# Romania

## **Programme description**

### Main objectives

The "European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: Operational Programme for Romania (EMFF OP) 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 fully supports the priorities defined in the EMFF Regulation. The main objectives of the OP aim at enhancing the competiveness of the aquaculture sector and processing sector, the viability of sea fisheries sector and the sustainable development of traditionally fisheries-dependent areas. The Programme also addresses the need for protection and rehabilitation of the marine environment and its living resources, the control of fisheries activities, the collection of fisheries data and the improvement of knowledge on the state of the marine environment.

## **Funding priorities**

The OP will focus on the following priorities:

- 17.871.600 EUR, thus 7.98 % of the total OP allocation aims at the viability and the sustainable development of the Romanian fisheries sector as well as the protection of its fishing/marine resources. Investments in the modernization of fishing infrastructure, adding value to unwanted catches, counselling services, innovation, collection of marine litter, development of complementary activities /new forms of income for fishermen have been planned under Union Priority 1 (UP1). Engine replacements and investments in increasing the selectivity of the fishing gear by size of species have also been provided under UP 1 on condition that such need and respective investments will steam from the conclusions of the Annual Fleet Report based on scientifically based fisheries and economic data.
- 112.343.927 EUR, thus 50,21 % of the total OP allocation is aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture (Union Priority 2). Under this priority axis, the EMFF will support productive investments in aquaculture as well as investments aiming at enhancing competitiveness and viability of the aquaculture sector.
- 16.426.182 EUR, thus 7,34 % of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the implementation of the CFP (Union Priority 3) by collection and management of data and by supporting monitoring, control and enforcement.
- 44.912.371 EUR, thus 20,07 % of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the maintenance of the economic and social sustainability of the Romanian fisheries and aquaculture areas, the creation of jobs and the diversification within and/or outside fisheries and aquaculture sectors and the sustainable exploitation of related products (Union Priority 4) through the implementation of comprehensive local development strategies.

- 15.399.124 EUR, thus 6.88 % of the OP allocation will be spent on the measures dedicated to fostering marketing and processing (Union Priority 5).
- 3.333.334 EUR, thus 1.49 % of the OP allocation will be spent on measures under integrated maritime policy (Union Priority 6) aiming at improving knowledge on the marine environment and the development of part of CISE.
- 13.422.544 EUR, thus 5.99 % of the OP resources are allocated to technical assistance in order to ensure efficient administration of the EU funding, including support to publicity and information measures as well as evaluations.

#### Regions

The whole territory of Romania

#### Funds

• European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: EUR 168.421.371

#### **Financial information**

- Total OP budget: EUR 223.709.082
- Total EU contribution: EUR 168.421.371
- Total national: EUR 55.287.711

## **Managing Authority**

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