

# OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA FOR THE PERIOD 2014-2020



### The general legislative framework

- Financial Regulation Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union
- Regulation 1303/2013/EU Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
- Regulation 508/2014/EU Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

IMPLEMENTING AND DELEGATED REGULATIONS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED REGULATIONS







### Legislative framework in the field of horizontal policies

Directive 92/43/EEC – Habitats Directive
Directive 2009/147/EC - Birds Directive
Directive 2000/60/EC – Water Directive

Directive 2008/56/EC - Marine Strategy Framework Directive

Promotion of the equality between men and women and non-discrimination

Sustainable development and the implementation of measures that contribute to mitigating or adapting to climate change





## Objectives of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund:

- The implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy
- Focus on people and fishing communities, related to fisheries and aquaculture
  - Promoting development of aquaculture in European Union
- Long-term financing of integrated maritime policy







### The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund is one of the funds included in the Common Strategic Framework

**EU** level

Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

ERDF, ESF, CF, EAFRD, EMFF

**National** level

Partnership Agreement ERDF, ESF, CF, EAFRD, EMFF

**National level** 

Operational Programme for COHESION FUNDS Rural Development Programme (EAFRD)

Operational Programme for EMFF







THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT between Slovenia and European Commission for the period 2014–2020 was approved on 30 October 2014: a strategic document that contains an analysis of needs, differences and growth potential, on the basis of which identification of measures and expected results is made for the selected thematic objectives for the five European Structural and Investment Funds.

OP EMFF 2014-2020 was approved with European Commission implementing decision on 22. 7. 2015 C(2015) 5168 on approval of Operational Programme for the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014-2020, number CCI 2014SI14MFOP001.







### Allocated Funds

Sustainable development of fisheries, aquaculture and fisheries areas, measures for marketing and processing and technical assistance	19.440.000
Control and enforcement	1.922.834
Data collection	2.343.474
Storage aid	102.806
Integrated Maritime Policy	1.000.000
TOTAL:	24.809.114







### FINANCIAL ASSETS FOR OP EMFF

# **EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION: 24.809.114,00**

NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION: 7.838.246,88

TOTAL: 32.647.360,88







## CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEMATIC OBJECTIVES

THEMATIC OBJECTIVE	CONTRIBUTION (euro)
3) enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs of the fishery and aquaculture sector	12.509.834,00
(6) preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency	10.424.555,00
(8) promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility	7.066.667,00

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### **UNION PRIORITIES**

- 1) Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries: 4.066.667,00 EUR
- 2) Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture: 8.000.000,00 EUR
- 3) Fostering the implementation of the CFP: <u>5.224.556,00</u> EUR
- 4) Increasing employment and territorial cohesion: 6.666.667,00 EUR
- 5) Fostering marketing and processing: 4.709.834,00 EUR
- 6) Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy: 1.333.333,00 EUR







### **COMERCIAL SEA FISHING**

#### **Economic efficiency-SMART GROWTH**

- adding value to fishery products with allowing fishermen to carry out the processing, marketing and direct sale of their own catches
- restoration of the vessels to assure better safety and health on the vessels
- additional sources of income through diversification of main activities

#### Sustainable fishing in accordance with the reform of the CFP - SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

 encouraging the involvement of fishermen in the management, restoration and monitoring of Natura 2000 sites and other marine protected areas (ecosystem services for biodiversity)

#### Social sustainability - INCLUSIVE GROWTH

- support to fishing communities
- growth and employment through the exchange of good practices, acquiring new knowledge and skills
- support to social dialogue







### Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries – UP 1

- Health and safety improving hygiene, health, safety and working conditions for fishermen, the EMFF may support investments on board or in individual equipment provided that those investments go beyond the requirements under Union or national law (Article 32 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Temporary cessation of fishing activities support measures for temporary cessation of fishing activities in accordance with adopted management plans (Article 33 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Support for the design and implementation of conservation measures and regional cooperation support to regional cooperation in the field of Common Fisheries Policies (Article 37 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems implementation of sustainable fishing activities, better management of protected areas, increasing environmental awareness (Article 40 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Added value, product quality and use of unwanted catches support to investments that add value to fishery products, in particular by allowing fishermen to carry out the processing, marketing and direct sale of their own catches (Article 42 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Fishing ports, landing sites and shelters— support for investments on improving the infrastructure of fishing ports and landing sites that were not improved yet (Article 43 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

4.066.667,00 EUR



### **AQUACULTURE**

- Economic efficiency—SMART GROWTH:
- an increase in production potential and improvement of existing objects
- adding value to products, through direct sell of products, processing and marketing
- additional sources of income through diversification of main activities
- innovations
- Sustainable aquaculture SUSTAINABLE GROWTH:
- promotion of aquaculture with high level of environmental protection and provision of environmental services
- Social sustainability INCLUSIVE GROWTH
- integration, networking, exchange of good practices
- investments in human capital (acquisition of new knowledge, skills)







### Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture – UP 2

- Innovations developing technical, scientific or organisational knowledge, introducing new aquaculture species in aquaculture farms and development of new sustainable production methods in aquaculture (Article 47 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Productive investments in aquaculture classic productive investments, the diversification of aquaculture production and species cultured and implementation of sustainable aquaculture (closed systems) (Article 48 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Promotion of human capital and networking professional training, lifelong learning, the dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge and innovative practices, the acquisition of new professional skills in aquaculture; networking and exchange of experiences and best practices (Article 50 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Increasing the potential of aquaculture sites the identification and mapping of the most suitable areas for developing aquaculture, taking into account, where applicable, spatial and environmental planning processes (Article 51 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Conversion to eco-management and audit schemes and organic aquaculture the conversion of conventional aquaculture production methods into organic aquaculture (Article 53 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Aquaculture providing environmental services development of aquaculture methods compatible with specific environmental needs and subject to specific management requirements resulting from the designation of NATURA 2000 areas (Article 54 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)
- Public health measures compensation to mollusc farmers for the temporary suspension of harvesting of farmed molluscs (Article 55 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

8.000.000,00 EUR





## Fostering the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy UNION PRIORITY 3

# Control and enforcement in fisheries Data collection in fisheries

5.224.556,00 EUR







## Increasing employment and territorial cohesion UNION PRIORITY 4

- Providing support
- The implementation of local development strategies (including running costs and animation for the operation of local action groups for fisheries)
- Cooperation activities

6.666.667,00 EUR







## Fostering marketing and processing UNION PRIORITY 5

**Storage aid (Article 67 of Regulation 508/2014/EU)** 

Marketing measures for fishery and aquaculture products - creating producer organisations, conducting market surveys, contributing to the traceability of fishery products, conducting national and promotional campaigns (Article 68 (1) a,d, e, g of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

Processing of fishery and aquaculture products (Article 69 of regulation 508/2014/EU)

4.709.834,00 EUR





## Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy UNION PRIORITY 6

Integrated Maritime Policy (Article 80 (1)a of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

Supporting the protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of marine resources — monitoring of Nature protected species (Article 80 (1)b of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment

supporting the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework
 Directive (Article 80 (1)c of Regulation 508/2014/EU)

1.333.334,00 EUR







### PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

### (Chapter 7 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

Union Priority	Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries		
Result indicator and its measurement unit , where necessary	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023	
Financial indicator (EUR)	587.333,00	2.400.000,00	
1.3. Added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters	1,00	3,00	
Union Priority	Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative,	competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	
Result indicator and its measurement unit , where necessary	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023	
Financial indicator (EUR)	762.666,00	4.133.333,00	
2.2. Productive investments in aquaculture	8,00	25,00	
Union Priority	Fostering the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy		
Result indicator and its measurement unit, where necessary	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023	
Financial indicator (EUR)	1.478.243,00	5.224.556,0	
3.1 Control and enforcement	5,00	15,0	
3.2. Support for the collection, management and use of data	1,00	2,0	







