

## **Summary of the Operational Programme for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Greece**

### **Programme description**

#### **Main objectives**

The Operational Programme "Fisheries and Maritime 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Greece (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 competitiveness of aquaculture and processing sectors, 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 Greek OP will focus on the following priorities:

- Under Union Priority 1, 175,8M EUR, thus 34,2% of the total OP allocation aims at the viability and the sustainable development of the Greek fisheries sector as well as at the protection of the fishing/marine resources. The OP foresees investments for the modernization of fishing shelters and landing sites, for better health and safety, for the promotion of innovation and partnerships between fishermen and scientists, for the development of complementary activities /new forms of income for fishermen and investments allowing fishermen to use and add value in unwanted catches. The creation and the monitoring of artificial reefs have also been planned, aiming at the protection and the restoration of marine biodiversity and the limitation of fisheries' impact to marine environment. Permanent cessation of fishing activities and on board-investments to increase gear selectivity have also been provided.
- Under Union Priority 2, 83,1M EUR, thus 16.1% of the total OP allocation is aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative and competitive and knowledge based aquaculture. Under this priority, the EMFF will support productive investments in aquaculture as well as investments aiming at enhancing competitiveness and viability of the aquaculture sector.
- Under Union Priority 3, 92M EUR, thus 17.9% of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) for the collection and management of data as well as for supporting monitoring, control and enforcement.
- Under Union Priority 4, 70,5M EUR, thus 13.7% of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the maintenance of the economic and social sustainability of the Greek 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 through the implementation of comprehensive local development strategies.
- Under Union priority 5, 70,2M EUR, thus 13.6% of the OP allocation will be spent on the measures dedicated to fostering marketing and processing.
- Under Union Priority 6, 5,9M EUR, thus 1.1% of the OP allocation will be spent on measures under integrated maritime policy aiming at improving knowledge on the marine environment, with particular focus on the development of part of CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment).
- 17.037.219 EUR, thus 3.3% 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 Greece.

**Fund**

- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: EUR 381,688,668.

**Financial information**

- Total OP budget: EUR 514,862,006
- Total EU contribution: EUR 381,688,668
- Total national: EUR 133,173,338

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