



# Community-led local development under the EMFF

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## DG MARE's objectives for CLLD under the EMFF

- ***EMFF (Art. 61): LDS shall:***
  - maximise the **participation** of the **fisheries and aquaculture sectors**;
  - ensure that **local communities** fully exploit and benefit from the opportunities offered by **maritime and coastal development**.
  - may range from those which **focus on fisheries** to **broader strategies** directed at the diversification of fisheries areas, in particular into other coastal/ maritime sectors



## Implementation of LDS (Art. 65 EMFF)

### Support for the following objectives:

- (a) **adding value**, creating jobs, and promoting innovation at all stages of the fisheries and aquaculture supply chain;
- (b) supporting **diversification** and job creation in fisheries areas, in particular in other maritime sectors;
- (c) enhancing and **capitalising on** the **environmental assets** of the fisheries areas including operations to mitigate climate change;
- (d) promoting **social well being** and **cultural heritage** in fisheries areas including maritime cultural heritage;
- (e) strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the **governance** of local fisheries resources and maritime activities.



## CLLD under EMFF – some specificities

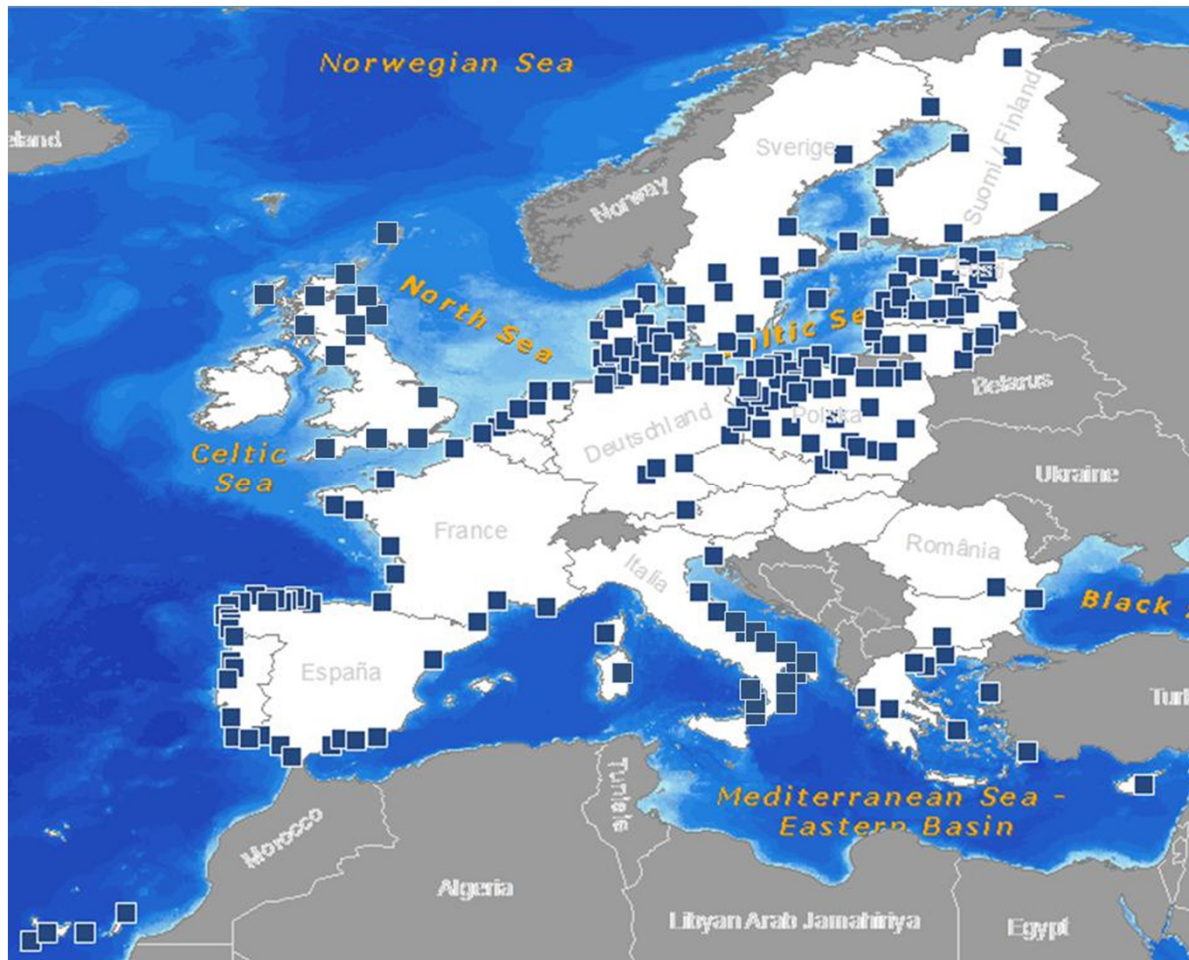
### Fisheries areas:

- Definition (Art. 3 (5) EMFF): “area with sea or lake shore or including ponds or a river estuary with a significant level of employment in fisheries or aquaculture and designated as such by the Member State”
- Fisheries area shall be (EMFF (Art 60)):
  - (a) smaller than NUTS 3 (exceptions to be justified in OP)
  - (b) functionally coherent (...), taking specific account of the fisheries & aquaculture community & offer sufficient critical mass

### Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs):

- In case of multi-fund LDS (Art. 62 EMFF): specific selection body for EMFF supported projects (with significant representation of fisheries & aquaculture community)

## FLAGS – the state of play



- 254 FLAGs  
in 20 MS
- formal coop  
betw. FLAG  
& LAG: in  
2/3 of cases



## DG MARE's vision for 2014-2020

- **In areas with high levels of fisheries activity:** around 200 "EMFF-led" FLAGs
  - important EMFF budget
  - mostly coastal areas, some inland
  - dealing with issues of fishing communities and
  - dealing with broader coastal/ maritime development
  - other Funds to contribute (e.g. ERDF for port infrastructure etc.)
- **In areas with lower levels of fisheries activity:** EMFF provides complementary funding to LDS led by other Funds
  - mostly inland areas with some fisheries activities
  - for an estimated 200 to 300 LAGs