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Axis 4. Sustainable development of fisheries areas

Why this new priority axis?

- Targeted support for fisheries areas most affected by restructuring of the fisheries sector
- Socio-economic effects of implementing the CFP (depletion of fish stocks)
 - Diversification, creation of alternative employment + quality of life
 - Promotion of quality of coastal environment = explicit objective
- main value added: not content of the actions – but the way in which actions are implemented and linked together, both in and by, fishing communities themselves.
 - Territorial, integrated approach

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Key characteristics :

- Territorial approach – area based local development strategies
- Bottom-up approach: mobilising local actors
- Participation and partnership (“groups”)
- Integrated as opposed to sectorial
- Networking and cooperation

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Axis 4 – what areas?

- Fisheries areas:
 - with sea or lake shore, ponds, river estuary
 - significant employment in the fisheries sector
 - smaller than NUTS III
- Selected by MS acc. to (at least) 3 criteria:
 - low population density, or
 - fishing in decline, or
 - small fisheries communities+ other specific criteria defined by MS
→ MS to inform the Commission

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Axis 4. Sustainable development of fisheries areas

Eligible measures

- strengthening the competitiveness of the fisheries areas
- redirecting and diversifying economic activities (ecotourism)
- adding value to fisheries products
- protecting the environment of the fisheries areas
- inter-regional and trans-national networking and cooperation
- capacity building / preparation + implementation of local development strategy
- running costs of groups

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Axis 4 – the groups

- Whenever possible based on existing organisations
- Selected according to transparent procedures
- Propose and implement local development strategy
- Chose operations (majority to be led by the private sector)
- « representing public and private partners from the various local relevant socio economic sectors »

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EFF Documents

- Council Regulation on EFF
- Implementing Regulation (draft)
(Commission Regulation laying down the detailed rules for the implementation of the EFF Regulation)
- Vademecum (working document)
- Working paper on indicators
- Working paper on ex ante evaluation

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Partnership

- EFF Article 8:
(2) MS to organise a « broad and effective involvement of all appropriate bodies...taking into account the need to promote ...sustainable development through integration of environmental protection and enhancement;
(4) partnership to « cover the preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the OP »
(5) MS to organise a consultation on the National Strategic Plan
- IR (content of the OP): description of the env situation; incl. where relevant, the results of the SEA;
8.f) designation of the partners referred to in Art 8 EFF; results of their cooperation; list of consulted partners and summary of the results of the consultations;
« MS shall, taking into account...sustainable development through integration of env protection and enhancement, consider the involvement of relevant stakeholders, incl. NGOs »

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Role of the Commission

- During negotiation for adoption of the OPs Commission will:
 - ensure EFF requirements i.t.o. partnership are met
 - ensure that MS take environmental interests sufficiently into account

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EFF – allocation per Member State

- Budget: 3.849 billion Euro (2007-13)
- COM technical assistance (0.8% of EFF): 30 million E.
- 2.6 billion Euro for convergence regions
- Bulgaria and Romania: 272 million Euro
- Spain: 1.005.425.116 Euro
- Poland: 651.791.012 Euro
- Italy: 776.594.654 Euro
- Portugal: 218.791.012 Euro
- France: 191.698.575 Euro
-Malta: 7.4 mio; Austria: 4.7 mio

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EFF – Info on axis 4

- Info on conference on axis 4 (Porto June 2006):

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/meetings_events/events/archives/events_2006/conference_260606_en.htm