

Summary of the Operational Programme for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in France

Programme description:

Main objectives:

The Operational Programme (OP) "Fisheries and Maritime 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in France aims at achieving key national development priorities along with the "Europe 2020" objectives. The OP addresses the general reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and the development of the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

Funding will aim at promoting more competitive fisheries and aquaculture sectors based on knowledge, innovation and high employment, and promoting a more efficient use of resources through the sustainable development of its fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Funding will also go to projects that improve the livelihood of fishing communities by increased support for Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs), and to supporting French public bodies in enforcing CFP rules and providing sound data for the management of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. In comparison to the past, the accent is stronger on the preservation of resources and the marine environment, climate change, and shifting towards a low-carbon economy, as well as on the development and competitiveness of businesses and in particular SMEs.

Funding priorities:

The French OP is organised around the following priorities:

- Union Priority 1 (UP1): € 150.9 million (25.7% of total EMFF allocation) will aim at a better balance fisheries activities and environmental protection and sustainability. The accent is put on innovation, energy savings and scientific knowledge. The OP also addresses fleet capacity by adjusting fleet capacity to resources, modernisation of the fleet, investments in port infrastructures in line with requirements under the discards ban, and improving traceability of fisheries products and processing.

- Union Priority 2 (UP2): € 88.8 million (15.1% of EMFF allocation) will go towards meeting the objectives of the French national strategic plan for aquaculture that aims at boosting competitiveness and sustainability of the French aquaculture sector. Actions will aim to improve communication in the aquaculture sector, improve territorial cohesion of aquaculture in the French territories and boost the development of aquaculture in outermost regions. Support will focus on three national objectives: technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer, competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises and protection and restoration of biodiversity.

- Union Priority 3 (UP3): € 122.3 million (20.8% of EMFF allocation) will go towards compliance with CFP rules regarding control and data collection. Funding will go towards improving the collection and management of data, including through the rationalisation of data bases, to improve scientific assessment of stocks and to implementing the action plan for control which will reinforce administrative capacity and the effectiveness of fisheries control and inspection.

- Union Priority 4 (UP4): € 22.6 million (3.8% of EMFF allocation) will help ensuring better territorial cohesion of fisheries and aquaculture. Actions will aim at: maintaining and creating new jobs, reinforce the position of fisheries and aquaculture within the development of coastal territories, strengthening the FLAGs network and increasing added value through innovative projects and research.
- Union Priority 5 (UP5): € 163.2 million (27.8% of EMFF allocation) will go towards improving the marketing, diversification and valorisation of seafood products. The French OP gives a central role to producer organisations (PO) that currently place almost 50% of the French production on the market, through the implementation of production and marketing plans, the reinforcement of POs across its territory (both mainland and outermost regions). Compensation for additional costs in the six French outermost regions has more than doubled compared to the 2007-2013 period.
- Union Priority 6 (UP6): € 5.3 million (0.9% of EMFF allocation) will go towards strengthening the efficiency of maritime surveillance and widening the network of marine protected areas and improving knowledge on the marine environment and interactions with human activities.
- € 34.8 million (5.5% of EMFF allocation) are allocated to technical assistance in order to reinforce the implementation system, ensure efficient administration of the EU funding, including support to reducing burden on beneficiaries, improving e-administration and publicity and information measures.

Regions:

The programme covers the whole territory of France, including its outermost regions (Martinique, Mayotte, Guadeloupe, French Guyana and Réunion) and overseas communities (Saint Martin).

Fund:

Financial information:

- Total OP budget: € 774 353 018
- Total EU contribution: € 587 980 173
- Total national contribution: € 186 372 845

Managing Authority:

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