

European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)

| Information category | Description |
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| Programme name | European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) |
| Objective(s) and scope | <p>The EMFAF runs from 2021 to 2027 and supports the EU common fisheries policy (CFP), the EU maritime policy and the EU agenda for international ocean governance.</p> <p>It provides support for developing innovative projects ensuring that aquatic and maritime resources are used sustainably. The fund helps achieve sustainable fisheries and conserve marine biological resources. This leads to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food security through the supply of seafood products • growth of a sustainable blue economy • healthy, safe and sustainably managed seas and oceans <p>It also helps achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 14 ('conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources'), to which the EU is committed. Furthermore, the EMFAF helps fulfil the objectives of the European Green Deal, the roadmap for the EU climate and environmental policies.</p> |
| Type of finance provider | Public |
| Administering body | National programmes co-financed by the EU budget and EU countries (shared management) and European Commission (direct management) |
| Financing product | Funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046) and financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations |
| Financing value | <p>Total value of EUR 6.1 billion over the period 2021 – 2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared management – EUR 5.3 billion provided through national programmes. • Direct management – EUR 0.8 billion provided by the European Commission |
| Eligible countries | EU Member States |
| Eligibility criteria (if available) | <p>Eligible projects are those that pursue the four priorities of the EMFAF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources. 2. Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union. 3. Enabling a sustainable blue economy in coastal, island and inland areas, and fostering the development of fishing and aquaculture communities. 4. Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling seas and oceans to be safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed. <p>To determine if your project is eligible for EMFAF support, begin by consulting the national authority responsible for managing the operational programme in your country. Then, follow the relevant application procedures. This will allow the managing authority to verify your project's eligibility and assess whether it aligns the relevant selection criteria and investment priorities.</p> |
| Further information on eligibility criteria | <p>Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 outlines the eligibility criteria for support from the EMFAF.</p> <p>Actions supported: FAQ - What are the main actions supported by the EMFAF?</p> |
| Application period | Relevant information on the application period is published by the relevant national authorities in charge of managing the operation programmes in Member States. |
| Technology type | Not specified – Contact the relevant national authorities for more information |
| Technology readiness level (TRL) | Not specified – Contact the relevant national authorities for more information |
| Previous projects financed example(s) | - |

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| Additional information | EMFAF programmes 2021 - 2027 - European Commission (europa.eu) |
| Links | European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Datahub (eisma.eu) EMFAF Frequently Asked Questions Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 establishing the European maritime, fisheries and aquaculture fund and amending regulation (EU) 2017/1004 |
| Contact(s) | List of EMFAF national authorities - European Commission (europa.eu) |

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| Programme name | Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) for the North Sea (EMFAF-2024-PIA-MSP) – European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) |
| Objective(s) and scope | <p>Expected outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that maritime plans are coherent and coordinated across the marine region concerned. • Create a repository of best practices and lessons learnt from the project and a list of achievements of the projects, including in coordination with the European MSP platform. • Produce two "policy briefs", one at mid-term and one at the end of the project, that summarise the main results of the project and their relevance for the implementation of the MSP Directive. <p>Proposals are expected to develop innovative responses to tackle specific challenges that EU Members States might encounter in the implementation and/or revision of their maritime spatial plans. Priorities include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MSP as an enabler of the European Green Deal. 2. Facilitate/enable the development of marine protected areas and economic sectors (e.g. offshore energy, fisheries, aquaculture) in the maritime domain. 3. Apply an Ecosystems Based Approach (EBA) in MSP. 4. Analysis how maritime spatial plans identified and addressed existing and potential tension between different sectors. |
| Type of finance provider | Public |
| Administering body | National programmes co-financed by the EU budget and EU countries (shared management) and European Commission (direct management) |
| Financing product | Funding in any of the forms laid down in the Financial Regulation (Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046) and financing in the form of financial instruments within blending operations |
| Financing value | EUR 2.5 million |
| Eligible countries | EU Member States |
| Eligibility criteria (if available) | <p>Eligible applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be legal entities (public or private bodies) - Be established in one of the eligible counties (EU Member States or non-EU counties in the Atlantic, Baltic Sea, Black Sea, North Seas and the Mediterranean, or have waters adjacent to EU outermost regions. - Be public authorities or bodies in charge of maritime spatial planning of coastal Member States. |
| Further information on eligibility criteria | Further information on eligibility criteria is described in section 6 of the call: EMFAF - Call for proposals - EMFAF-2024-PIA-MSP |
| Application period | From 7 May 2024 until 11 June 2024 17:00h Brussels time |
| Technology type | Not specified |
| Technology readiness level (TRL) | Not specified |
| Previous projects financed example(s) | - |
| Additional information | EMFAF - Call for proposals - EMFAF-2024-PIA-MSP |
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