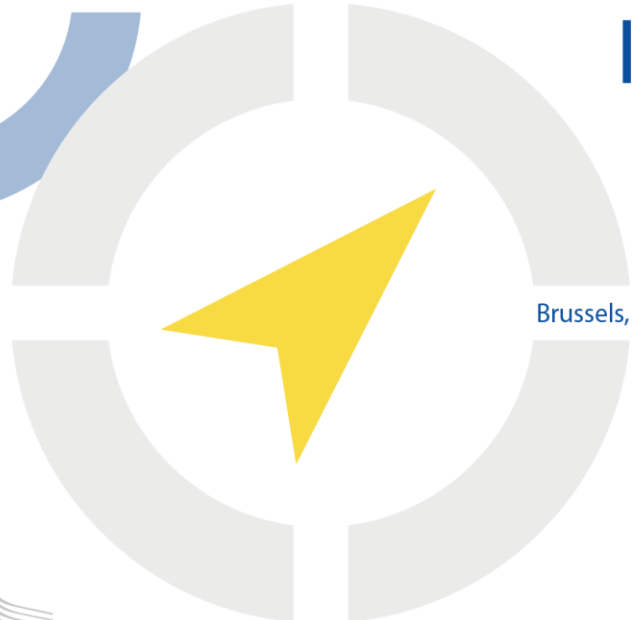




Financial Instruments 2014-2020 under European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)



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Proposed use of Financial Instruments under EMFF

Based on draft Operational Programmes submitted and our consultations:

6 Member States have said 'YES' - they do intend to use FIs under EMFF

13 have said 'NO' – they do not intend to use FIs under EMFF

8 are still undecided

(5 of these are undertaking the required ex ante evaluation to establish whether market failure exists)



Those that are proposing use of Financial Instruments under EMFF:

Spain - Credit with interest-rate subsidy / provision of securities for the sector

Latvia - €10m budget for processing & aquaculture after positive experience in 2007-13

Lithuania - €300,000 fund managed and operated by the same fund manager as the rural development programme

UK - Fisheries business amalgamation and aquaculture scale-up

Netherlands – Consider extension to recent scheme if proves beneficial (likely 2017-2018)

Ireland – considering link-up with an EAFRD initiative in the Agriculture sector: ‘Food Fund’ to cover seafood processors



Those that are **NOT** proposing use of Financial Instruments under EMFF:

Denmark – lack of a critical mass to justify FI use

Finland - The programming process was too busy and heavy to take measures to clear the issue in that phase.

Germany - Administrative expense too great in relation to a small number of possible beneficiaries

Belgium – Most urgent CFP (fleet) actions would not be available under FIs

Czech Republic - Aquaculture sector shows low returns on the invested capital and most are not capable of making the investment without the subsidy support

Poland - Not enough knowledge and for this reason political decision to use only grants

Slovakia - Complexity, lack of knowledge, administrative burden.

[DG MARE is asking for a reason for decisions on FI use as part of OP negotiations]



EMFF Managing Authorities say they need the following for FI to progress:

- Relevant models showing EMFF FI in existing national set-ups
- Expect an intermediate body will be set up, but don't know how to go about this
- Guidance for the interpretation to the regulations.
- Explanation of financial terminology like fund of funds and seed capital, etc. and how this should be translated in practice.
- Guidance on Steps to be taken and legal requirements
- With everything! The help should start at the level to decide whether or not a FI is a good way forward in relation to our sectors and objectives.
- A lot of information about, but not all clear and it would be useful to have a central resource and portal for assistance