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The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

The EMFF aims to support the diversification and sustainable development of maritime economies. Specific objectives include the following:

- ✓ Helping fisherman to transition to sustainable fishing
- ✓ Helping coastal communities to diversify their economies
- ✓ Financing projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts
- ✓ Making it easier for applicants to access financing

● Methods of implementation

Shared management:

- **Funding:** **90%** of the total EMFF budget is spent under shared management
- **Managed by:** European Commission and Member States through implementation of Operational Programmes
- **Focus:** The sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and the areas where these activities take place

Direct management:

- **Funding:** **10%** of the total EMFF budget is spent under direct management
- **Managed by:** European Commission and EASME through grants and procurements
- **Focus:** The development and implementation of the EU's maritime policy through integrated governance, cross-sectorial initiatives and support for sustainable economic growth

● Focus on Blue Economy Call for 2018

Objective:

To enhance the development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy by awarding grants within three specific funding strands

Budget:

€18.5 million

Strand	About	Budget	Launch date
Blue Labs	Grants will support projects that leverage the skills, creativity, knowledge and competences of young people, local stakeholders, businesses and research institutions to develop innovative solutions for maritime/marine challenges	€5 million	Q4 2018
Blue Careers	Grants will support projects that develop responses to the needs of the blue economy labour market through collaboration between industry and educational institutions	€6 million	Q4 2018
Grants for the blue economy	Grants will support innovative blue economy projects that build on research and development, and require some support to establish themselves in the market	€7.5 million	Q4 2018

Find out more: Work programme 2018

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/c-2017-8146-annex_en.pdf

