

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

established to support the implementation on the reformed CFP and to further develop the EU's Integrated Marine Policy (IMP) by financing some of the priorities identified for the period 2014-2020.

help fishermen in the transition to sustainable fishing

support coastal communities in diversifying their economies

finance projects that create new jobs and improve quality of life along European coasts

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make it easier to access financing.

The new Fund will be used to co-finance projects, along with national funding.

Each country will be allocated a share of the total Fund budget, based on the size of its fishing industry.

Each country will then draw up an operational programme, saying how it intends to spend the money. This programme needs to be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment.

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Once the Commission approves this programme, it is up to the national authorities to decide which projects will be funded.

The national authorities and the Commission will be jointly responsible for the implementation of the programme.

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"In order to stimulate the participation of fishermen in the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems including the services they provide in the framework of sustainable fishing activities, the EMFF may support the following operations:

(a) collection of waste from the sea such as the removal of lost fishing gears and marine litter;

(c) the contribution to a better management or conservation of resources

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(d) Management ...and monitoring NATURA 2000 sites ...

(e) management, restoration and monitoring of marine protected areas in view of the implementation of the spatial protection measures referred to in Article 13(4) of the European Parliament and Council Directive 2008/56/EC;

(f) the participation in other actions aimed at maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services