



European Commission

# Brižine Fishing Port – Fishing port for landing catches (Croatia)



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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Split Port Authority is using EMFF funds to upgrade and enhance the existing infrastructure of its fishing ports to improve quality of catches, implement quality control at landing sites, and ensure traceability of fisheries products.

The Brižine Fishing Port project also aims to provide vessels with the necessary resources to improve energy efficiency and reduce gas emissions. This includes the reception and disposal of discarded catches, as well as the collection and disposal of waste (such as old fishing nets and marine waste collected during fishing).

Additionally, EMFF support has been used for the construction of crucial facilities for fishers, including ice, water, electricity, fish waste reception, workshops, and more.

The project is co-financed by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in accordance with Regulation (EU) N° 508/2014, Article 43 (Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters).

Fishers now have access to a facility that promptly stores their catch in cold storage; after sorting, fish are immediately weighed, quality-checked, and then stored at 0°C. The head of the HACCP team can promptly isolate fish of questionable quality and send them off for analysis when necessary. Discarded catch is separated from fish meant for human consumption, and are disposed of using a separate technological process.

Furthermore, by providing adequate and secure mooring for fishing vessels, the long-standing problems with collisions with the tourism sector have been resolved. This ensures that mooring spaces for fishing vessels are physically distinct from those designated for nautical or communal mooring.

The project has received strong support from the representatives of the Fishing Cooperative, as well as from the Croatian Chamber of Trades and Crafts of the Split-Dalmatia County and the Fishing Group of the Croatian Chamber of Economy. They view it as a crucial investment in the economic sector of fisheries in the Split-Dalmatia County, a significant impetus for the survival and growth of the fishing industry, and the provision of all necessary conditions for fishers to conduct catch landing and other service activities with quality and increased competitiveness.

## MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

The project has led to a substantial improvement in quality and standards for landing ports and fishing vessels in the central and southern Adriatic.

Investments into port infrastructure have improved quality control and traceability of landed catches considerably. The construction and improvement of facilities for fishers have also significantly improved the hygiene, work conditions, and safety of fishers and port workers.



## INFORMATION ON BUDGET

Total eligible public cost	4 940 739 €
Co-financing	EU: 3 705 554 € (75%) HR: 1 235 184 € (25%)
Total eligible public expenditure	4 912 946 € EU: 3 684 709 € (75%) HR: 1 228 236 € (25%)



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