



**THE EUROPEAN
FISHERIES
FUND
2007-2013**



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**HELPING TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

THROUGH HELP TO

**REDUCE FISHING EFFORT AND PROTECT THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT**



GUIDING OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate the implementation of CFP measures
- Help fishing communities diversify their economy
- Simplify aid delivery and increase subsidiarity



FIVE PRIORITY AXIS

- 1. Adjustment of Community fishing fleet**
- 2. Aquaculture, processing and marketing**
- 3. Projects of collective interest**
- 4. Sustainable development of fishing coastal zones**
- 5. Technical assistance**



Axis 1. Adaptation of the fleet

National plans shall include aid for:

- permanent cessation of vessels
- socio-economic measures

National plans may include aid for:

- temporary cessation of activities
- investments on board and selectivity
- small-scale coastal fisheries measures



AXIS 1. Adaptation of the fleet

- investments on board vessels and selectivity
- small scale coastal fishing
- socio-economic measures
- environment friendly fishing gear and methods
- vocational training



Axis 2. Aquaculture, processing and marketing

Aquaculture

Processing

Marketing



Axis 2. Aquaculture, processing and marketing

New for aquaculture:

Aqua-environmental measures

- ✓ environmentally-friendly farming
- ✓ participation in EMAS scheme
- ✓ organic farming



Axis 2. Aquaculture, processing and marketing

Aid only to small and micro companies

NOT eligible:

- **farming of species with no market outlets**
- **retail trade**
- **products not aimed at human consumption**
- **transfer of business ownership**



Axis 3. Measures of collective interest

- **better fishing management and scientists-fishermen partnerships**
- **market transparency**
- **protection and development of fauna**
- **fishing ports**
- **development of new markets**
- **pilot projects**
- **small-scale coastal fisheries**



Axis 4. Sustainable development of coastal fishing areas

Eligible areas :

- **areas smaller than NUTS III**
- **with a sea or lake shore or river estuary**

MS select areas according to 4 criteria:

- **low population density**
- **significant level of fisheries employment**
- **extent of decline of fisheries**
- **no municipality with more than 100 000 inhabitants**



Axis 4. Sustainable development of coastal fishing areas

Based on:

- local development strategies
- bottom-up approach

Aiming to:

- tackle socio-economic problems in these areas
- maintain economic prosperity and jobs



Axis 4. Sustainable development of coastal fishing areas

- **Restructuring and diversification of economic activities**
- **promotion of sea food**
- **small infrastructure and tourism**
- **restore production damaged by disasters**
- **inter-regional and trans-national cooperation of GACs (coastal action groups)**
- **capacity building to prepare local development strategies**
- **protecting and capitalising on natural and architectural heritage, developing coastal hamlets and villages, protecting environment**



Axis 4. Sustainable development of coastal fishing areas

Beneficiaries

Those employed in the fisheries sector or in fisheries related business

Coherence with other Funds

- MS must clarify in their OP which Fund will support measures eligible to different Funds
- Aid for training and access to employment shall not exceed 15 % of the axis appropriation



NEW APPROACH IN AID DELIVERY

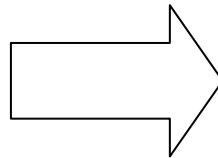
- 1. Simplification of the programming and delivery process**
- 2. Strategic approach**
- 3. Coherence with financial perspectives, policies and Funds**



NEW APPROACH IN AID DELIVERY

1. Simplification

- Four Regulations
- Detailed scales and rate of assistance
- Eligibility defined at Community level
- Many programmes per MS funded by various Funds
- Programmes : CSF +OP+ PC
- Follow up at measure level

