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European Maritime Fisheries & Aquaculture Fund

- EMFAF Regulation 2021/1139 adopted 7 July 2021
- Ireland's allocation of EU funds €142.3 million
- Co-funding to be agreed with Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform.

Programming Process to date

Monitoring Committee debates

Public Consultation undertaken

Bilateral discussions with key stakeholders

Desk Review of Policy Environment

Workshop on SWOT & investment Needs Analyses

Initial Consultation with Commission

Tender for Strategic Environmental Assessment


Tender for new IT system



Obstacles Encountered in 2021


- TCA Outcome

Outcome of Trade & Cooperation Agreement

- Significant negative outcome for Seafood Sector.
 - Seafood Task Force established March 2021.
 - Process created significant unknowns in terms of investment needs and cost to Programme.
 - Programme drafting effectively paused.
 - Task Force Reported in October with 16 recommended schemes.
 - Programme drafting now resumed.
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Obstacles Encountered in 2021 - SEA

Procurement of SEA consultants

- Procurement process through E-tenders and EU Journal concluded in August with no bids.
 - Feedback – environmental consultancy sector at capacity.
 - Process of direct negotiation with possible consultants met with similar outcome.
 - New tender process launched with 20 January deadline for bids.
 - SEA procurement remains a significant risk.
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- Clarify Task Force measures to be funded under Seafood Development Programme.
- Agree co-funding rates with DPER.
- Appoint contractors for IT system and SEA.
- Advance drafting of Programme in consultation with Commission.
- Public Consultation on draft Programme and Environmental Report.
- Finalise Programme and bring to Government.
- Submission of Programme to Commission.



Work Plan for
coming
months