



European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Austria

Austria – overview

Coast, lakes and ports

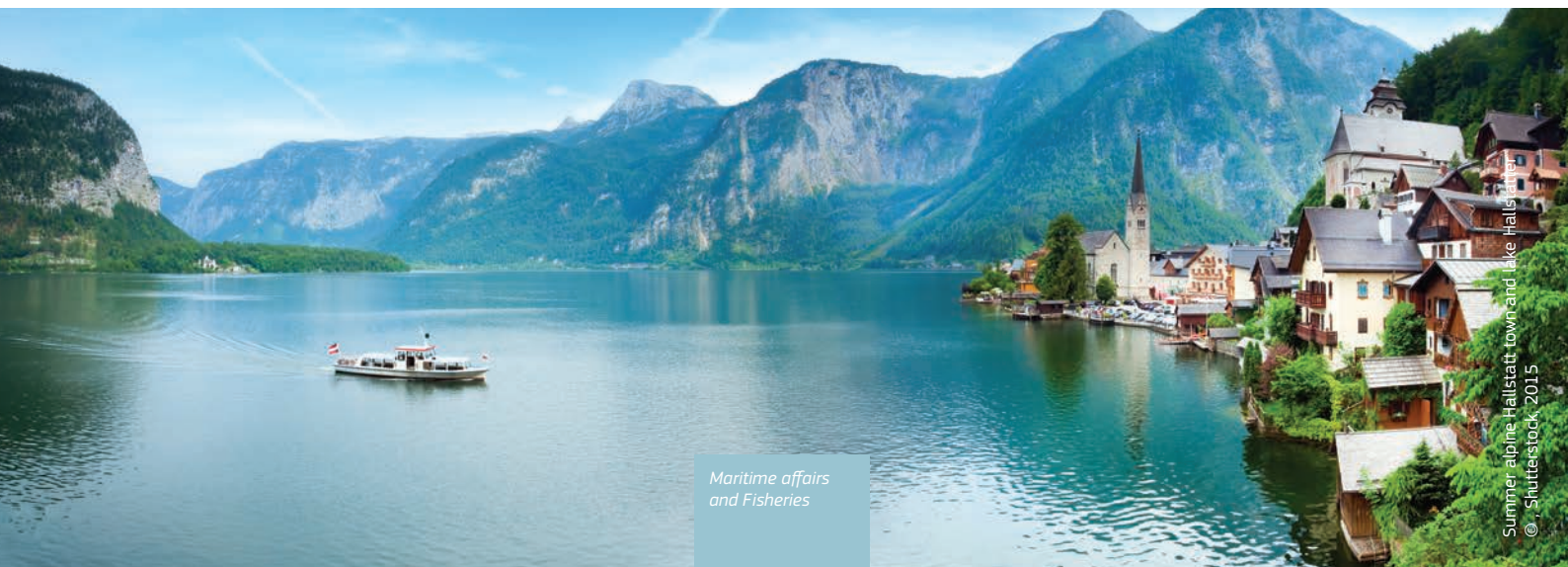
Austria is a land-locked country and produces fish in ponds (1 804 ha), in flow-through systems (296 601 m³) and in recirculation systems (3 900 m²).

Potential

Austrian aquaculture production is known for its pure water and high product quality.

Economic performance and employment

The Austrian aquaculture sector has 231 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, the seafood processing sector 282 FTE employees, and inland fisheries 61 FTE employees.



Austria's Operational Programme

Budget



Total (EU + national): €13 930 000

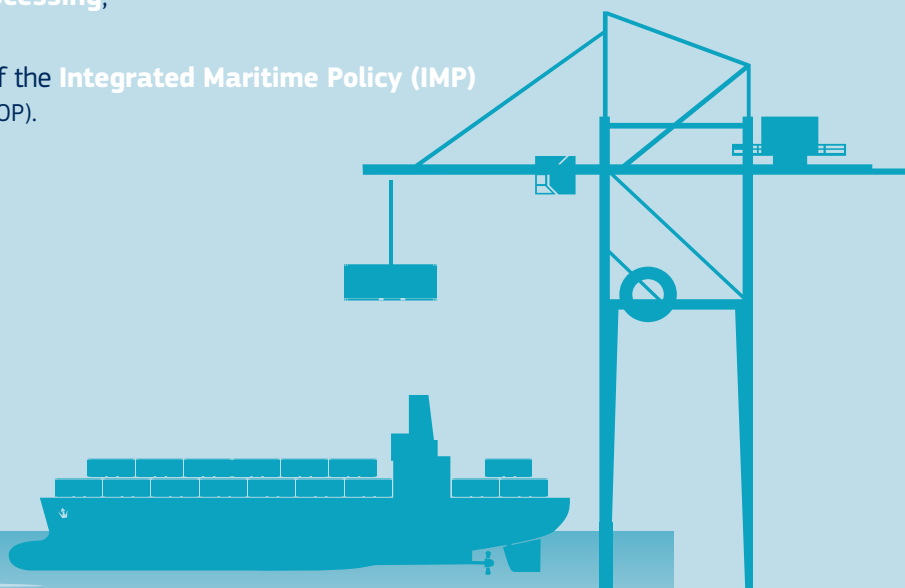


EU contribution: €6 965 000 (0.12 % of total EMFF)