### **PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

### (Chapter 7 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

Union Priority	Incre	easing employment and territorial cohesion	
Result indicator and its measurement uni necessary	t , where	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023
Financial indicator (EUR)		1.229.333,00	6.146.667,00
4.1. Number of local development strategies		4,00	4,00

	Union Priority	Fostering marketing and processing		
ı	Result indicator and its measurement unit , where necessary	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023	
	Financial indicator (EUR)	1.036.687,00	3.340.361,00	
	5.3. Processing	4,00	10,00	

Union Priority	Fostering the implementation of the IMP		
Result indicator and its measurement unit , where necessary	Target value for 2018	Target value for 2023	
Financial indicator (EUR)	156.806,00	691.667,00	
6.2. Protecting and improving the knowledge of the marine environment	1,00	3,00	







## Main actions planned to achieve a reduction in administrative burden (section 3.4.2 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

PROGRAMMED MEASURES	EXPECTED RESULTS	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME (BEGINNING AND E	ND)
Clear instructions and transparent	Efficient preparation and implementation of	2015	2022
documentation, which must be attached to	projects by the beneficiaries		
the application or request			
Acquisition of data from public records	Quicker preparation of the application	2015	2022
A possibility of applying for several	Mitigation of administrative burden for the	2015	2022
different investments with one application	applicant		
under the same measure, where possible			
A complete establishment of an	Mitigation of administrative burden for	2015	2023
information system for the submission of	applicants and administration		
electronic applications			
The establishment of a unified web portal	Better provision of information for potential	2015	2022
for all ESI Funds: the web site of the OP	investors and beneficiaries		
EMFF 2014-2020 – the publication of			
conditions of eligibility, criteria, etc.			
A public presentation of the OP EMFF 2014-	Informing the public about the possibility of	2015	/
2020 and a related discussion	the absorption of the EMFF funds		
Presentations of invitations to tender for	Informing potential investors about	2015	2022
individual measures (event, media	conditions, criteria and methods for		
publications)	application preparation		
A presentation of examples of good	Informing potential investors about the	2015	2022
practices in relation to project preparation	procedures and methods for the fastest		
(web site, workshops, etc.)	possible preparation of the application		
The establishment of a forum and		2015	2022
enhanced professional assistance	administration and a potential investor or a		
	beneficiary		
Promoting dialogue between the sector,		2015	2023
national institutions and local action groups			
on problems related to legislation			
Preserving stable and experienced	Efficient support to the OP EMFF 2014-2020	2015	2023
employee structure	implementation and consequently effective		2020
	absorption of the EMFF funds		
The use of experience gained in the 2007-	Successfully established structures and the	2015	2017
2013 programming period for easier and			
faster establishment of the management			
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### The evaluation programme of the Operational Programme (Chapter 10 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

- **Objective:** to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of operations carried out in accordance with the strategy of OP EMFF 2014-2020.
- Evaluation topics:
- the evaluation system will be carried out as a part of an on-going analysis of the values which will be reached within the framework of the indicators in individual operations;
- achieving milestones and indicator target values;
- horizontal objectives, i.e. sustainable development, equal opportunities, non-discrimination and the implementation of measures that contribute to mitigating or adapting to climate change
- Management:
- management authority will ensure an annual data collection and preparation of annual reports which are necessary for an on-going evaluation in accordance with the provisions of European legislation;
- **intermediate body** for the purposes of reporting and evaluation, collects and provides information on the operations under measures that are being implemented in the intermediate body;
- eligible individuals are providing the information necessary for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the OP 2014-2020 EMFF at the level of operations.

