



# **FAME Support Unit**

**Monitoring and Evaluation under the EMFF**

# **EMFF Annual Implementation Report 2018**

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# EMFF OP reporting requirements

- ***Infosys*** – only ***quantitative data***

*EMFF MAs provide COM with relevant cumulative data on operations selected including key characteristics of the beneficiary and the operation itself (Art.97(1)(a))*

- ***AIR*** – combination of quantitative data and ***qualitative analysis***

*Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 Common Provisions  
Regulation (Art. 50) and Reg. (EU) No 508/2014 EMFF  
(Art. 114)*

# Overview of the implementation as of 31 December 2018

**Total  
number of  
operations  
34 000**

**EMFF  
committed  
EUR 2.4  
billion**

**EMFF  
spent  
EUR 1.0  
billion**

## Infosys and AIR are complementary

- **Infosys** database allows **in-depth quantitative analysis** of EMFF implementation

*Various combinations of data, contribution to specific topics and policies at regional, MS, sea basin and EU levels, split by types of operations, etc.*

- AIR complements this by **examining quality factors** affecting EMFF implementation

*Findings from evaluations, actions taken in cases of serious infringements, assessment of progress made towards achieving the objectives of the OP, information on partnership, etc.*

# Issues affecting the performance of the programme and corrective measures taken

## *Issues affecting performance*

- **Complex** public and **administrative procedures**
- **No interest** in certain measures from **potential beneficiaries**
- **Lack of private co-financing**
- Implementation of the new IMP-related measures
- Brexit

## *Corrective measures taken*

- **OP modification** (the most often mentioned)
- **Reallocation** of funding **between measures**
- **Adaptation of selection criteria**
- Amendments to national laws and regulations
- Communication strategy and campaigns
- Increased use of simplified cost options

# Activities in relation to the evaluation plan and synthesis of the evaluations

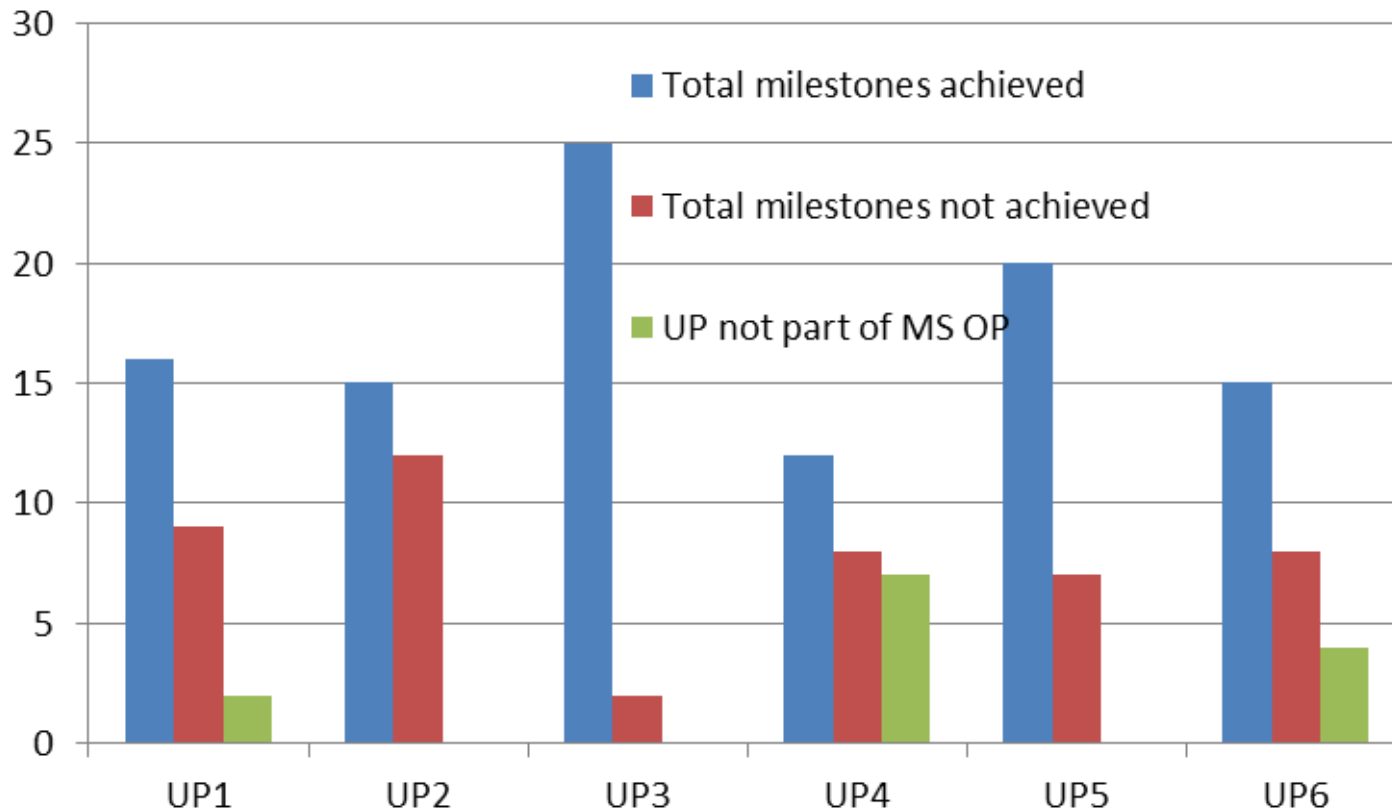
- *Most of the MSs provided information in AIR about their performed evaluations*
- *Evaluations most often addressed:*
  - Process evaluation
  - Assessment of the OP progress
  - Reprogramming of the OP
  - Assessment of OP indicators and their achievement
  - Other specific issues

