

European Fisheries Fund (EFF) ex post evaluation and the possible future European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) after 2020.

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General information

The ex-post evaluation open public consultation will examine the general public opinion on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Operational programme (hereafter OP) and its impact in relation to the objectives set out in the European Fisheries Fund (hereinafter 'EFF Regulation') as well as the guiding principles. The consultation will also look into the general public's opinion concerning the possible programming period after 2020. The results of this consultation will be used to provide the basis for future impact assessment of the possible programming period after 2020.

About you:

Please provide us with the following information on your identity.

- * Name of the public authority / international organisation / organisation or company you represent, if any, or your full name as an individual if your reply as such:

- * Full name (first and last name) of the individual respondent:

- * Email address of the individual respondent:

- * Are you replying:

- On behalf of an organisation?
- As a private individual?

- * What is your role in the organisation?

- Company senior management
- Researcher/Academic
- Strategy/Policy function
- Specialist/Expert
- Other

Please specify

* What is your sex?

- Male
- Female

* What is your country of origin (of the organisation when relevant)?

* What is your geographical area of activities?

- Local
- Regional
- National
- European
- International
- Not applicable

* What is your type of activity?

- Fisheries
- Aquaculture firm
- Processing firm
- NGO
- Local Action Group
- Other

* Vessel size

- Owner of a vessel smaller than 12 meters or fisher without a vessel
- Owner of a vessel larger than 12 meters

* Full or part time?

- Full time
- Part time

* Size of the firm - please see [here](#) for definitions

- SME
- Non-SME

* Type of firm

- Freshwater or sea-based
- Closed or open system

* Size of firm - please see [here](#) for definitions

- SME
- Non-SME

* Type

- Local
- Regional
- National
- European
- International

* Active in:

- Fisheries
- Non Fisheries

* Please specify

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Questionnaire

Implementation of the European Fisheries Fund

* 1) Based on your experience has the implementation of the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) been effective in your region and/or sector of activity? Have the desired objectives of the EFF - to support the [Common Fisheries Policy](#) - been achieved in your region and/or sector of activity?

- Yes
- Generally yes, but with some problems
- Generally no, although with some successes
- No
- I don't know

2) Which synergies do you think were present between the EFF and other [European Funds](#) such as European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

3) In case you have not benefited from funding of the European Fisheries Fund, please specify here the reasons for non-participation

* 4) The EU financial support to the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors allowed providing support to groups or policy areas that could not have been sufficiently addressed by national programmes or policies.

- I strongly agree
- I agree
- I disagree
- I strongly disagree
- I don't know / Not applicable

Please provide (an) example(s)

* 5) In which areas was the intervention of the European Fisheries Fund the most efficient (performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort) in terms of level and type of support? Please check all those that apply.

- Adjustment of the fleet (e.g. to support scrapping of fishing vessels)
- Aquaculture, processing and marketing, and inland fishing (e.g. to support the shift to more environmentally friendly production methods)
- Measures of common interest (e.g. to improve product traceability or labelling)
- Sustainable development of fisheries areas (e.g. to support diversification of the local economy)

* 6) What are the key achievements/strengths of the European Fisheries Fund in particular? Please check all those that apply.

- Contributed to achieving a sustainable balance between marine resources and the fishing capacity of the EU fishing fleet
- Contributed to strengthening the competitiveness of the fisheries sector
 - Contributed to supporting the EU fishing fleet through fleet measures such as decommissioning of vessels, replacement of engines and income support to fishermen in the temporary cessation of fishing activity
 - Contributed to fostering the protection and the enhancement of the environment and natural resources where related to the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, in particular the objectives of Common Fisheries Policy
- Contributed to encourage sustainable development and the improvement of the quality of life in areas with activities in the fisheries sector
- Contributed to promoting equality between men and women in the development of the fisheries sector and fisheries areas
- Contributed to creating and maintaining jobs in the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors
- Contributed to supporting the small-scale coastal fisheries sector
- Contributed to creating jobs outside the fisheries sector
- Contributed to fostering diversification within the fisheries sector
- Contributed to the sustainable development of inland fishing

* 7) Has the total level of EU financial support (not per individual member state) for the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors been sufficient? See [here](#) for the most up to date information on EFF spending per axis

- It is broadly sufficient
- More funding is needed
- Less funding is needed

Please explain your answer in the space below

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8) Which type of EU public support for the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors do you believe is the most efficient, effective and represents the most EU added value? Please check all those that apply.

