

**MARITIME AFFAIRS
& FISHERIES**



European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

2014-2020

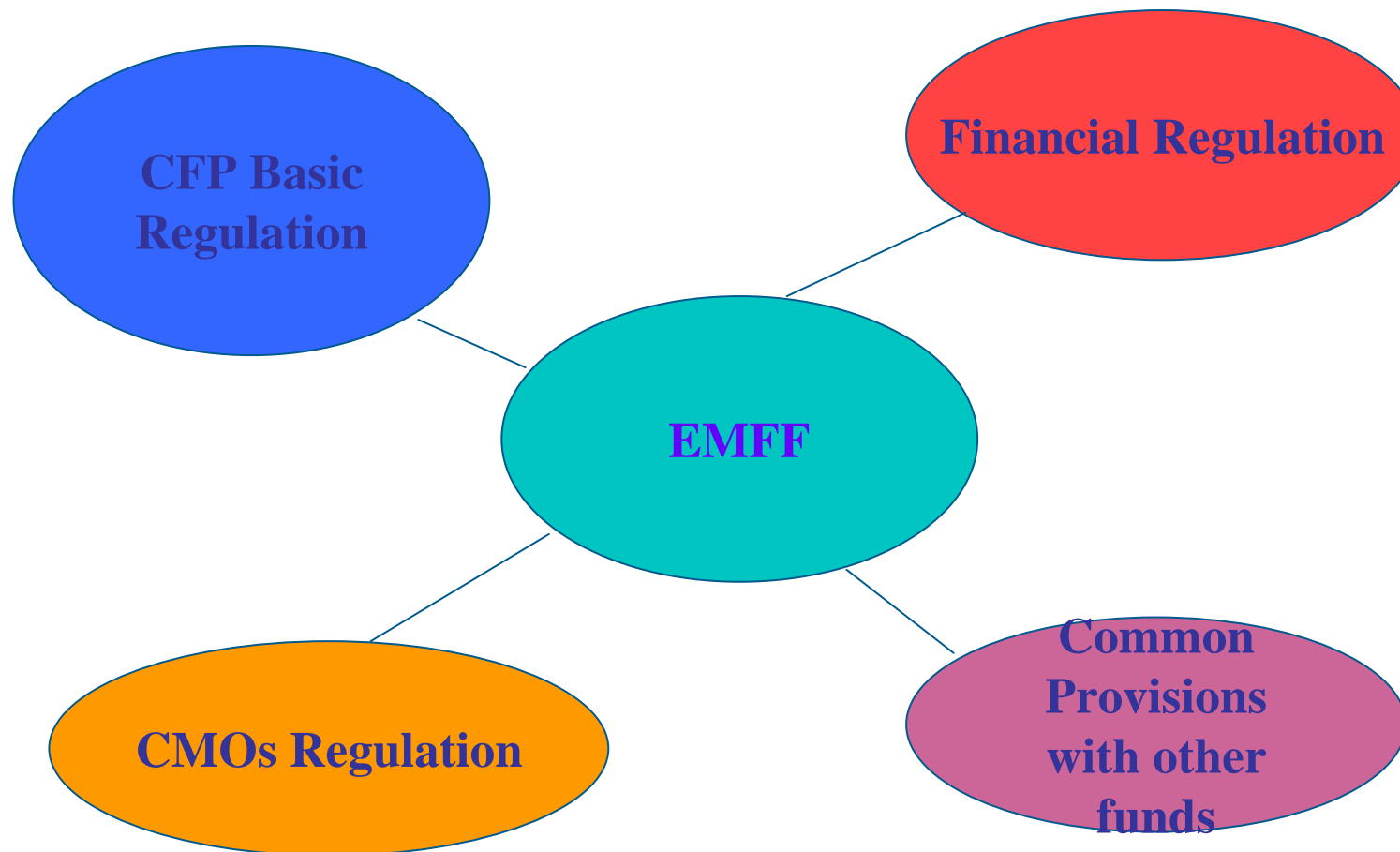


**European
Commission**
Maritime Affairs
and Fisheries

Key messages

- **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the period 2014-2020 accompanying the implementation of the CFP with the necessary financial resources**
- **Focus on people and communities dependent on fisheries**
- **Boost to the development of EU aquaculture**
- **Stable financing for IMP**

Interdependence with other legal instruments



Interaction with other Funds

- **Common Strategic Framework and Partnership Contracts:**
 - Same rules – simplification
 - Joint framework for programming and implementation – more coordination
 - Specific rules - EMFF
- **IMP mainstreamed under other CSF funds, ensuring synergies with broader initiatives like the Sea basin strategies**

Europe 2020 & EMFF

Support aligned with 3 thematic objectives of Europe 2020:

