

# *EMFF OP Monitoring Committee 18 January 2018*

## *Proposal for Programme Modification*

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# Elements of the Proposal

1. Decommissioning Scheme
2. Financial allocation to Sustainable Fisheries Scheme
3. Financial allocation for Fishery harbours
4. Funding for EMFF staff in BIM / SFPA
5. Funding for Brexit mitigation
6. Funding for IT systems for Quota Management
7. Fisheries Apprenticeship Scheme
8. Financial Plan
9. Updating Performance Framework

# Decommissioning

- Grant Thornton Cost Benefit Analysis.
- Recommended against scheme because of the risk of re-entry eroding the benefits.
- Problem was off-register capacity.
- No legally robust solution identified.
- Minister decided that scheme could not proceed when the CBA recommended against it.
- Under EMFF, no Decommissioning allowed after 2017.
- €16m allocation for Decommissioning to be re-allocated.

# Sustainable Fisheries Scheme

- On a precautionary basis was allocated €26m to fund Landing Obligation Projects and others measures for CFP
- While we have funded a number of LO projects, many innovation projects and investments in selective gear and other equipment on board, it is clear that the full budget won't be used.
- Minister has lowered allocation to €16m.

# Fishery Harbour Scheme

- Scheme approved by Monitoring Committee in December 2016.
- However, no financial allocation existed due to other priorities.
- Minister has re-allocated €16m decommissioning funds to this Scheme.
- Call for proposals launched in December 2017.

# Funding for EMFF staff in BIM / SFPA

- Managing Authority approved EMFF funding of 11 staff in BIM and 2 in SFPA to implement EMFF.
- Staff project manage and administer schemes.
- Reflects larger scale of EMFF.
- Funding is through Technical Assistance and costs approx €1 million per year.
- Minister re-allocated €5 m from Sustainable Fisheries Scheme to Technical Assistance budget to fund this.

# Funding for Brexit Mitigation

- Risks of Brexit for the food sector in particular have been well flagged.
- Seafood sector potentially exposed in relation to UK exports.
- Existing €5m Seafood Promotion Scheme focussed on promoting exports and diversifying markets through Trade Fairs.
- Minister has allocated €5m from Sustainable Fisheries Scheme to double the budget for market diversification measures by Bord Bia.

# Funding for IT systems for Quota Management

- Major project underway to modernise IT systems within DAFM, SFPA and BIM to implement CFP, control Regulation and EMFF projects.
- DAFM systems for quota management not fit for purpose for digital economy.
- Pressure on funds available for control and enforcement.
- EMFF allows UP<sub>1</sub> funding of systems for allocation of fishing opportunities, though not selected in IE OP.
- Proposed to add this to OP and in due course allocate unused funds.

# Fisheries Apprenticeship Scheme

- Approved by Monitoring Committee in December 2016.
- Provides aid to SSCF vessel owners to take on an apprentice.
- Commission flagged at time that a technical amendment was needed to OP to select paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 29, before this Scheme could be implemented.

# Financial Plan

- Various amendments proposed require amendment of the OP Financial Plan (page 124).
- The financial Plan shows the financial allocations at a Union Priority level. €5m moves from UP1 to UP5 for Seafood Promotion Scheme. €5m moves from UP1 to Technical Assistance.
- For UP1, the Plan also distinguishes between allocations for decommissioning and for other UP1 measures. €16m moves between these 2 categories to facilitate Fishery Harbour Scheme.

# Updating Performance Framework

- Performance Framework (page 113) specifies certain financial and output milestones to be achieved by end 2018 and targets for end 2023.
- Failure to achieve 2018 milestones for a particular Union Priority requires re-allocation of the 6% Performance Reserve to another better performing Priority.
- Targets for UP<sub>1</sub> were set based on conviction that a €16m Decommissioning Scheme would happen before 2018. Because of the Force Majeure situation of the negative CBA, these targets must now be replaced, based on other measures in UP<sub>1</sub>.

# Existing Performance Framework

**7.1 Table: Performance framework**

<b>Union priority</b>	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries
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<b>Indicator and measurement unit, where appropriate</b>	<b>Milestone for 2018</b>	<b>Targets for 2023</b>
Financial indicator	24,500,000.00	41,500,000.00
1.4 - N° of projects on conservation measures, reduction of the fishing impact on the marine environment and fishing adaptation to the protection of species	25.00	150.00
	<b>Articles 37, 38 &amp; 39</b>	
1.5 - N° of projects on permanent cessation	Decommissioning 25.00	25.00
1.6 - N° of projects on protection and restoration of marine biodiversity, ecosystems	18.00	52.00
	<b>Article 40</b>	

# Revised Performance Framework

7.1 Table: Performance framework

Decommissioning replaced with

- training measures,
- start up support for new fishermen,
- on board investment.

Union priority	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries
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Indicator and measurement unit, where appropriate	Milestone for 2018	Targets for 2023
Financial indicator	14,000,000.00	31,500,000.00
1.4 - N° of projects on conservation measures, reduction of the fishing impact on the marine environment and fishing adaptation to the protection of species	25.00	150.00
1.6 - N° of projects on protection and restoration of marine biodiversity, ecosystems	18.00	52.00
1.9 - N° of projects on promotion of human capital and social dialogue, diversification and new forms of income, start-ups for fishermen and health/safety	30.00	325.00

# Next Steps

- Discussion of proposal with Commission
- Consultation with Monitoring Committee through a written procedure
- Formal submission to Commission
- Approval within 3 months