- Direct grants
- Direct support through loans or guarantees instead of grants
- Direct support through a combination of grants and financial instruments such as loans or guarantees
- Indirect support through tax breaks (such as fuel tax concessions)
- Indirect support to fishermen through general services (eg research, data collection, control)
- Support to a local group having the right to decide on the allocation of grants
- No public support is necessary
- Other

Please explain

* 9) Based on your experience with the European Fisheries Fund, what should be the top priorities for any future public financial support and why? Please check all those that apply.

- Achieving a sustainable balance between marine resources and the fishing capacity of the EU fishing fleet
- Strengthening the competitiveness of the fisheries sector
 - Supporting the EU fishing fleet through fleet measures such as decommissioning of vessels, replacement of engines and income support to fishermen in the temporary cessation of fishing activity
- Support for fisheries control and enforcement measures
- Support for scientific data collection
 - Fostering the protection and the enhancement of the environment and natural resources where related to the fisheries and aquaculture sectors, in particular the objectives of Common Fisheries Policy
- Encouraging sustainable development and the improvement of the quality of life in areas with activities in the fisheries sector
- Promoting equality between men and women in the development of the fisheries sector and fisheries areas
- Supporting the small-scale coastal fisheries sector
- Creating and maintaining jobs in the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors
- Creating jobs outside fisheries
- Fostering diversification within the fisheries sector
- Supporting the sustainable development of inland fishing
- Supporting the development of the Integrated Maritime Policy as a potential source of Blue Growth in coastal communities across the EU

Comments

* 10) Which EFF measure should not have been financed with public support (could have been financed by the private sector themselves)? Please check all those that apply.

- Fisheries - Permanent cessation
- Fisheries - Re-assignment outside fisheries
- Fisheries - Re-assignment for creation of artificial reefs
- Fisheries - Temporary cessation
- Fisheries - Investments on board + selectivity
- Fisheries - Improving working conditions on board
- Fisheries - Improving hygiene on board
- Fisheries - Improvement of product quality
- Fisheries - Improvement of energy efficiency
- Fisheries - Improvement of selectivity
- Fisheries - Replacement of engine
- Fisheries - Replacement of gear
- Fisheries - Other investments on board
- Fisheries - Small Scale
- Fisheries - Socio economic compensation
- Aquaculture - Investment to increase production
- Aquaculture - Investment for modernisation
- Aquaculture - Increase hatchery-produced fry
- Aquaculture - Aqua-environment
- Aquaculture - Public health
- Aquaculture - Animal health
- Inland Fisheries
- Processing - Increasing processing facilities
- Processing - Construction, extension, equipment and modernisation in processing
- Common interest - Construction of new marketing establishment
- Common interest - Modernisation of existing marketing establishments
- Common interest - Collective actions
- Common interest - Protection and development of aquatic fauna and flora
- Common interest - Investments in fishing ports and shelters
- Common interest - Investments in restructuring and improving landing sites
- Common interest - Safety related investments for small fishing shelters
- Common interest - Safety related modernisation of small fishing shelters
- Common interest - Development of new markets and promotion campaigns
- Common interest - Pilot Projects
- Common interest - Investment for reassignment of fishing vessels (historical, research, training etc.)
- Community development - Development of fisheries areas
- Technical assistance - Funding for the implementation of the EFF by the member state (such as studies, publicity and information etc.)

The following questions are forward looking (after 2020)

* 11) Based on your experience with the European Fisheries Fund, should public financial support be provided to private enterprises in the fisheries and aquaculture sector after 2020?

- Yes
- No

* What type (direct grants, loans, tax breaks) of public support should be provided? Please check all those that apply.

- Direct grants to fishers and/or aquaculture producers to reduce their operational costs
- Direct grants to fishers and/or aquaculture producers through income support
- Direct grants to fishers and/or aquaculture producers through supporting local communities
- Direct grants to fishers and/or aquaculture producers to reduce the cost of innovating
- Indirect support through tax breaks (such as fuel tax concessions)
- Direct support through loans instead of grants
- Indirect support to fishers and/or aquaculture producers through general services (eg research, data collection, control)
- All of the above
- Other

Please explain

* 12) If the fishing and aquaculture sector is to receive financial support, on which measures should the support focus? Please check all those that apply.

- Income support to fishermen who choose not to fish during a specific time
- Shift toward more environmentally friendly production methods
- Improving the traceability of fisheries and aquaculture products
- The creation of jobs in the fisheries and aquaculture sector
- Support the diversification of local economies
- Create economic growth in the fisheries and aquaculture sector
- None of the above

Additional information

Should you wish to provide additional information (e.g. a position paper, report) or raise specific points not covered by the questionnaire, you can comment or upload your additional document(s) here

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