritime Spatial Planning Platform, or assistance in direct management. Activities in TA are included. Examples include: • spatial planning • governance • literacy • skills • projects and finance • voluntary cooperation (UNCLOS) • ocean partnerships • international agreements • IUU • ocean research and data
63.Evaluation	Operations related to the evaluation of EMFAF under direct and shared management. Activities in TA are included. Examples include: • process evaluation • impact evaluation

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	thematic assessments/studies
	ex-ante evaluation
	interim evaluation
	• ex-post evaluation
	• support for COM evaluations
	 monitoring and evaluation of the FLAGs and strategy
	implementation (if standalone)
64.Other (social)	Other operations contributing to improving human capital. This may
	include CLLD operations.
65.Other (environmental)	Other operations contributing to reducing the impact of fishing on
	marine ecosystems. This may include CLLD operations.
66.Other (economic)	Other operations contributing to business development. This may
	include CLLD operations.