



# Towards the new EMFF

## European Maritime Fisheries Fund

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- Budgetary resources under shared management: **EUR 5 520 000 000**
  - ✓ EUR 4 535 000 000 for fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries areas
  - ✓ EUR 477 000 000 control and enforcement measures Art. 78
  - ✓ EUR 358 000 000 measures on data collection Art. 79
  - ✓ EUR 45 000 000 storage aid referred to in Article 72 (digressive)
- Compensation of outermost regions shall not exceed per year:
  - ✓ EUR 4 300 000 for the Azores and Madeira;
  - ✓ EUR 5 800 000 for the Canary Islands;
  - ✓ EUR 4 900 000 for the French Guiana and Réunion;
- Budgetary resources under direct management: **EUR 1 047 000 000**

- MAREMED Regions are concerned about the future of the fishing sector;
- EMFF does not seem to fully cope with challenges affecting the catching sector ;
- Financial resources scheduled for data collection and control would seem overestimates. A part of such envelopes should be dedicated to support of the sustainable development of fisheries ;

## EMFF Structure & Objectifs

- new programming approach : Common Strategic Framework, Partnership Contracts and National Operational Programmes;
- positives aspects linked to the one-fund approach;
- focus on employment and territorial cohesion;
- fostering innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture and fisheries;
- control and data collection;

.....However:

- encouraging diversification without assisting young people setting up in the business (namely in the catching sector);
- focusing on innovation will not be enough to achieving a “ *balanced and inclusive territorial development of fisheries areas*”. Needs for interventions in favour of vessels to improve economic viability, safety and reduce impact on fishery stocks and maritime environment;
- the one-fund approach could lead to more bureaucracy impacting on policy implementation and affecting territorial users;

## MAREMED Regions:

- underline that the current rationale for programming does not leave any room for the expression of regional needs and policies;
- fear that in the EC's proposal not enough efforts have been made to give more room to the expression of regional reality and their policies;
- call for an improved role for Regions regarding both the drafting and the implementation of the National Operation Programmes;

- MAREMED Regions cannot accept ineligible operations quoted by Art. 13 and they call for:
  - ✓ maintaining the EU financial support for decommissioning (phasing out approach) and temporary cessation of fishing activities
  - ✓ maintaining the EU financial support for the transfer of the ownership of a business ;
  - ✓ making eligible EU aids for modernisation and construction of new fishing vessels and experimental fishing ;

## MAREMED Regions:

- although aware of the important role played by diversification for the future of the MED coastal communities, underline that the EC's proposal does not deliver fishing sector with a right equilibrium between diversification and the creation of conditions that encourage a generational renewal of employment (above all as for the catching sector)
- call for introducing specific measures in favour of young people and the generational renewal of employment above all in the catching sector;



### MAREMED Regions:

- fear that measures scheduled by the Art. 33 could not cope with current challenges affecting the catching sector;
- remind to European Parliament and the Council the need of re-thinking the current assessment of fishing capacities;
- underline the key role played by safety on board to make fishing sector attractive for young people ;

### MAREMED Regions:

- do not agree on measures introducing the transferable fishing concessions;
- fear that measures scheduled by the Art. 34 could not cope with challenges affecting the catching sector (e.g. generational renewal of employment);

## MAREMED Regions:

- agree on the need of improving actions in favor of innovation and selectivity;
- regret some limits imposed by the proposal for the next EMFF (e.g. the support shall not be granted more than once during the programming period for the same Union fishing vessel and for the same type of equipment)

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- do not agree on the limits imposed by the article which do not allow EMFF to finance the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines

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- underline that the ban of discards and the obligation of landing all catches poses a certain number of problems for the Mediterranean fleet;
- remind the necessity of re-thinking the current criteria for the assessment of fishing capacity;
- welcome measures scheduled by Art. 41;

## MAREMED Regions:

- generally speaking welcome measures scheduled by the EMFF in favour of aquaculture ;
- are currently concerned about the role played by off-shore and non-food aquaculture ;
- regret that measures en favour of public health, stock insurance are not included in a larger framework covering pollution and climate change impacts ;

## MAREMED Regions:

- Regrets the role that regional governments are expected to play (e.g. selecting of local development strategy; funds management; project selection; etc...)
- welcome diversification (partial reorientation) of fishing activities (e.g. Pescaturismo; ittiturismo; etc..)
- as for pescaturismo, underline that many efforts still be made to cope with problems linked to each national legislative framework;

## MAREMED Regions:

- welcome the new role given to Producer Organisation and marketing measures;
- do not agree on measures dealing with storage aid (digressive approach)
- regret the lack of measures facing market evolutions leaded by the implementation of the MSY model;





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