# Conclusions of evaluation activities

- *Conclusions often target the practical side of OP implementation:*
  - Reduce the administrative burden
  - Simplify the verification, certification and audit processes
  - Modify the OP (re-allocate funds)
  - Improve the design of RIs
- *Several general observations:*
  - The best long-term value comes from diversification projects (for example, creating a local market or processing)
  - EMFF support in general has a positive effect in the aquaculture and processing sectors, but the proportion of unsuccessful operations remains high
  - The commercial marine fishing, aquaculture and processing sectors are small and economically weak with respect to key indicators like number of employees and added value
  - Decreased interest from beneficiaries due to the fear of sanctions for failing to achieve the required level of the RI

# Issues affecting the performance of the programme: *performance framework*

*Achievement of performance framework milestones by MS per UP*





# Issues affecting the performance of the programme: *demand-driven issues*

- *Lack of interest from applicants for certain measures*
- *Low demand resulting from a **poor image related to the EFF experience** and weak support (animation, advice on project preparation)*
- *Lack of the necessary **private co-funding***

# Issues affecting the performance of the programme – *supply-driven issues*

- *Lack of administrative capacity*
- *Overestimation of needs for permanent cessation, **improperly set target values** for some measures*
- *Complicated double selection process for CLLD*
- *Beneficiaries became less active due to **stricter requirements for applicants** to achieve certain indicators and the related sanctions*
- *Late announcement of calls for proposals*
- *Difficulties over land ownership / land concession*
- ***Long evaluation process and inadequate quality of proposals***

# Issues affecting the performance of the programme: *context factors* (1)

- *Late adoption of legislation causing delays in the OP implementation*
- **Complex designation procedure**
- *Complexity of common result indicators*
- **Novelty of UP6** and lack of experience in this area: breadth of the UP complicates setting priorities and objectives
- **Complex** legal environment to obtain the necessary **permits** in **aquaculture**
- **Complexity of administrative procedures** at national level

## Issues affecting the performance of the programme: *context factors* (2)

- **Socio-economic changes** impacting the original strategies of the beneficiaries
- **Saturation of funding** from the previous 2007-13 period
- Increased damage by **predators** (e.g. otters, cormorants) and severe **drought**
- **Favourable context** leading to less need for assistance: rebuilding fish stocks and overall stability of landed volumes, increase in fish prices and relatively low fuel prices
- Conditions offered by the **private support instrument** are more flexible and **attractive** compared to the EMFF
- **Upturn in market prices** has increased overall interest in aquaculture investment and associated EMFF support

# Issues affecting the performance of the programme: *remedy measures*

- ***OP modification***
- ***Review of performance framework***
- ***Reallocation of funding***
- *Action plan to overcome the delays in OP implementation*
- ***Amendments in national legislation*** related to the acquisition of the necessary ***aquaculture permits***
- *Reducing time needed for the project selection process*
- ***Information campaigns*** to potential beneficiaries
- ***Brexit*** may require redeployment of funding towards compensation for temporary cessation of fishing

# Thank you for your attention!



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