

Case study on European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

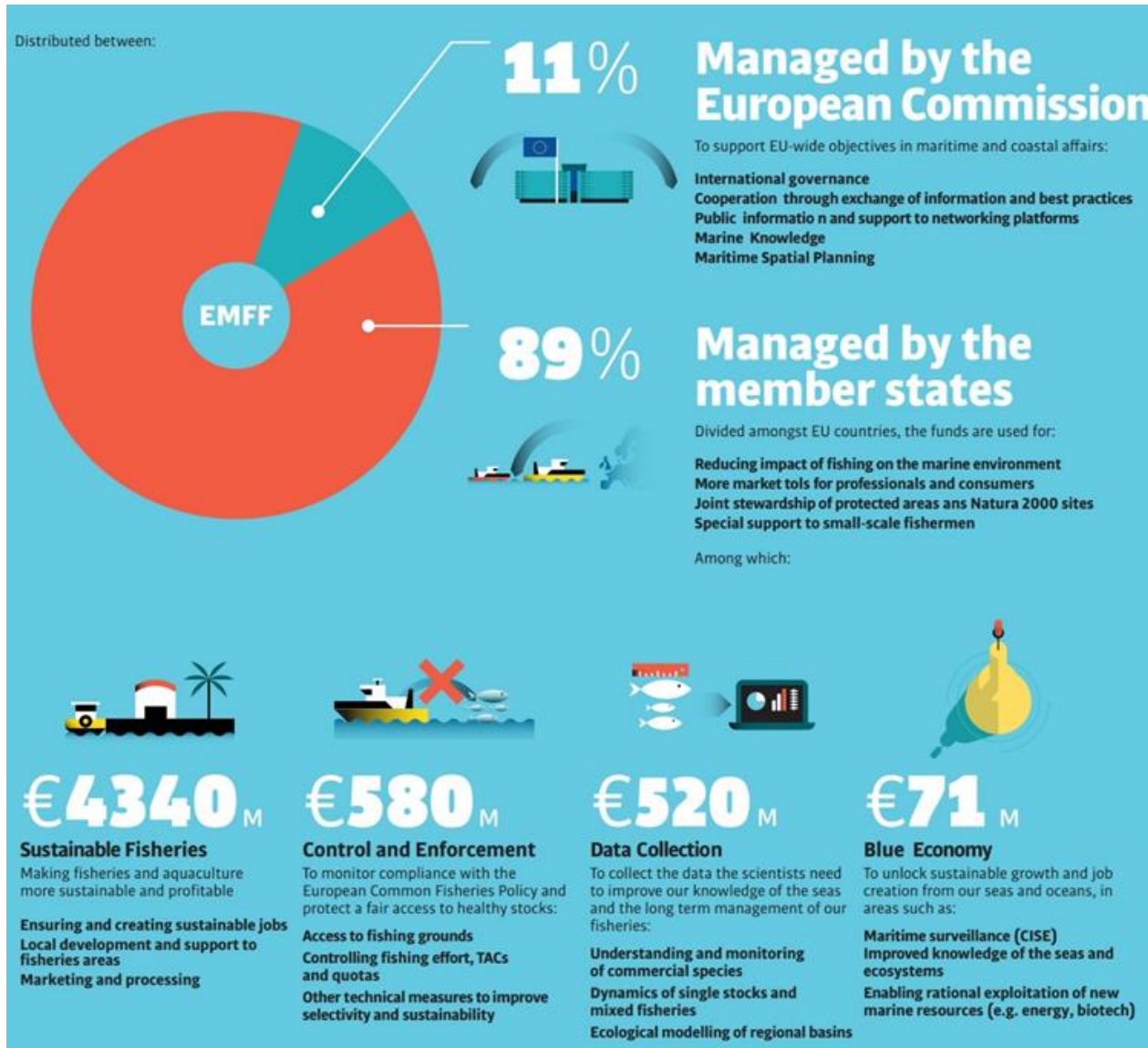
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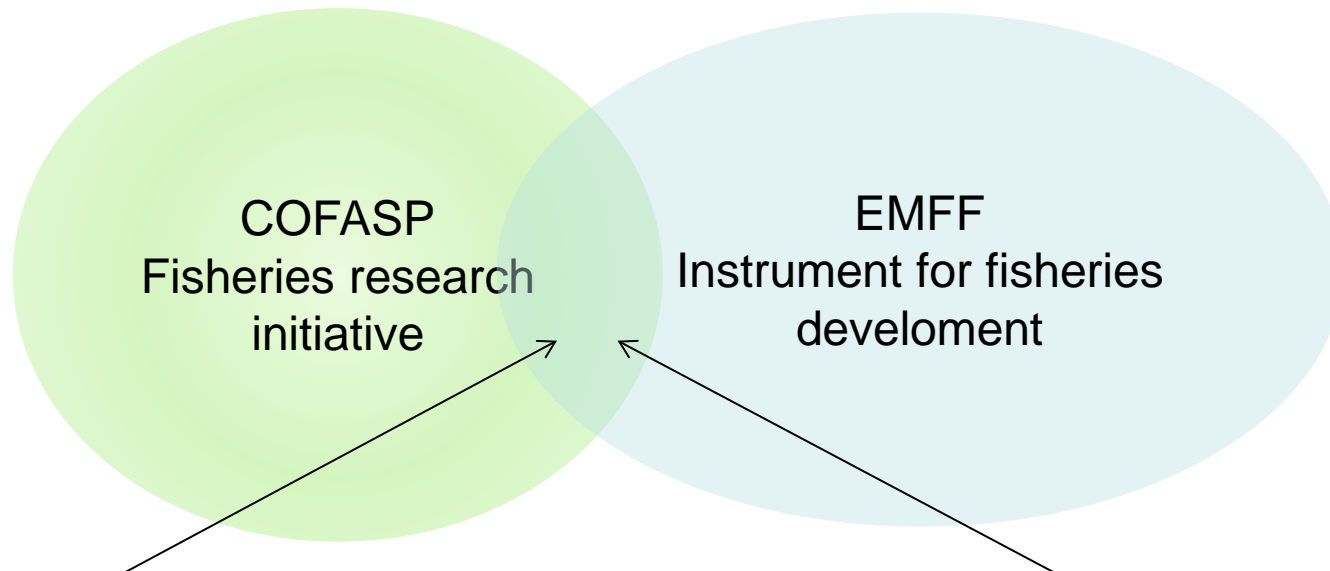
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The EMFF in a nutshell



