

## **Summary of the Operational Programme for support from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the UK**

### **Programme description:**

#### **Main objectives:**

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

The UK objectives are defined under 4 main policy goals:

1. Adapting the fisheries sector to the requirements of the reformed CFP – focused on the transition of the fleet to sustainably managed and discard-free fisheries, innovation
2. Fostering growth potential across the fisheries, aquaculture and processing supply chains - through support for innovation, onshore and offshore investments in infrastructure
3. Supporting the increased economic, environmental and social sustainability of the sector – through efficient use of natural resources, support policies that will attract and maintain people in coastal areas, improve local governance etc
4. Fulfilling the UK's enforcement and data collection obligations – by developing IT tools and technologies to support control and enforcement, improving the traceability of fisheries products, adapting data collection to respond to the new requirements of the reformed CFP

#### **Funding priorities:**

The UK OP is organised around the following priorities:

- Union Priority 1 (UP1): € 67,487,315 (28%) will aim at striking the right balance between fisheries activities, environmental protection and thus contributing to the sustainable development of the fisheries sector. The accent is put on innovative research projects whose outcomes will add value to the sector, energy savings and scientific knowledge.
- Union Priority 2 (UP2): € 19,327,305 (8%) is focused on supporting innovative projects to help expand production while improving sustainability of the sector. Funding will also support greater profitability in the sector through improvements in predator control, the potential of new species being cultured, opening up of new aquaculture locations and diversification in income through complementary activities.
- Union Priority 3 (UP3): € 97,633,875 (40%) will go towards the implementation of control, inspection and enforcement system as required by the CFP as well as the collection, management and use of data required by the CFP
- Union Priority 4 (UP4): € 13,583,840 (6%) for fisheries and aquaculture dependent communities to diversify their economies and bring added value to their fishing activities through improved local marketing and supply chain logistics.
- Union Priority 5 (UP5): € 27,243,978 (11%) will focus on investments in the development of new or improved products, as well as marketing and promotional

campaigns. The Producer Organisations will be supported to take a greater role in production and marketing.

- Union Priority 6 (UP6): € 5,334,672 (3%) will support the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and an effective marine planning process. Funding will be used to establish baselines and monitoring to tackle more complex issues such as cumulative impacts, future analysis and filling knowledge gaps.
- € 12,528,452 (4%) is allocated to technical assistance in order to reinforce the implementation system, ensure efficient administration of the EU funding, including support to reducing burden on beneficiaries, improving e-administration and publicity and information measures.

### **Fund:**

Financial information:

- Total OP budget: € 309,993,982
- Total EU contribution: € 243,139,437 (co-funding of 78.43%)
- Total national contribution: € 66,854,545

### **Managing Authority:**

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