- Promoting **employment** and labour mobility
- Enhancing the **competitiveness** of the fisheries and aquaculture
- Protecting the **environment and resource efficiency**

Architecture

Shared management:

4 Pillars:

- **Sustainable** and **Smart** Fisheries including inland fisheries
- **Sustainable** and **Smart** Aquaculture
- **Sustainable development** of fisheries areas
- **Accompanying measures to the CFP:**
Data collection, control and market measures

Direct management:

- **Integrated Maritime Policy**
- **Accompanying measures under the CFP:**
 - **Scientific advice, Governance, Elements of control, Voluntary contributions to RFMOs, Technical assistance**

No more scrapping

- Fishing capacity has not decreased, in spite of €2.7 billion spent by EU and Member States on scrapping since 1994.
- Criticism of Court of Auditors
- Value for money: up to 1 million EUR for the vessel owner vs 5-6 thousand EUR creating one job in a fishing community

New Fisheries Measures (1)

Focus on **Social Sustainability**:

- Support to communities dependent on fishing
- Health and safety conditions on board
- Growth and jobs through lifelong learning, new skills, business start-ups with emphasis on emerging maritime sectors
- Gender equality: "*pêche à pied*", training for spouses of fishermen
- Support to social dialogue

The importance of small scale coastal fleets

- Allocation criteria based also on the share of the small scale coastal fleet
- Increased aid intensity of 75% for all the measures (60% under EFF)
- Tailor made measures for small scale coastal fleet: advisory services, business start-ups, retrofitting of vessels and special aid for spouses of fishermen
- Local development pillar (current Axis 4) benefitting primarily small scale and coastal fleets

New Fisheries Measures (2)

- **Economic sustainability** for fisheries:
 - Innovation in ideas, products, services, fishing techniques, or resources management, local innovation in fisheries areas, advisory innovation and business services
 - Adding value to fishery products in particular through marketing, promotion and quality measures
 - Modernisation of fishing vessels linked to safety and health on board, selectivity, energy efficiency, catch quality and the discard ban; higher aid intensity than under the EFF for both small scale and industrial fleets

New Fisheries Measures (3)

- **Environmental sustainability** for fisheries in line with the new CFP:
 - Support to MSY and no-discards fishing
 - Conservation measures (regionalisation) in line with the CFP
 - Partnerships between fishermen and scientists
 - Eco-innovation
 - Participation of fishermen in management, restoration and monitoring of NATURA 2000 sites and other marine protected areas (incl. marine litter collection) – also a source of additional income
 - Funding for more selective gears or fishing techniques

Boost for EU Aquaculture

Growth and jobs :

- Encouraging new aquaculture farmers
- Investing in human capital

Innovation:

- Off-shore and non-food aquaculture, Multifunctional aquaculture
- Adding value to products, marketing
- Removing obstacles – increasing the potential of aquaculture sites

Sustainability:

- Promotion of aquaculture providing environmental services
- Promotion of aquaculture with high level of environmental protection

Sustainable development in fisheries areas - building on success of Axis 4

Axis 4 – good value for money. Small projects generating innovation and jobs at low cost. Contribution to social capital and cohesion.

Growth and jobs – both in fisheries and in other sectors of the maritime economy

Local Innovation – new things done for the first time in the local context

Environment as an development asset; local conservation schemes

More support for the development of local strategies, networking, animations.
“Multi-funding” as an option for a Union-led support.

Market measures

Better products

Adding value through marketing and processing measures; focus on sustainability

Support to POs

Measures specifically designed for Producers Organisations

Production and marketing plans

Storage aid for POs

Bringing outermost regions closer

Specific compensation for additional costs in outermost regions for fishery and aquaculture products

IMP pillar (direct management)

- The Integrated Maritime Policy - the coordination and sustainable growth of sea-related activities to the benefit of coastal regions and maritime sectors.
- Maritime policy coordination tools – support to policy tools which cannot be developed within individual policy areas or at Member State level:
 - Maritime spatial planning
 - Integrated maritime surveillance
 - Marine knowledge
 - Marine strategy framework directive
- Blue Growth: identifies and addresses barriers that hinder growth in emerging maritime sectors.

EMFF Specific Conditionality

Conditions	Consequences if not met		
For operators			
Serious infringement Art.42 IUU Regulation	Non admissibility of applications	Recovery of funds	Financial correction by MS
Vessel involved in IUU			
Other cases of non compliance with CFP rules			
For Member States			
Ex-ante: Capacity for control obligations		Suspension of payments	Financial correction by COM
Ex-ante: Capacity for data collection obligations			
Ex-ante: National Strategic Plan on Aquaculture			
Non compliance with obligations of the CFP	Interruption of payments	Suspension of payments	Financial correction by COM



Conditionality

Ex-ante and ex-post conditions

- Ex-ante: fulfilment of general **pre-conditions** like administrative capacity.
- Ex post: performance reserve based on the achievement of milestones related to Europe 2020 objectives.