EMFF in relation to COFASP?



1. The EMFF may finance COFASP calls

2. Implement new scientific results and facilitation new innovations

Public measures:

- Fisheries innovations
- Aquaculture innovations
- Data collection
- Environmental measures and innovations
- Partnership between scientist and fishermen

Private measures:

- Environmental sound fishing techniques
- Aquaculture investments
- Advisory services
- Fishing port investments
- Fish processing investments

The aim of the case study

Objective: to foster collaboration in the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Key questions:

- Are national managing authorities interested for collaboration?
 - How collaboration can be improved and what are the benefits?
 - How EMFF can be used to finance innovation initiatives such as ERA-NETs?
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- Workshop in Tallinn, Estonia (2015)
 - 20 experts from 10 country
 - + 3 from DG MARE



Identified benefits

- Cooperation could increase significantly the quality of implementation and lead to better use of public money
 - Increase the dissemination of knowledge and good practices between Member States
 - Improve the dialogue between the Member States and the Commission
 - Increase the joint activities to tackle common challenges (e.g. discard ban, cormorants) or to facilitate of new innovations
- => Support even better the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy

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Recomendation of the workshop

- Regular meetings in Brussels during the EMFF meetings as well as annually in other Member States
 - ✓ Poland 2016 and Ireland 2017
- Launch the EMFF digital platform for Managing Authorities of the EMFF following the example of Agriculture Learning Network.
 - ✓ Established
- Establish a subgroup for the EMFF under CFP's regional fisheries forums at the expert level to discuss the mapping of needs and priorities with a view to cooperation at the regional level.
 - ✓ Established in the Baltic Sea area
- Launch a questionnaire to map potential cooperation themes and projects under direct and shared management in order to find joint cooperation needs and to recognize the possible themes and projects of common interest for the Member States.

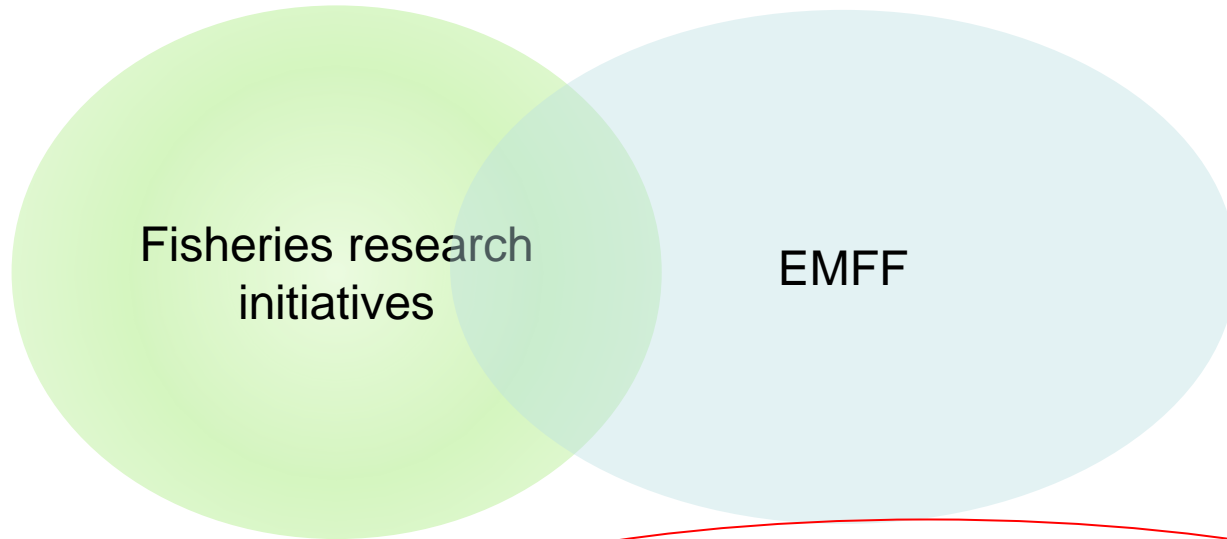
Use of EMFF to finance innovation initiatives such as ERA-NETs?

- Financing of international innovation is possible but very challenging since the EMFF is very heavily regulated instrument.
 - The EMFF is not an instrument for financing of basic research, it may finance applied research and piloting.
 - Many fund specific rules and limitations.
- When ERA-NET calls are not funded with European Commission money, Member States may utilise EMFF as financial instrument for joint calls.
- Top-up funding models (e.g. COFUND) are problematic (mixing two different EU financing). Not recommended.

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Future prospects



1. The EMFF may finance innovation initiative's calls in certain limitations

2. Implement new scientific results and facilitation new innovations

3. Interaction between EMFF national authorities and research initiatives and networks (e.g. SCAR-Fish)

Thank you!

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