### The evaluation programme of the Operational Programme (Chapter 10 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

#### Timeline:

- **ongoing evaluations implemented at an annual level:** analyse the data obtained at the level of completed operations and with regard to objectives;
- evaluations for the preparation of extended annual reports of the implementation of the OP EMFF 2014–2020 for 2017 and 2019 with the help of an external contractor;
- where appropriate **additional evaluation** needs to be carried out during the implementation of the program.
- **Communication:** the findings of all evaluations will be published on the OP EMFF 2014–2020 webpage.
- Resources: Funds necessary for the evaluation plan implementation are provided under technical assistance.
- The role of the Monitoring Committee: The main tasks of the Monitoring Committee of the OP EMFF 2014-2020 is to review the implementation of the program and progress towards achieving the goals, approving the annual report and monitoring the results of the evaluations carried out. The monitoring committee may make recommendations related to the implementation of the OP EMFF 2014-2020 and evaluation, and then monitor the implementation of these recommendations.







# PROMOTION OF THE EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND NON-DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING ACCESSIBILITY FOR DISABLED (Chapter 9 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

- taking the provisions of the relevant internal legislation into account which apply to the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination at all levels and access to all measures regardless the gender, ethnicity, religion or any other personal belief or circumstance will be encouraged;
- Slovenian fisheries sector in terms of representation of men and women:
- better possibilities for the inclusion of women, who are usually not the owners of fishing vessels or fish farms, but family members, thus offering opportunities mainly:
- within the framework of community-led local development;
- possibilities of better integration of all groups also exist within the so-called non-investment measures (education, transfer of knowledge and good practices, etc.) under each Union priority;
- the report on the implemented measures will, where possible and/or reasonable, include data on the inclusion and implementation on the basis of personal circumstances (gender, age, etc.)
- action productive investments in aquaculture investments in improving quality or adding value to products from aquaculture (through direct sell of products from aquaculture) additional 10 points in case investment is enabling access for disabled.





#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### (Chapter 9 of the OP EMFF 2014-2020)

- **SEA FISHING:** puts emphasis on the activities which will contribute to the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity by encouraging the fishermen to use sustainable fishing practices and encouraging the inclusion of fishermen in nature protection projects. For this purpose, environmentally friendly infrastructure in fishing ports will also be encouraged.
- AQUACULTURE: the development of new techniques to reduce the negative impact and/or enhance the positive effects on the environment and conversion to organic production. Sustainable development will also be supported in NATURA 2000 sites.
- **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING AREAS:** the activities of sustainable development of local areas (marine and fresh water) will also take into account the environmental assets of these areas, including activities to mitigate climate change.
- **PROCESSING:** sustainable development will be encouraged through investments for energy saving and reduction of the impact on the environment (efficient waste and waste waters management).

The promotion of sustainable development will be ensured by adequate criteria for the selection of tender applications, namely with a better assessment of projects with a smaller impact on the environment in order to achieve additional effect of sustainable development..





### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OP EMFF 2014-2020**

Confirmation of the selection criteria for operations - confirmation by the Monitoring Committee

National implementing regulation on the implementation of the OP EMFF 2014-2020

National implementing regulation on the implementation of local development led by community

Tender procedure/tender dossier/public procurement

The implementation of operations under measures

Monitoring and evaluation of operations







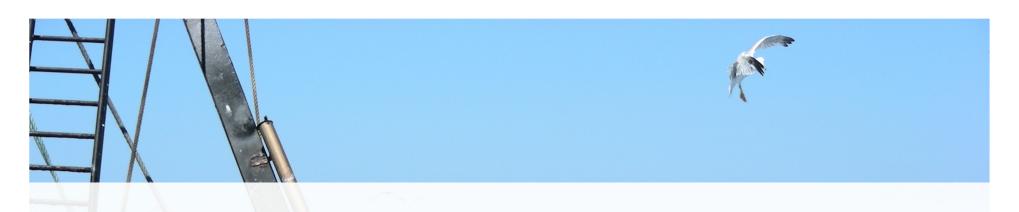


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