

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

Programme description

The main objectives of the Programme

The main objectives of the Programme are related to enhancing the competitiveness of the fisheries and aquaculture sector as well as of the sustainability of sea fisheries and the protection of natural resources. To improve the overall situation of the fisheries, Croatia intends to first increase the added-value of catches, support financially the fishermen for temporary ceasing their activity and to modernise the fishing infrastructure. Secondly, Croatia intends to stimulate the environmental protection and resources conservation. The Programme also aims at improving the market organisation of fisheries products by establishing the first producers' organisations in Croatia and by organising promotional and communication campaigns.

Funding priorities

The Croatian OP will focus on the following priorities:

- 86,827,381.00 EUR, thus 34.3% of the total OP allocation aims at the viability and the sustainable development of the Croatian fisheries sector as well as at the protection of the fishing/marine resources. The OP foresees investments for the modernization of fishing shelters and landing sites, for better health and safety, for the promotion of innovation and partnerships between fishermen and scientists, for the development of complementary activities /new forms of income for fishermen and for investments allowing fishermen to use and add value in unwanted catches (Union Priority 1). Moreover, innovation, improvement of energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change have also been identified as key measures. Permanent cessation of fishing activities and on board-investments to increase gear selectivity are also provided on the condition that the need for this will be confirmed in the conclusions of the Annual Fleet Report based on scientifically based fisheries and economic data.
- 55,261,186.00 EUR, thus 22% of the total OP allocation is aimed at fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture (Union Priority 2). Under this priority axis, the EMFF will support productive investments in aquaculture as well as investments aiming at enhancing competitiveness of the aquaculture sector.
- 34,824,000.00 EUR, thus 13.8 % of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy CFP (Union Priority 3) for the collection and management of data as well as for supporting monitoring, control and enforcement of fishing activities.

- 18,954,045.00 EUR, thus 7.5% of the total OP resources are allocated to promoting the maintenance of the economic and social sustainability of the Croatian fisheries and aquaculture areas, the creation of jobs and the diversification within and/or outside fisheries and aquaculture sectors and the sustainable exploitation of related products (Union Priority 4) through the implementation of comprehensive local development strategies.
- 40,617,938.00 EUR, thus 16% of the OP allocation will be spent on the measures dedicated to fostering marketing, processing, and storage aid (Union Priority 5).
- 1,000,000.00 EUR, thus 0.4% of the OP allocation will be spent on measures under integrated maritime policy (Union Priority 6) aiming at improving knowledge on the marine environment, with particular focus on the development of part of CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment).
- 15,158.588.00 EUR, thus 6% of the OP resources are allocated to technical assistance in order to ensure efficient administration of the EU funding, including support to publicity and information measures as well as evaluations.

Regions

The whole territory of Croatia is covered.

Fund

- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: EUR 252,643,138.

Financial information

- Total OP budget: EUR 348,759,346.00
- Total EU contribution: EUR 252,643,138.00
- Total national: EUR 96,116,208.00

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