The European Maritime And Fisheries Fund 2014-2020

€6400 M
Allocated in total from 2014-2020.

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:

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

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

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

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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