



EMFF POST 2020

Action plans for the outermost regions

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References in the Commission's proposal

- **Article 9(4) of the EMFF proposal:**

Member States concerned shall prepare as part of their programme an action plan for each of their outermost regions referred to in Article 6(2), which shall set out:

(a) a strategy for the sustainable exploitation of fisheries and the development of sustainable blue economy sectors;

(b) a description of the main actions envisaged and the corresponding financial means, including:

i. the structural support to the fishery and aquaculture sector under Title II;

ii. the compensation for additional costs referred to in Article 21;

iii. any other investment in the sustainable blue economy necessary to achieve a sustainable coastal development.

- **Template in the CPR proposal (Appendix 4 of Annex V)**

Why action plans for the outermost regions?

- OR face specific challenges and have specific assets on which to develop a sustainable blue economy (Communication "*A stronger and renewed strategic partnership with the EU's outermost regions*")
- Blue economy strategies
- The EMFF is a tool in this regard: need for a strategic approach to facilitate programming in the OR

Content and structure

- 1 action plan for each outermost region
- Section 1: description of the overall "*strategy for the sustainable exploitation of fisheries and the development of the sustainable blue economy*" as regards EMFF support
- Section 2: "*description of the main action envisaged*"
 - Structural support to the fishery and aquaculture sector under the EMFF
 - Compensation for the additional costs
 - Other investments in the sustainable blue economy necessary to achieve a sustainable coastal development (e.g. CLLD, marine knowledge)

No strict correspondance between these strands and the EMFF priorities (except for the compensation of additional costs)
- Sections 3 and 4: synergies with other sources of EU funding (e.g. ERDF, horizon Europe) and with the SSCF action plan

Compensation for additional costs

- Conditions laid down in Article 21 (specific area of support)
- Delegated act "*laying down the criteria for the calculation of the additional costs*" (to be discussed in a future fiche)
- Compensation regime to be described in section 2 of the action plan – this replaces the current compensation plans and integrates the compensation regime in the programme
- Need to avoid duplication with the description of Article 21 in section 2.1.1 of the programme: that description should be a short summary of the corresponding section in the action plan

Financial allocations

- Step 1: minimum amounts for the outermost regions set for each MS in Article 6(2)
- Step 2: distribution of the national allocation across the ORs of the MS (MS decision)
- Step 3: distribution of the OR allocation across the 3 strands of the action plan:
 - Structural support to the fishery and aquaculture sector
 - Compensation for the additional costs (maximum 50% of the allocation at MS level)
 - Other investments in the sustainable blue economy
- Any change to the allocations in the action plans requires a programme amendment

Synergies with the Blue Economy Strategies

- In principle comprehensive strategies covering all blue economy sectors of importance to the OR concerned – but possibility to focus on specific sectors
- No specific timeline, format or content
- Two options as regards the synergies with the action plan:
 - 1) Where the Strategy concerns sectors that fall under the scope of the EMFF under shared management, it should be described in the action plan – the EMFF should be a tool for implementing the Strategy
 - 2) Where the Strategy concerns topics that do not fall under the scope of the EMFF under shared management, it should be described in the section on the synergies with other sources of Union funding