

Italy

Operational programme for Fisheries and Maritime 2014-2020

Programme description

Main objectives

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The Operational Programme "Operational Programme EMFF Italy 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Italy (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 the aquaculture sector and processing sector, 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 OP will focus on the following priorities:

- Union Priority 1: 346.111.570,00 EUR, thus 34,5% of the total OP allocation aims at promoting fisheries environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based. The OP will tackle the situation of overcapacity of the Italian fleet and will support actions to achieve an exploitation of resources based on maximum sustainable yield (MSY) also considering the mixed nature of Italian fishing and the exploitation of many fish stocks by different gears and fleet segments. Permanent cessation of fishing activities and on board-investments to increase gear selectivity will be provided in line with the conclusions of the Annual Fleet Report based on scientific and economic data of the fleet and the stocks. Where applicable, aid for temporary cessation is also foreseen. The OP will also support investments in the modernization of fishing shelters and landing sites, health and safety, promotion of innovation and partnerships between fishermen and scientists, development of complementary activities/new forms of income for fishermen and investments allowing fishermen to use and add value in unwanted catches. Specific attention will be paid to small scale coastal fishing which plays an important role in Italy for preservation of employment, generational change, safeguarding local traditions and the start-up of new businesses.
- Union Priority 2: 221.134.830,00 EUR, thus 22,6% of the total OP allocation is aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture. Under this priority axis, the EMFF will support actions to reach the objectives identified by the multiannual national strategic plan for aquaculture in Italy 2014-2020 like enhancing the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises as well as the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems related to aquaculture and the promotion of resource efficient aquaculture.

- Union Priority 3: 120.335.674,00 EUR, thus 12,3 % of the total OP allocation aims at implementing the CFP by supporting the collection and management of fisheries related data and by supporting monitoring, control and enforcement.
- Union Priority 4: 84.860.000,00 EUR, thus 8,7% of the total OP allocation aims at promoting economic and social sustainability of the Italian 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;
- Union Priority 5: 138.088.028,00 EUR, thus 14,1% of the OP allocation will be spent on the measures dedicated to fostering marketing and processing and in the phasing out of storage aid;
- Union Priority 6: 8.891.120,00 EUR, thus 0,9% of the OP allocation will be spent on measures under integrated maritime policy aiming at improving CISE and the knowledge on the marine environment;
- Technical Assistance: 58.686.460,00 EUR, thus 6% 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 Italy

Funds

- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: EUR 537.262.559,00

Financial information

- Total OP budget: EUR 978.107.682,00
- Total EU contribution: EUR 537.262.559,00
- Total national: EUR 440.845.123,00

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