

# EMFF support for monitoring and reporting: moving towards a culture of compliance

*Workshop on digital tools for monitoring and control of small scale fisheries*

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# The EMFF: the financial arm of the CFP

- The European Fund to support the objectives of the CFP
- EUR 6.4 billion for 2014-2020
- EUR 6.14 billion proposed for 2021-2027 (negotiation in progress)
- Most of the Fund implemented through national programmes

# Support to the fisheries control system

- Objective of an « effective Union fisheries control system » (Article 36 of the CFP Regulation):
  - Cooperation and coordination between Member States, the Commission and the Agency
  - Use of efficient control technologies for the availability and quality of data on fisheries
  - Union framework for control, inspection and enforcement
  - Development of a culture of compliance and cooperation among all operators and fishermen
- Ring-fenced amounts for control as a priority challenge

# Who can receive support?

- Member States for carrying out their control and inspection obligations (including support for their operational costs in the context of SCIPs)
- Fishermen for developing new practices and using new technologies

**Beneficiaries bring the ideas, the EMFF brings the money**

# What can be supported?

- **Development and installation of technology and digital tools – hardware and software** (e.g. remote electronic monitoring systems, electronic recording and reporting systems, vessel monitoring systems, automatic identification systems)
- **Know-how, skills and expertise** for both public administrations and fishermen (e.g. training schemes, dissemination of information, exchanges of good practices)
- **Purchase and development of control means by Member States** (e.g. patrol vessels, IT systems, monitoring technologies, data management and sharing)
- Context of the **revision of the control regulation**: eligibility of compulsory tracking and electronic reporting systems for small-scale vessels

# How support is granted

- EMFF programmes managed by Member States according to their needs – national eligibility rules and selection criteria
- Public expenditure co-financed by EU and Member State (85% EU)
- 100% public support for small-scale fishermen (85% for others)
- Tailor-made forms of support: direct grants, collective projects, local partnerships (« CLLD »), technical assistance
- Role of the Commission:
  - ensure that national programmes are targeted to the needs (sea basin analyses, ring-fenced amounts)
  - provide assistance to Member States in the implementation of the programme
  - implement complementary actions at EU level

# Conclusion

- Innovative data management and fisheries monitoring systems are essential to address the challenges of the CFP
- Digital tools have a cost: EU public money support it
- The EMFF is a tool for enhancing innovative ideas and good practices – creativity and innovations welcomed
- The CFP relies on fishermen: importance of developing a culture of compliance
- Developing collective projects and cooperation at local level