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EMFF: a direct contribution to Blue Growth

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**Launch of the Blue Growth Calls under EMFF
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- **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund –**
key EU funding instrument to support:
 - **Common Fisheries Policy**
 - **Integrated Maritime Policy**
- **EMFF actions supporting Blue Growth -**
implemented by **EASME**



EASME:

- 1 of 7 Executive Agencies
- Cluster expertise on EU funding programme implementation
- Help EC policy services focus on their core business



EC sets:

- policy objectives
- policy priorities

EA implements:

- Preparation of calls
- Information, promotion, guidance
- Selection of bids and proposals
- Management of contracts, payments
- Monitor and control implementation
- Provide policy feedback



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- Collaborates with **7 EC Directorates General**:
GROW – RTD – CONNECT – ENVIRONMENT
CLIMATE – ENERGY - MARE
- Manages EU funding programmes in **4 areas**:



- Implements **grants & procurement** in support of:
 - Sustainable growth and jobs
 - Research and innovation
 - Environmental protection

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The EASME manages programmes on behalf of the European Commission, turning EU policies into action.

2014 – 2020
€ 10 bn

Enterprise Europe Network
@EEN_EU

COSME the EU programme for the Competitiveness of SMEs

€ 0.8 BN*

Horizon 2020 SME Instrument

@H2020SME € 3.1 BN*

Horizon 2020 Energy Efficiency

@H2020EE € 0.8 BN*

EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)

@euenergyweek

CIP Eco-innovation

LIFE the EU Programme for the Environment and Climate Action

@LIFE_Programme € 3.1 BN*

Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE)

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

€ 0.34 BN*

Horizon 2020 Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials

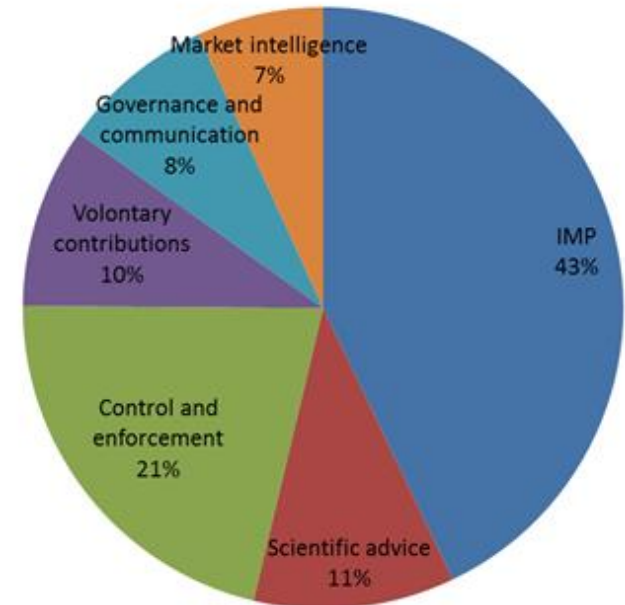
@EU_ecoinno € 2.7 BN*

Sustainable Industry Low Carbon II (SILC II)



- 1 of 5 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)
- **€ 6,4 bn** for 2014-2020:
 - 90% in shared management with Member States
 - 10% in direct management at EU level

2014 & 2015 work programme
Type of expenditure



IMP aims at
a more **coherent approach** to maritime issues
and better **coordination** between policy areas

Why?

- **Inter-connected** industries and human activities at sea
- **Save time and money** by **sharing data**
- For efficient and effective **cooperation between decision-makers**





Blue Growth

the long term strategy for sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors as a whole.



Three components:

1. Develop areas with high potential for **sustainable jobs and growth**
2. Increase **knowledge, legal certainty** and **security** for the blue economy
3. **Sea basin strategies** for **tailor-made measures** and **cooperation** between countries sharing a sea basin



EMFF actions supporting Blue Growth



EASME implements EMFF actions that:

- Provide **evidence base** and **assistance mechanisms** for the blue economy – studies and platforms
- Collect **marine data** once to use it multiple times and ways - EMODnet
- Coordinate human activities at sea – **maritime spatial planning**
- Improve **maritime surveillance** and **security** – CISE, coast guards cooperation
- Focus on cooperation in **sea basins**





Support business, training, research, authorities, clusters to cooperate and develop new or missing capacities supporting the blue economy

Cooperation projects

- Blue Careers 
- Blue Labs 
- Blue Technology 



Communication on Innovation in the Blue Economy (2014)

Blue economy development in Europe

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**Skilled and
qualified
workforce**



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**Interdisciplinary
R&D and
innovation across
sectors**



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**Research results
and technological
innovation faster
to the market**





Maritime policy – EC – DG MARE

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/index_en.htm

EMFF funding opportunities - EASME

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/funding-opportunities>

EMFF funding opportunities – MARE

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/financial_assistance/index_en.htm

Other EU funding programmes - EASME

<https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en>



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FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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