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Update on Planning for 2021-27 Programme

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European Maritime Fisheries & Aquaculture Fund

- Political agreement on Regulation December 2020
- Legal / linguistic process
- Enactment anticipated 5 July 2021
- Ireland's allocation of EU funds €142.3 million (EMFF was €147.6m).
- Total Programme budget dependent on Government co-funding to be agreed with Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform.
- Unlike EMFF, no ring-fencing of funds, but modest minimum spend of 15% required for Data Collection & Control & Enforcement.

Public Consultation

Preparation of Ireland's Seafood Development Programme 2021-27

December 2019



Programming Process to date

MC brain storming SWOTs for Fisheries, Aquaculture , Processing – May 2019

MC debate on key environmental challenges for 2021-27 (climate change, biodiversity, marine litter) - December 2019

Public Consultation over 2 months January to February 2020

Bilateral discussions with key stakeholders Feb/March 2020

Desk Review of Policy Environment / literature 2020

Monitoring Committee Workshop on SWOT & investment Needs Analyses - January 2021

Consultation with Commission on SWOTs & Investment Needs Analyses – January 2021

FAME Working Paper on Programme Template published March 2021

Seafood Sector Taskforce

- Seafood Sector Task Force established in March 2021.
- Comprised of representatives of seafood sector, coastal communities and relevant State agencies.
- Examining impacts of Brexit / TCA on Fishing industry and coastal communities.
- Remit – To recommend initiatives that could ensure a profitable and sustainable fishing fleet and to identify opportunities for jobs and economic activity in coastal communities.
- Taskforce to produce an interim report by May.
- Final report is to be delivered by July.
- Scope of recommendations and how they would be funded may have significant input to our Seafood Development Programme 2021-27.
- Uncertainty, timescale and funding questions impacting on Programme preparation.



Brexit Adjustment Reserve

- Proposal for an EU Regulation establishing a Brexit Adjustment Reserve published December 2020.
- Objective of BAR is to provide support to counter the adverse consequences of the withdrawal of the UK from the European Union in Member States worst affected.
- Council reached agreement on the text on 29 April 2021.
- Trilateral negotiations with the Parliament and Commission.
- BAR has a budget of €5 Billion.
- Ireland's allocation €1.065 Billion (21.3%) - €1,165,201,917 in current prices.
- Any measures to be funded under the BAR to be considered by Government in the context of competing demands.

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- Refine SWOT & Investment Needs Analysis, particularly in light of the Seafood Sector Taskforce.
 - Further develop other technical areas of Programme
 - Agree co-funding rates with Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform
 - Statutory consultation on SEA Scoping Report
 - Public Consultation on draft SEA and AA Screening Report
 - Public Consultation on draft Programme document
 - Government Approval of Programme
 - Submission of Programme to Commission by end 2021



Work Plan for
coming
months