

Summary of the Operational Programme for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in Spain

Programme description:

Main objectives:

The Operational Programme (OP) "Fisheries and Maritime 2014-2020" for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in Spain aims at achieving key national development priorities along with the "Europe 2020" objectives. The OP will support the implementation of the general reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) in Spain.

EU funding will support investment in the fisheries, aquaculture and processing industries to boost competitiveness and sustainability. Elements underpinning such a development include adjusting fleet capacity to available resources, reducing energy consumption, developing the production of higher added value products and ensuring environmental sustainability. In this context, particular attention will be paid to measures reducing the impact of fisheries on the marine environment and to protecting aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems through marine protected areas. Funding will also go to projects that improve the livelihood of fishing communities by increased support for Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs), and to supporting Spanish public bodies in enforcing CFP rules and providing sound data for the management of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

Funding priorities:

The Spanish OP is organised around the following priorities:

- € 352.5 million (30% of the total OP allocation) will support the adaptation of the Spanish fleet to an evolving environment in a combined effort to boost its competitiveness and reduce its impacts on the ecosystems. A third of this allocation will go to protecting aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems through marine protected areas and reducing the impact of fisheries on the marine environment.
- € 205.9 million (18% of total EMFF allocation) will go to achieving the objectives of the Spanish national strategic plan for aquaculture (PEAE) that aims at boosting the competitiveness and sustainability of the Spanish aquaculture sector. Actions will aim at minimising the environmental impact of production processes (such as re-circulation systems, closed-loop systems and offshore aquaculture); improving spatial planning by mapping sites suitable for aquaculture; and fostering technological innovation and investment capacity of aquaculture businesses.
- € 155.9 million (13% of the allocation) will go towards compliance with CFP rules regarding control and data collection. It aims to improve scientific assessment of a number of stocks and reinforce various control and inspection schemes carried out by public bodies.
- € 107.6 million (9% of total EMFF allocation) will help increase employment and territorial cohesion in fisheries-dependent areas by creating new jobs and diversifying activities, and creating added value in activities and local products through fisheries local action groups (FLAGs).
- € 274.4 million (24% of total EMFF allocation) will go towards investing in developing new products, processes, conservation techniques, management systems and

commercial strategies for fisheries and aquaculture products, through development of quality labels, better organisation of producer organisations, and a specific compensation scheme for the outermost region of the Canary Islands. A specific focus is the implementation of the discard ban throughout the value chain.

- € 5.3 million (0.5% of total EMFF allocation) will support the appropriate mapping of marine ecosystems, a programme for the exploration of the continental shelf and slope (through surveys) and other measures contributing to increasing marine knowledge (sea bed data, mapping, bathymetric analyses).
- € 59.8 million (5.5% of the financial resources) are allocated to technical assistance in order to ensure efficient administration of EU funding, including support to publicity and information measures as well as evaluations.

Regions:

The programme covers the whole territory of Spain, including the outermost region of the Canary Islands.

Fund:

Financial information:

- Total OP budget: € 1 558 280 753
- Total EU contribution: € 1 161 620 889
- Total national contribution: € 396 659 864

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