The Operational Programme (OP) covers four of the six 'Union Priorities' defined in the EMFF, namely:

-  promoting environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge-based **fisheries**;
-  fostering environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge-based **aquaculture**;
-  fostering the implementation of the **Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)**;
-  increasing **employment and territorial cohesion**
(this priority is not covered by the OP);
-  fostering **marketing and processing**;
-  fostering the implementation of the **Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)**
(this priority is not covered by the OP).





1. Fisheries

What?

Austria's inland fisheries sector is small, yet very traditional, and uses the country's many lakes.

OP aim

Investments in health and safety, energy efficiency and diversification, and new forms of income.

Key result

Improvement of energy efficiency and working conditions on board fishing vessels that maintain and support the inland fisheries sector.

Budget

EMFF: **€45 000**

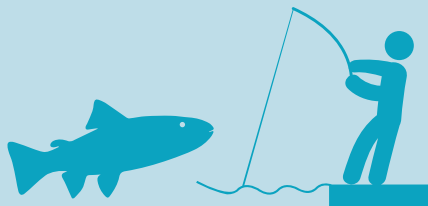
National contribution: **€45 000**
(0.6 % of the OP allocation)



3. Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)

What?

Austria currently provides data on aquaculture production in line with statistics regulations. In future, the Data Collection Framework may also impose data collection requirements on land locked countries in the area of aquaculture and processing. Fisheries control obligations for land locked countries are limited to traceability.



OP aim

Support for data collection, control and enforcement.

Key result

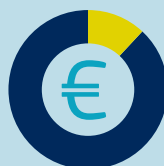
Collection of data to:

- identify problems in the sector;
- facilitate solutions;
- improve access to data, e.g. for use in scientific studies.

Budget

EMFF: **€1 400 000**

National contribution: **€252 800**
(11.9 % of the OP allocation)



4. Community-led local development (CLLD) strategies

CLLD is not included in the Austrian OP.



2. Aquaculture

What?

Austrian aquaculture production accounts for 3 100 tonnes of fish per year (mainly trout and carp), with a total value of €20 million. The Austrian government has adopted a strategy to increase self-sufficiency in freshwater fish aquaculture from 34 % to 60 % by 2020. This would imply a production increase of 2 400 tonnes per year until annual production reaches 5 500 tonnes.

OP aim

Support for innovation, productive investments in aquaculture and promotion of human capital and networking. Innovative projects and investments will be given priority in the selection process.

Key objective

Fostering the competitiveness of the Austrian aquaculture sector and increasing production. This will have a positive impact on employment and on the fish processing sector.

Budget

EMFF: **€3 604 000**

National contribution: **€4 353 925**
(57.1 % of the OP allocation)



5. Marketing and processing

What?

The Austrian fish processing sector is producing high-quality products that account for an annual turnover of €58 million. Communication with consumers about the advantages of sustainably and locally farmed fish is essential, as it often comes at a higher price.

OP aim

Support for the processing of fishery and aquaculture products and marketing measures.

Key result

Information for customers on sustainably and locally farmed fish, improvements in the sector for energy efficiency, development of new products and production processes.



Budget

EMFF: **€1 689 500**

National contribution: **€2 039 775**
(26.8 % of the OP allocation)



6. Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

The IMP is not included in the Austrian OP.



Success story

'Waldviertler Karpfen' label



The label 'Waldviertler Karpfen' ('Carp from the Waldviertel region') sets production standards for large-scale, high-quality carp farming using natural methods, to which 14 producers from the region now adhere. The producers received funding under the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIGF) (2000-2006) and the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) (2007-2013) for processing and marketing. Marketing measures include celebrations in the fishing season and leaflets on production standards and recipes, as well as active cooperation with local restaurants earning the region the title of 'Genussregion' ('culinary region') in 2005. Today, 80 % of regional production is produced according to these standards, and the label is becoming increasingly popular both in retail and with consumers.

More information

- [European Commission Fisheries](#)
- [Representation of the European Commission in Austria](#)
- [European Maritime and Fisheries Fund](#)
- [Aquaculture multiannual national plan](#)
- [The Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management](#)