

Programme Summary

Finland - Programme for the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

2021-2027 - CCI 2021FI14MFPR001

1. Programme overview

Total allocation : EUR 140 318 962

EU contribution : EUR 71 755 962

National contribution : EUR 68 563 000

Finland 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	10,892,282.00	653,537.00
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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	49,681.00	2,981.00

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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	16,176,208.00	970,571.00
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	6,289,626.00	377,378.00
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	14,229,698.00	853,782.00
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	11,516,109.00	690,967.00
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	5,057,549.00	303,453.00
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	2,477,603.00	148,656.00

2. Programme Summary

The main objectives of the programme are to support sustainable growth in the fisheries sector, to safeguard the conditions for primary production, to stimulate modernisation and innovation, and to address environmental concerns.

The Finnish programme is in line with the EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies. Within the above objectives Finland aims to substantially support the production of domestic fish and to increase the Finnish consumption of fish up to two portions per person per week by 2030. The programme will continue supporting heavily research and innovation, building on successful experience in the 2014-2020 programming period.

Improving the protection of the environment and the state of fish stock is a key objective of the Finnish programme as sustainable use of fish stocks and good environmental status are a prerequisite for successful fisheries. The establishment of Marine Protected Areas and actions on marine litter will be funded from national budget and the EU LIFE programme rather than EMFAF. However, EMFAF will support the removal of lost fishing gear and the purchase of litter collection equipment for fishing vessels and fishing ports.

All four Horizontal Enabling Conditions are considered fulfilled for the EMFAF programme.

The Finnish authorities have confirmed that they do not plan to make use of the EMFAF crisis mechanism to mitigate the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine but nevertheless included the provision in the revised programme should Finland wish to mobilise this type of action at a later stage.

Contribution to EU horizontal priorities:

Resilience: The Finnish programme addresses resilience building through actions such as cooperation between science and fishermen, upgrading skills, investments in energy efficiency, diversification of income sources, temporary cessation in the event of environmental disaster or health crisis and improving working conditions in fisheries and aquaculture. The programme will also support the set-up of producer organisations.

Green transition: The Finnish programme will support types of actions which contribute to green transition such as climate adaptation investments in fisheries, diversification of activities for fishermen, environmental conservation and restoration measures, development of recirculation and offshore aquaculture production, investments in more CO₂-efficient technology and selective fishing gear. Furthermore, actions supporting research and innovation in the aquaculture sector will also support technologies that have positive effects for the environment and climate. Support for engine replacement in view of more energy efficient fishing vessels is also envisaged.

Based on the budget allocations, the contributions to fight climate change represents 57%, to protect the environment represents 64% and to biodiversity represents 28% of the total EU allocation, which is well above the 30% target set by the Commission.

Digital transition: The Finnish programme supports digitalisation across all priorities, especially in areas related to innovation and R&D, as well as support for digital solutions for control and data collection activities. The programme envisages e-management tools

for all operators' declarations and the development of digital tools, including operations in ports.

Added value of public investment: The programme aims at promoting long term improvement of the sector. There is a strong emphasis on increasing the added value of the EMFAF support to the Finnish fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Thus, Finland plans the implementation of Financial Instruments for Specific Objectives 1.1, 2.1 and 2.2. In particular, the programme aims to increase the value of fish catches through investments in technologies and the fleet that would allow for more valuable catches meant for human consumption.

3. Partnership Agreement

The Finnish Partnership Agreement was adopted on 5 May 2022, amounting to EUR 2 billion in cohesion policy funding for the period 2021-2027.