



EMFF POST 2020

Sea basin analyses

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References in the Commission's proposal

- **Article 9(5):**

The Commission shall develop an analysis for each sea basin indicating the common strengths and weaknesses of the sea basin with regard to the achievement of the objectives of the CFP, as referred to in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013. Where applicable, this analysis shall take into account the existing sea basin and macro-regional strategies.

- **Recital 43**

Why sea basin analyses?

- Regionalisation is now a normal practice for fisheries management (regional MAPs, regional joint recommendations)
- Need to ensure that the main funding instrument of the CFP can also address common challenges at sea basin level
- Assessment of regional challenges by the Commission to support the EMFF programming process

Content

- Focus on how the EMFF under shared management can help achieving CFP objectives
- Strategic guiding principles to facilitate the programming process:
 - **Thematic focus:** description of specific strengths and weaknesses
 - **Geographical focus:** need to address sea basin specificities without duplicating the national SWOT analyses
 - **Analytical focus:** robust background to underpin the programming process
 - **Operational focus:** indication of possible EMFF actions to tackle the challenges

Structure

- A document prepared by the Commission
- Regional chapters corresponding to sea basins
- Horizontal thematic chapters for common challenges (e.g. fisheries control, market policy, climate change)
- Description of the main drivers (e.g. situation of fish stocks, socio-economic situation of the fishing sector, management of fisheries and fishing fleets)
- Identification of corresponding EMFF supported investments (toolbox)
- Where relevant: synergies with sea basin and macro-regional strategies

Timeline

- Publication shortly after the adoption of the EMFF Regulation
- Involvement of Member States and stakeholders in the preparation
- Examples of good projects from MS most welcome to illustrate the sea basin analyses – to be discussed at the next Expert Groups