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MSFD implementation



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Structure of the presentation

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Legal basis

Art. 22 Community financing

1. Given the priority inherently attached to the establishment of marine strategies, the implementation of this Directive shall be supported by existing Community financial instruments in accordance with applicable rules and conditions.
2. The programmes drawn up by the Member States shall be co-financed by the EU in accordance with existing financial instruments.



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European Funding

There is no European funding stream specifically for MSFD implementation since delivery is the responsibility of MS.

The **European Marine and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)** 2014-2020 is an EU financial mechanism to contribute to the implementation of the reformed CFP and the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP).

However, the EMFF can be used for **co-financing MSFD measures**.

This fund is particularly devoted to **pre-agreed measures**

in the operational programmes (to improve fishing boats, to compensate for fishing boats' dismantling, subsidies to support familiar inshore fishing, etc.) and to manage fisheries' marine reserves.



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Community financing instruments (1)

Depending on how each country decides to implement it, there are possibilities to co-finance small local initiatives for the sustainable development of fisheries grounds.

Other EU funds available to NGOs, research bodies and private companies to implement MSFD measures are:

- The INTERREG and LIFE+.
- INTERREG, for transnational projects, includes a priority co objective to 'Protect and promote natural spaces, water resources' (see www.coop-atlantico.com).



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Community financing instruments (2)

- LIFE+ has a long tradition of supporting nature, biodiversity and environmental projects relevant to coast, seas and fisheries
ec.europa.eu/environment/life/themes/seas/thematic.htm).
- In addition, other kinds of financial sources such as national and local government grants, corporate social responsibilities of large companies, private foundations, trusts and charities are also available.



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Community financing instruments (3)

- There are possibilities of using Community financing instruments to finance the implementation of MSFD (the marine strategies and their measures)
- The Member States need to focus on the possibilities of financing or co-financing some of the expenditures of the programmes of measures by EU financial instruments.
- This could be fisheries grants and agricultural payments, support schemes for municipalities waste water treatment etc. LIFE, LIFE + and ++ are support schemes and financial instruments of relevance as well.



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Community financing instruments (4)

- In accordance with such programmes, there might be several EU financial instruments/programmes that have "environmental purposes" as one of the criteria for receiving support, with different implementation practices in different countries and regions.
- For example, it may have been a tradition to assign a certain amount of an EU programme/support to the criteria of environmental purposes and other amounts to other criteria (regional/local economic growth); this has been the case with agricultural payments and EUs Structural Funds.



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Community financing instruments (5)

- Member States have been advised to consider whether the existing practice on the use of the EU financing could be changed in order to improve the financing of measures of the Marine Strategies, e.g. changes in the weights of the "environmental purpose criteria" of a financing programme.
- It is an advantage to make this analysis since it helps identify financing instruments for the programmes of measures. Any effort to use the possibilities of existing EU support mechanisms (financial instruments) reduces the financing pressure on other actors in the marine region (users/actors, sectors, public sector).



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