

Programme Summary

Latvia - Programme for the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund

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1. Programme overview

Total allocation : EUR 192 680 996

EU contribution : EUR 134 876 696

National contribution : EUR 57 804 300

Latvia intends to implement EMFAF Priorities 1, 2 and 3.

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 biological resources	1.1.1. Strengthening economically, Socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. All operations except those supported under Articles 17 and 19	16.938.555	1.016.313
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of biological resources	1.1.2. Strengthening economically, Socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. Operations supported under Articles 17 and 19	1.508.072	90.484
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of 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	3.500.000	210.000
1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of 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	20.231.540	1.213.892

1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of biological resources	1.6. Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	4.900.000	294.000
2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, 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	25.620.000	1.537.200
2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, 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 these products	24.710.000	1.482.600
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	29.834.000	1.790.040

2. Programme Summary

The main objective of the Latvian programme is to achieve a competitive fisheries sector and sustainable aquatic resources to ensure healthy and safe food and a quality and sustainable living environment.

The Latvian programme is in line with the EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies. Within the above objectives Latvia aims to promote new business opportunities in the fisheries sectors, promote innovation, skills, knowledge development and encourage cross-sector collaboration, as well as contribute to the development of fisheries communities. The programme will also focus on environmental sustainability and biodiversity through supporting innovation, research and knowledge sharing, developing environmental services and implementing marine monitoring.

Latvia will implement EMFAF Priorities 1, 2 and 3. Priority 4 is not included in the programme, but marine knowledge will be covered under Specific objective 1.6 of Priority 1.

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

Latvia will make use of EMFAF crisis mechanism to mitigate the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, in particular to compensate operators for their additional costs and income forgone.

Contribution to EU horizontal priorities

Resilience: The Latvian programme supports the resilience and recovery of fisheries sectors, by promoting new business opportunities in the fisheries sectors, innovation, cooperation with science, skills, knowledge development and encouraging the organisation of collective activities, as well as contributing to the development of fisheries communities. The programme addresses the need to strengthen collective crisis management capacity through support for the permanent and temporary cessation of fishing activities, aquaculture stock insurance, and support to producer organisations to anticipate and manage exceptional market disruptions.

Green transition: The Latvian programme recognises the need to invest in energy efficiency, decarbonisation, climate change mitigation and adaptation through new technologies and innovation. Latvia will support investments in aquaculture with a lower environmental impact and development of organic aquaculture, more selective fishing gears, improving the quality of fish habitats and migration routes, and restoring ecosystems in inland areas. The potential for developing circular economy is addressed in the programme. With community-led local development activities Latvia plans to promote environmental services, including ecosystem restoration and conservation.

Based on the budget allocation, the programme contributions to fight **climate change** and protect the **environment** represent respectively **61%** and **65%** of the total EU allocation, which is well above the 30% target for contribution to climate change objectives. The contribution of the programme to **biodiversity** amounts to **41%**.

Digital transition: In the Latvian programme, digitalisation is addressed with the aim to improve traceability, control and enforcement measures and data collection through the digitalisation of processes. Latvia also aims to support innovation into new digital solutions to both boost economic competitiveness and improve resource efficiency.

Added value of public investment: The programme aims at promoting long term improvement of the sector. Latvia has carried out a market analysis for the use of financial instruments. Following an additional assessment a decision whether to implement financial instruments in support of the EMFAF will be taken.

3. Partnership Agreement

The Latvian Partnership Agreement was adopted on 21 October 2022.