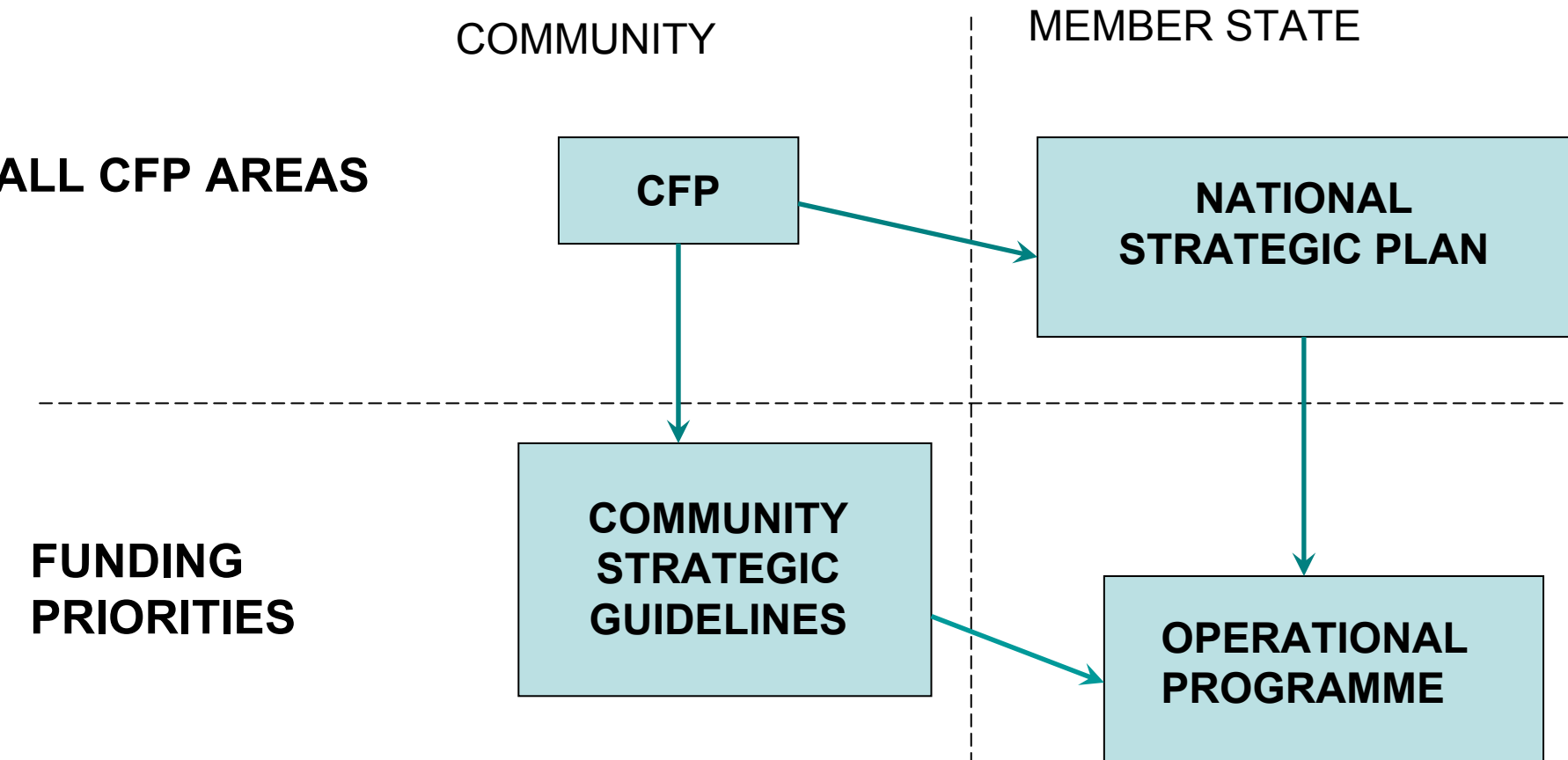


- One single Regulation
- Outline principles and criteria for aid only
- Eligibility defined by Member State
- One programme per MS funded by EFF only
- Programmes : OP only
- Follow up at priority axis level



NEW APPROACH IN AID DELIVERY

2. Strategic Approach





NEW APPROACH IN AID DELIVERY

3. Coherence with financial perspectives and other Funds

- EFF separate from Structural Funds
- Principles guiding EU Structural Funds are kept :
multi-annual programming, partnership, co-funding, subsidiarity, proportionality, N+2, shared management, concentration, evaluation, transparency



Community share of total cost in%

	Convergence	Outside Convergence	Outermost Regions
Fleet related measures			
➤ Adjustment of fleet under recovery plan	85%	65%	85%
➤ Adjustment of fleet (other)	75%	50%	85%
➤ Small scale fisheries	85%	65%	85%
Aquaculture – Processing – Marketing			
➤ Productive investments	30%	15%	42,5%
➤ Non productive investments	75%	50%	85%
Local development of coastal zones			
➤ Productive investments	30%	15%	42,5%
➤ Non productive investments (training)	75%	50%	85%
Measures of collective interest	75%	50%	85%



FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVES 2007-2013

EFF: 550 Mio euros/year

75% for Convergence regions



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and aquaculture**