

## Information Note

### European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund - Programme for Italy

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#### 1. Programme overview

Total allocation: 987.290.803 EUR

EU contribution: 518.216.830 EUR

National contribution: 469.073.973 EUR

IT implements all EMFAF Priorities (1, 2, 3 and 4)

Priority 1 (49%) – 466,85 MEUR

Priority 2 (32,85%) – 340,43 MEUR

Priority 3 (10%) – 103,81 MEUR

Priority 4 (1,35%) – 14 MEUR

TA (6%) –62,18 MEUR

Priority	Specific objective	Union contribution
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.1.1. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. All operations other than those supported under Articles 17 and 19	61.000.000,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.1.2. Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities. Operations supported under Articles 17 and 19	7.000.000,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.2. Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels	2.500.000,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.3. Promoting the adaptation of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contribution to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities	61.500.000,00

1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.4. Promoting effective control and enforcement of fisheries rules, including in the fight against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making	86.000.000,00
1. Promoting sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources	1.6. Contribute to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems	40.000.000,00
2. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities and the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thereby contributing to food security in the Union	2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, in particular enhancing the competitiveness of the aquaculture industry, while ensuring that activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term	73.000.000,00
2. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities and the processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thereby contributing to food security in the Union	2.2. Promoting the marketing, quality and added value of fishery and aquaculture products and the processing of such products	97.216.474,00
3. Promoting a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and internal regions and promoting the development of fishing and aquaculture communities	3.1. Encouraging a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and internal regions and promoting the sustainable development of fishing and aquaculture communities	51.907.347,00
4. Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans	4.1. Enhancing sustainable management of seas and oceans by promoting marine knowledge, maritime surveillance and/or cooperation on coast guard functions	7.000.000,00
5.1. Technical assistance in accordance with Article 36(4) CPR	5.1. Technical assistance in accordance with Article 36(4) CPR	31.093.009,00

## 2. Programme Summary

IT takes into consideration in the new Programme the EU policy priorities outlined in the European Green Deal, Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies.

On Fisheries there are commitments on BDS, Fleet measures, clear links with the aim to decarbonize (both with engine replacement intervention and other fleet related investments without changes of engines), MPAs development is explained, targeted contribution to conservation policy (CFP, MAPs, etc.) is presented, SSCF are presented as priority, innovation is present with focus also on Good Environmental Status. Marine litter action is covered. Compensation schemes to support sectors from health crisis are proposed. Control and DCF allocation is set at 16,5% of the budget. On Aquaculture, interventions are in line with the National Aquaculture Plan while decarbonization and circular economy are also supported. National

Aquaculture Plan adopted. CLLD orientation has link to S3. Marine knowledge, CISE and coastguard cooperation support are proposed. OSIs reported:

- Actions to increase the competitiveness of small-scale coastal fishing and increase its income conditions through diversification, promotion of production and trainings.
- Action to implement the downsizing of the fleet to adapt the fishing capacities to the fishing opportunities
- Investments on the efficiency and the innovation of control activities to improve data collection with particular attention to discards, unwanted catches, and accidental catches of sensitive species.
- Innovating the aquaculture sector with operations aimed at developing/introducing new or improved processes/products/equipment, marketing techniques to revitalise their positioning on the market, and ensuring consumer food safety.
- Actions to improve the resilience, stability, transparency and fair competition, awareness-raising and communication to the general public on the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture products will be supported.
- Strategies for the growth of a sustainable blue economy in coastal and island areas to support the sustainable development of fishing and aquaculture communities and inclusive territorial growth; support will be given to the constitution and the strategies adopted by the LAGs.
- Focus on coordination, training and information sharing to meet national needs in the Mediterranean basin, as provided for in the EUMSS Action Plan by strengthening the functionality of fisheries monitoring and reporting systems managed by EFCA.

IT commits to use FIs. On performance framework, the indicators selected and setting are clear and balanced. Complementarities with RRF are specified. HECs are fulfilled. Climate change contribution: 56 %. Technical assistance (Art 36(4) CPR): 5.9%.

Contribution to EU horizontal priorities:

1) Resilience

Compensation schemes to support sectors from health crisis are proposed. Promotion of work of POs to support resilience is also addressed.

## 2) Green transition

Full set of actions are presented: clear links with conservation measures, PC and TC actions (targets of what to achieve included), actions on gear selectivity, decarbonization and energy efficiency, engine replacement and health and safety, support to FRAs, marine litter. First acquisition of fishing vessels is capped to specific fleet segment (less than 12 metres) and minimum numbers. There is commitment to create new MPAs. On aquaculture support to organic aquaculture, quality labelling and certification of products are mentioned. LAGs part has references to S3 (IT has regions where Blue Economy is in local S3s). Good Environmental Status actions are spelled out and linked with ENV policy objectives (e.g. PAFs).

## 3) Digital transition

Innovation is emphasised as a key area of the programme, including wide range of innovative solutions. Links on digital transition are established through the support on SO 1.4 for Control.

## 4) Added value of public investment

IT commits to use FIs on fisheries, aquaculture, processing and CLLDs. SCOs will be used for compensations.

## **Partnership Agreement (PA)**

The EMFAF is mentioned under the PA Policy Objective 2 and 5.