

Programme Summary

France - Programme for the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

2021-2027 - CCI 2021FR14MFPR001

1. Programme overview

Total allocation : EUR 793 306 005

EU contribution : EUR 567 136 526

National contribution : EUR 226 169 479

France intends to implement all EMFAF Priorities (1,2,3 and 4).

TA below is for Technical assistance.

Priority	Specific objective	Union contribution	
		Union contribution without TA	Union contribution for TA
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.1.1. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. All operations except those supported under Articles 17 and 19	62,228,635.00	3,733,718.00
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.1.2. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. Operations supported under Articles 17 and 19	11,492,632.00	689,558.00
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.2. Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels	4,136,000.00	248,160.00
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.3. Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	15,000,000.00	900,000.00
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	124,000,000.00	7,440,000.00
1. Fostering sustainable	1.5. Promoting a level-playing field	72,469,116.00	4,348,147.00

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fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	for fishery and aquaculture products from the outermost regions		
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.6. Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	24,984,523.00	1,499,071.00
2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	105,911,824.00	6,354,709.00
2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	2.2. Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products	79,342,729.00	4,760,564.00
3. Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the development of fishing and aquaculture communities	3.1. Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the sustainable development of fishing and aquaculture communities	26,469,000.00	1,588,140.00
4. Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling seas and oceans to be safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed	4.1. Strengthening sustainable sea and ocean management through the promotion of marine knowledge, maritime surveillance or coast guard cooperation	9,000,000.00	540,000.00

2. Programme Summary

The French programme is based on three “ambitions” which are intended to provide a response to medium and long term structural issues and challenges but also provide support options for short-term crises. The ambitions are adapted to the diversity of situations on the Atlantic and Mediterranean sea basin as well as outermost regions, as follows:

- Under the first ambition, France will support the **transition in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors towards better environmental, economic and social performance** by targeting five sub-themes, namely facilitating the adaptation of companies and their ecological transition, strengthening and adapting the product offer in line with the expectations of consumers and society, supporting small-scale coastal fishing, improving resilience and the development of insurance-type schemes for aquaculture and, finally, innovation.
- Under the second ambition, the purpose is to **create and sustainably establish favourable conditions for the harmonious deployment of maritime and coastal activities**, in particular through the pursuit of control efforts and the production of knowledge, support for the protection of the marine environment and biodiversity, the contribution to the international governance of the oceans and finally, and the development of a sustainable blue economy in the regions.
- Under the third ambition, France aims to **improve the implementation of the EMFAF** programme through the renewal of the partnership between the State and the regions with increased decentralization and improved governance, including dedicated effort to facilitate the access of Small Scale Coastal Fisheries to the programme.

Contribution to EU horizontal priorities:

Resilience: The adaptation of markets in the context of the pandemic is addressed in the weaknesses and it is clearly stated that the three ambitions underpinning the programme intend to provide a response and specific solutions to the economic crisis, adapted to the different situations in the Atlantic and Mediterranean sea basins and in the Outermost Regions.

The programme addresses the goal of upgrading health and hygiene conditions in fisheries and aquaculture to guarantee safe working conditions in the context of the pandemic.

Innovation is a cross-cutting priority, together with crisis prevention and management, as well as the ability of companies to invest, recruit and train in these specific issues as essential elements.

The support to collective work on the resilience of companies facing climate change and health events is highlighted as well as support to circular economy.

Finally, threats as regards the post-Brexit fall out are identified notably in terms of long-term fishing opportunities, the need to reinforce the control of imports from the United Kingdom and accompany the reallocation of fleets to basins with better opportunities, as well as maritime surveillance and trans-border cooperation.

Green transition: The program takes into account the challenges of climate change: the strategy includes a section entitled "Energy transition, mitigation and adaptation to climate change", specifically linked to the objectives of the Green Deal.

Energy efficiency is identified as key objective in the programme: *“L’amélioration de l’efficacité énergétique sera prise en compte de façon transversale dans les critères de sélection des projets d’investissements pour l’ensemble de la filière (autres investissements à bord, dans les ports, dans les entreprises aquacoles, de commercialisation et de transformation). Ce volet est notamment très présent dans les stratégies régionales pour l’organisation des ports de pêche, en cours de révision. Une réduction d’au moins 20% des consommations énergétiques ou des améliorations*

significatives de la consommation d'eau sont attendues sur la quasi-totalité des investissements dans les ports.”

In terms of decarbonisation, Specific Objectives 1.1, 2.1 and 2.2 provide for support to investments in renewable energies, for example for port infrastructure, for aquaculture production and the processing industry.

Based on the budget allocations, the contributions to **climate change** and environment represent **48%** and **53%** of the total EU allocation. France is planning to allocate EUR 282 million to environmental objectives.

Digital transition: While there is a focus on innovation in fisheries control tools, innovation is presented as a transversal ambition of the program stating that 6% of the budget will be devoted to it.

3. Partnership Agreement

The French Partnership Agreement (PA) was adopted on 2 June 2022.

It clearly refers to the EMFAF to reach policy objectives and foresees synergies with other ESIF programmes.

Together with the EMFAF programme, it will create favourable conditions for the harmonious deployment of maritime and coastal activities, by supporting a future-proof and resilient transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, the protection of the marine environment and biodiversity, and contribute to the international governance of the oceans as well as the development of a sustainable blue economy in both mainland France and its Outermost Regions.