The European Maritime And Fisheries Fund 2014-2020

€6400 M
Allocated in total from 2014-2020.

To help fishermen adapt to sustainable fishing, create jobs for the sector and diversify economies in coastal communities.

The EMFF assists Member States to co-finance operational programmes and projects, to reach the objectives of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy.

It is one of the five European Structural and Investment Funds which complement each other to deliver more jobs, welfare and growth in the EU.

Managed by the European Commission

To support EU-wide objectives in maritime and coastal affairs:
- International governance
- Cooperation through exchange of information and best practices
- Public information and support to networking platforms
- Marine Knowledge
- Maritime Spatial Planning

Managed by the member states

Divided amongst EU countries, the funds are used for:
- Reducing impact of fishing on the marine environment
- More market tools for professionals and consumers
- Joint stewardship of protected areas and Natura 2000 sites
- Special support to small-scale fishermen

Among which:

€4340 M Sustainable Fisheries
- Making fisheries and aquaculture more sustainable and profitable
- Ensuring and creating sustainable jobs
- Local development and support to fisheries areas
- Marketing and processing

€580 M Control and Enforcement
- To monitor compliance with the European Common Fisheries Policy and protect a fair access to healthy stocks:
  - Access to fishing grounds
  - Controlling fishing effort, TACs and quotas
  - Other technical measures to improve selectivity and sustainability

€520 M Data Collection
- To collect the data the scientists need to improve our knowledge of the seas and the long term management of our fisheries:
  - Understanding and monitoring of commercial species
  - Dynamics of single stocks and mixed fisheries
  - Ecological modelling of regional basins

€71 M Blue Economy
- To unlock sustainable growth and job creation from our seas and oceans, in areas such as:
  - Maritime surveillance (CISE)
  - Improved knowledge of the seas and ecosystems
  - Enabling rational exploitation of new marine resources (e.g. energy, biotech)

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