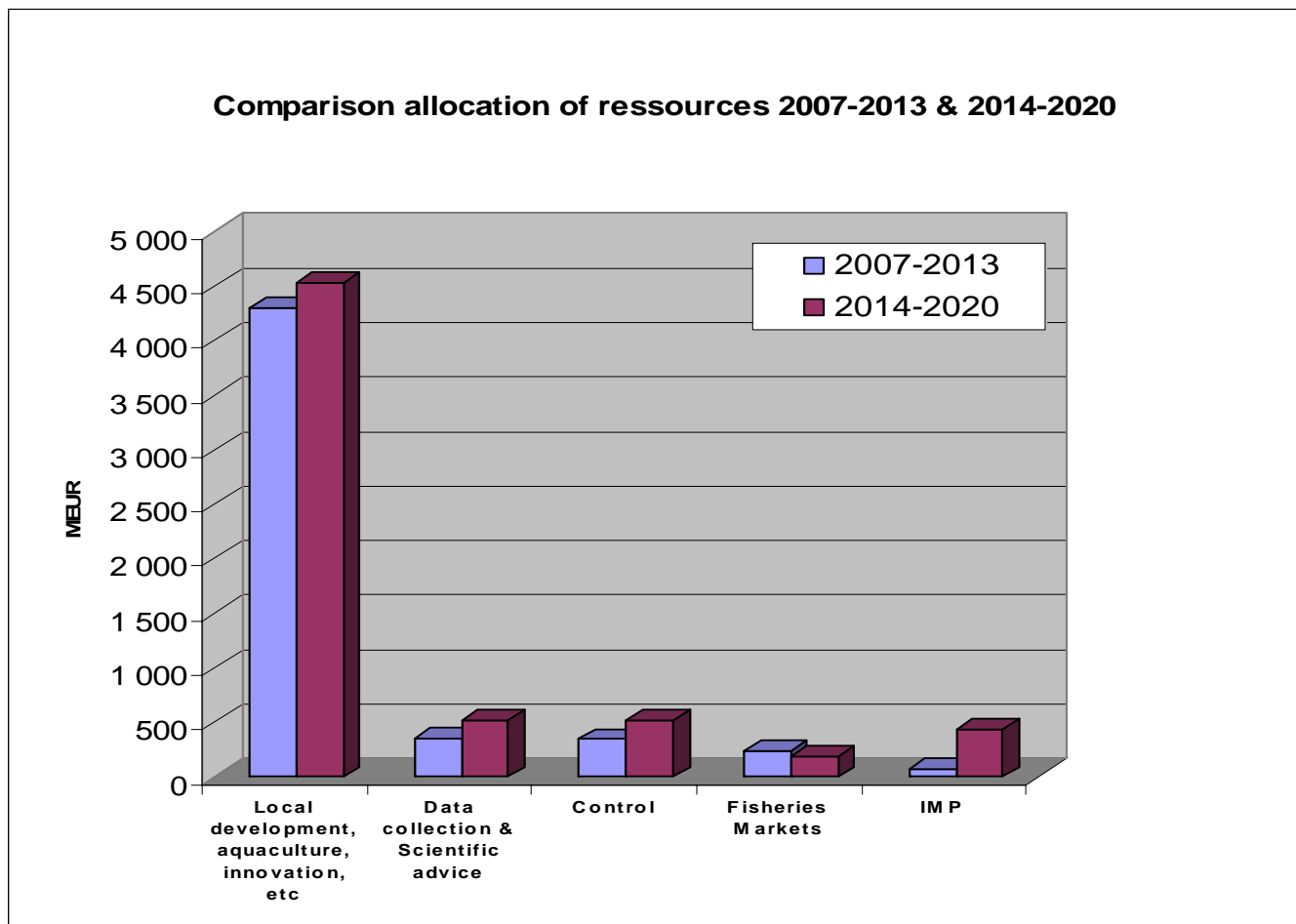
Specific conditionality:

- Compliance of MS and operators **with the rules of CFP** from admissibility to implementation of operations.
- **Aquaculture Multiannual national strategic plans** on the basis of Union strategic guidelines.

This results in:

- Stronger **compliance** with CFP rules
- Increased **coherence** with the objectives of CFP reform

Financial allocation



Simplification

- **One single financial instrument**
- **Possibility of using the same bodies for the implementation as for rural development**
- **One single Operational Programme covering all regions (no distinction between Convergence and non Convergence anymore)**
- **One EU co-financing rate of 75%**
- **One aid intensity of 50% directly benefitting the final beneficiary**
- **Wide use of simplified costs**

Thank you for your attention.

