

FARNET work plan 2021

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Specific objectives of the FSU

- Capacity building
- Disseminating information
- Exchanging experiences and best practices
- Supporting cooperation between the FLAGS



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FARNET – more projects, events and great content! 2020 ended with some good news. The last three months of the year saw an additional 304 FLAG projects starting. This takes the total number of EMFP-funded CLLD projects to more than 7 800. Ten countries are involved in almost 500 cooperation projects. This shows that despite the challenges posed by COVID-19 pandemic, FLAGs are still doing their best to support projects and move forward.

FSU events will be taking place online this year, but that doesn't mean that we won't be keeping in touch with you as often as possible. In addition to our virtual events, 2021 will also be a year of



FARNET survey investigates FLAG projects' links to EU Green Deal

The European Union's Green Deal, presented by the European Commission in December 2019, is a set of policy initiatives to make Europe the first climate neutral continent by 2050. It includes the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, which has been described as a comprehensive, systemic and ambitious long-term plan for protecting nature and reversing the degradation of ecosystems.

In this context, it's time to look at how FLAG actions and CLLD can contribute to making the EU's economy sustainable. For that reason, in July 2020 the FARNET research project is a mission to find out how projects...



2021: Four priorities for support to CLLD

- ✓ Effective completion of the 2014-2020 programme
- ✓ Setting up CLLD for the next period
- ✓ Resilient coastal communities for the future
- ✓ Sea basin support

Effective completion of 2014-2020 EMFF CLLD

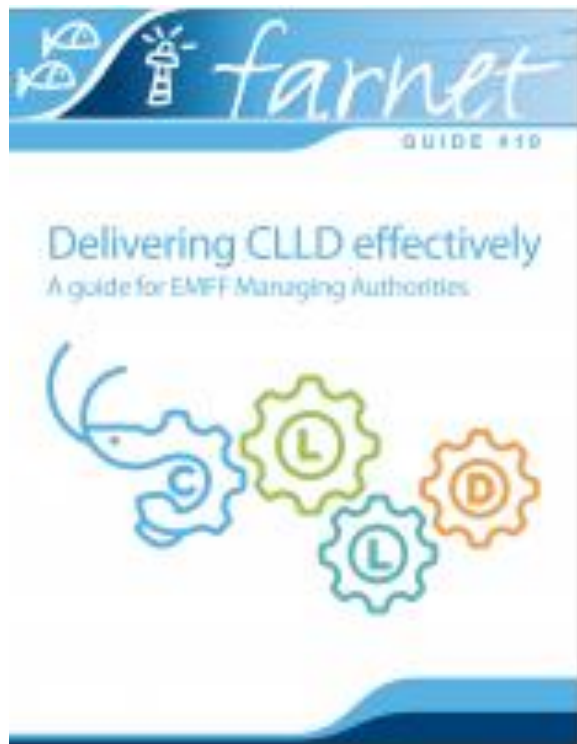


Support to speed up implementation where still needed ...*while ensuring spending is effective*

- ✓ Support to DG MARE
- ✓ Bilateral work with MAs and NNs
- ✓ MA meetings
- ✓ Capacity building meetings for FLAGs
- ✓ Bilateral contact with FLAGs

Setting up CLLD for the next period

- New EMFAF programmes – results oriented, inclusive...
- Improved delivery systems – simple, efficient, facilitating...
- Timely calls for FLAGs – operational in 2022 (?), no funding gap
- Effective FLAG teams – skills, drive, innovative...



- ✓ Support to DG MARE
- ✓ Bilateral work with MAs and NNs
- ✓ MA meetings
- ✓ Atlantic FLAG seminar
- ✓ GUIDE for effective FLAG

Sustainable & resilient coastal communities

- ✓ Strengthening the **social** fabric of coastal communities
- ✓ **Greening** local economies (fisheries, aquaculture and other blue sectors)
- ✓ Making best use of **digital** technology



Sea basin Support - FLAG seminars

- **Med & Black Sea FLAGs** (Quality projects, November 2020)
- **Baltic & inland FLAGs**, 24-26 March (postponed from 2020)
 - **Better local strategies**
 - **Baltic initiatives** and funders
 - **Cooperation clinics**
- **Atlantic & North Sea FLAGs**, 25-28 May
 - **Effective FLAG work** (animation, stakeholder engagement, project selection...)
 - **FLAG Cooperation**
 - **Thematic focus groups** (SSCF, marine energy, aquaculture, algae production... tbc)



Meetings - online

- Sea basin FLAG seminars (March & May)
- **MA & NN meeting, 27-28th April**
 - CLLD in the EMFAF and new CPR
 - CLLD and the Green Deal
 - CLLD indicators (+ focus group 20th April)
 - Launching FLAG selection (+ focus group 21st April)
 - Trilateral meetings: MA-FSU-DG MARE
- **MA & NN meeting, October**
- **Final FLAG seminar: *Resilient coastal communities*, November**

Information & analysis

- Ongoing **information collection**
- Annual– May (internal)
- **Good practices** – on **implementation report**
- **Cooperation** and other **news**
- Ad-hoc **reports**



Reports & resources

Countries

- Any -

Theme

- Any -

FLAG Actions Contributing to the European Green Deal

This study provides information on projects funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund through Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) which contribute to the objectives of the European Green Deal. In particular, it provides information on FLAG projects which contribute to the protection and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity, fostering more sustainable food systems, and moving towards a circular economy. The findings outline that approximately 2 600 FLAG projects support the objectives of the Green Deal and the EU's 2030 Biodiversity Strategy.



...Biodiversity case study coming soon!

Publications

- **Quality Projects Guide**

- *Feb (EN, FR, ES, DE, IT, PL, GR)*

- **Fit for the future: a guide for effective FLAGs**

- *September (EN, FR, ES, DE, IT, PL, LT)*

- **Resilient Coastal Communities**

- *November (EN, FR, ES, DE, IT, PL)*

- **FARNET Magazine** (*November*)

- **FARNET Flash** (*monthly*)





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