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Proposal for 3rd Modification of EMFF Programme

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Draft 3rd Programme Modification

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Draft proposal debated at Monitoring Committee
8 December 2020.

The purposes of the December proposal were as follows:

1. To facilitate aid to the aquaculture sector concerning losses arising from Covid-19
2. To partially move funds (€3m) from Priority 5 to Priority 1 in connection with the Seafood Innovation Scheme.
3. To amend a number of output indicators for schemes.



Submission of Modification Proposal paused

Following the Committee meeting, the Managing Authority paused submission of the modification proposal to the Commission for the following reasons:

1. The evolving situation with regard to Covid-19.
2. Uncertainties with regard to the outcome and impacts of Brexit
3. Some concerns about data quality on commitment levels



Main elements of new proposal

December proposal largely stands but with some important changes.

1. Full Seafood Innovation Scheme budget moved to P1
2. Technical transfer within P1 of unspent €1.5m budget line for Covid Tie-up
3. Reallocation of unspent €1.7m Technical Assistance budget

Transfer of Seafood Innovation Scheme budget to Priority 1

Original budget of €7m for scheme within Priority 5.

Legal basis for scheme changed from article 69 (P5) to article 26 (P1).

€1m spent within P5 before change.

Remaining €6m budget should move from P5 to P1, otherwise fisheries budgets would be subsidising a processing scheme.

Transfer within Priority 1 of unspent Covid Tie-up budget

Technical modification of budget lines within Priority 1.

2nd Programme Modification had ring-fenced €1.7m for Covid-19 Temporary Tie-up Scheme.

Tie-up scheme spent €200,000 in 2020.

EMFF Regulation limited Covid aid to 2020, so not possible for any further tie-up scheme to happen.

Remaining budget should be re-allocated back into the general Priority 1 budget to fund grants to the fishing sector in 2021.

Gain of €757 k because of different co-funding rates.



Reallocation of Technical Assistance budget

- Technical Assistance budget of €8m available to the Managing Authority to fund the costs of implementing the Programme.
- Budget anticipated significant costs to the MA to develop a new IT system for the 2021-2027 programme period.
- As funds for grants in 2021 are limited, the Managing Authority proposes to re-allocate the remaining TA budget of €1.7m to Priority 2 to fund grants to the aquaculture sector in 2021.
- IT costs can instead be supported under the 2021-2027 Programme.

Budget Overview

Priority	Present Allocation	Committed	Budget Available	P1 Covid budget	Proposed re-allocation	Post modification budget	Uncommitted
1	57,298,783	61,268,376	-3,969,593	757,341	6,000,000	64,056,124	2,787,748
2	29,800,000	29,101,267	698,733		1,782,310	31,582,310	2,481,043
3	84,924,202	84,924,202	0			84,924,202	0
4	12,000,000	10,392,686	1,607,314		0	12,000,000	1,607,314
5	37,000,000	29,449,130	7,550,870		-6,000,000	31,000,000	1,550,870
6	10,669,344	10,669,344	0			10,669,344	0
TA	8,000,000	6,217,690	1,782,310		-1,782,310	6,217,690	0
Total	239,692,329	232,022,694	7,669,635			240,449,670	8,426,976