



CITIZEN SUMMARY

The implementation of the Operational Programme of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014-2020 in 2016 progressed in accordance with the objectives. Sixteen operations were selected and four local action groups together with strategies in a total value of EUR 11,486,423.40. This represents 35.18% of the total funds, of which the contribution of EMFF is EUR 8,853,757.95 and the national contribution is EUR 2,632,665.46. Five operations were completed, totalling EUR 430,562.10, which represents 1.32% of total funds under OP EMFF 2014-2020, of which EUR 342,991.10 is the contribution of EMFF and EUR 87,571.00 is the national contribution.

All bodies involved in the implementation in 2016 prepared key documents necessary for the implementation of the measures of OP EMFF 2014-2020. The bodies involved in the implementation of the measures of the OP EMFF 2014-2020 are as follows:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food as Managing Authority,
- The Agency for Agricultural Markets and Rural Development as an intermediary body of the Managing Authority and, by ensuring the separation of functions, also the Certifying Authority, and
- Budget Supervision Office as an Audit Authority.

In January 2016, the first constitutive sitting of the Monitoring Committee was held, where the members received general information on the contents of the OP EMFF 2014-2020, the partnership agreement, and the measures, and on the implementation of ex ante conditionalities. The criteria for selecting the operations within individual measures were also confirmed. The second sitting was held in May, where members confirmed the annual report for the reference years 2014 and 2015, and received information on the current state of implementation of the action plan for meeting general and specific ex ante conditionalities, which were successfully met in full by the end of 2016. The Monitoring Committee is composed of representatives of ministries, government departments, offices and public institutions, economic and social partners, local communities, non-governmental organisations and scientific, professional and research bodies. The decision on establishing the Committee and all its activities are available on the website: http://www.ribiski-sklad.si/Odbor_za_spremljanje/

All the details and provisions on the implementation of the measures of OP EMFF 2014-2020 are



defined by the following national implementing regulations:

1) Decree for implementation of the Operational Programme for the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014-2020 for the measures carried out in accordance with calls for proposals. This Decree governs the implementation of those measures where the beneficiary is not the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, and are selected by public calls to tender. These measures are the following:

- Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters;
- Innovations;
- Productive investments in conventional aquaculture;
- Productive investments in environmental aquaculture;
- Promotion of human capital and networking;
- Conversion to eco-management and audit schemes and organic aquaculture;
- Aquaculture providing environmental services;
- Public health measures;
- Processing of fishery and aquaculture products.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, in collaboration with the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Agricultural Markets and Rural Development, in 2016 prepared a proposal of this Decree, which regulates in detail the obligations of the beneficiaries, conditions and criteria for the allocation of funds, conditions for disbursement of funds and financial provisions.

2) Regulation on the implementation of measures and technical assistance from the Operational Programme for the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund in the Republic of Slovenia for the period 2014–2020 carried out in line with public procurement regulations was adopted by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in June 2016 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 39/16); The beneficiary of these measures is the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. These measures are the following:

- Support for the design and implementation of conservation measures and regional cooperation;
- Data collection;
- Control and enforcement;
- Protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems;
- Increasing the potential of aquaculture sites;
- Marketing measures – market surveys and conducting promotional campaigns;
- Integrated maritime surveillance;
- Promoting protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of marine resources;
- Improving knowledge about the state of the marine environment and Technical assistance.

In the framework of these measures the following operations were selected in 2016:

- in the framework of the "Data collection" measure, one operation was selected, namely the National programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 2014-2016 with a total value of EUR 878,802.90.
- in the framework of the "Control and enforcement" measure, four operations were selected with a total value of EUR 1,300,000.00.
- in the framework of Technical assistance, seven operations were selected.

3) Decree on the implementation of community-led local development in the programming period



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2014-2020, which was already adopted in 2015, then two amendments to this Decree were adopted in 2016 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 42/15, 28/16 and 73/16). The measures of the community-led local development in the 2014-2020 programming period are carried out under three European structural and investment funds: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and European Regional Development Fund. These measures are the following:

Preparatory support;

The implementation of the community-led local development strategies, including running costs and animation;

Cooperation activities.

By 28 October 2016, the decision confirmed four fisheries local action groups and their strategies which include the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund: FLAG DOLINA SOČE, FLAG POSAVJE, FLAG ISTRE and FLAG GORENJSKA KOŠARICA. A total of EUR 6,661,314.50 was granted. Confirmed local strategies follow the objectives of OP EMFF 2014-2020 with particular emphasis on creating and preserving jobs and setting up enterprises in selected local areas.

In preparing the implementation of measures of the OP EMFF 2014–2020, in the preparation of all documents the provisions of the relevant internal legislation which relate to the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination at all levels are taken into account and the sustainable development of the fishery sector in the Republic of Slovenia is supported.

Given the implementation of measures in 2016, the sustainable development of the sector is supported in the framework of data collection in the fisheries sector, which indirectly contributes to better management of resources, protection of nature and dissemination of effective nature conservation practices in the field of fisheries.

Information on all beneficiaries and selected operations that have received funding from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund is available on the website of the operational programme in the prescribed CSV format in Slovenian and English. Information on beneficiaries, legal persons and natural persons is published in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 94/07-official consolidated version) and Information Commissioner Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], Nos. [113/05](#) and [51/07](#) – ZUstS-A).

All details on the implementation of the operational programme are available on the following website: <http://ribiski-sklad.si/>



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