

EMFF Operational Programme 2014-2020
Fisheries Development Measure

Sustainable Fisheries Scheme

APPLICATION FORM
Part A (Public Interest Projects)



PART A: PUBLIC INTEREST PROJECTS. (Expression of interest Form A)

Public Interest Projects provide grant aid to technical or scientific bodies (recognised by the Managing Authority) to undertake projects in the collective interest and benefit of the catching sector or a significant part thereof. In every case these projects will be aimed to introduce:

- Innovation in Fisheries, *and/or*,
- Change Management, Partnerships & Advisory Services, *and/or*,
- Conservation Measures and Regional co-operation, *and/or*,
- Environmentally Friendly Fishing Gear & Methods, *and/or*,
- Measures that protect and/or restore marine biodiversity and ecosystems.

Public Interest Projects are 100% funded and may only be carried out by a body recognised by the Managing Authority. In every case, the technical or scientific body is responsible for the validation of the results of operations funded. These results will be publically available.

Participation in Public Interest Projects

- While producer organisations, co-operatives, vessel owners, and, where appropriate, processors may not apply for grant aid in this part they may participate as service providers on a project-by-project basis. The rules pertaining to collectives apply to any expenditure incurred or service provided in support of a project.

Payment for expenditure incurred or service provided will, subject to prior approval and subsequent claim/verification, qualify as eligible costs.

- Where applicable, any (net) revenue accrued by a participant (Member of the Trade or other service provider) as a direct result of their participation in any operation funded under this scheme will be deducted from the eligible expenditure charged by a participant. Net revenue includes the income of fishermen from the first sale of the fish or shellfish caught during the introduction and testing of any new technical or organisational knowledge less the selling costs such as auction hall fees¹.
- Where applicable, the number of fishing vessels involved in a project under Part A4 *Environmentally Friendly Fishing Gear & Methods* (Article 39) will not exceed 5% of the number of vessels in the Irish fishing fleet or 5% of Ireland's national fleet tonnage (GTs), calculated at the time of submission of the application. In addition, operations which consist of testing new fishing gear or techniques shall be carried out within the limits of the fishing opportunities allocated to Ireland unless they qualify as *fishing for scientific purposes* in accordance with Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

A1 Innovation in Fisheries (Article 26)

In order to stimulate innovation in fisheries, this scheme may support projects aimed at developing or introducing new or substantially improved products and equipment, new or improved processes and techniques, and new or improved management and organisation systems at local levels, including at the level of processing and marketing.

A2 Change Management, Partnerships & Advisory Services (Articles 27, 28, 29)

In order to promote social dialogue, to support best practice, to foster the transfer of knowledge, to stimulate innovation in fisheries, to improve the overall performance and competitiveness of operators, and to promote sustainable fisheries, this scheme may support:

- The provision of professional advice on environmental sustainability, with a focus on limiting and, where possible, eliminating the negative impact of fishing activities on marine ecosystems (Article 27);
- The provision of professional advice on business and marketing strategies (Article 27);

¹ Article 65(8) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

The creation of networks or associations between independent scientific and technical bodies and fishermen concerning data collection and management activities. Activities may include studies, pilot projects, dissemination of knowledge and research results, seminars and technical workshops (Article 28).

- Networking and exchange of experiences and best practices between stakeholders (Article 29);

A3 Conservation Measures and Regional Co-operation (Article 37)

In order to ensure the efficient design and implementation of conservation measures and regional cooperation (Articles 7, 8, 11, and 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013), this scheme will support projects concerning:

- The design, development and monitoring of technical and administrative means necessary for the development and implementation of conservation measures and regionalisation.
- Stakeholder participation and cooperation between Ireland and other Member States in designing and implementing conservation measures and regionalisation.

A4 Environmentally Friendly Fishing Gear & Methods (Article 39)

In order to foster the gradual elimination of discards, to reduce the impact of fishing on the marine environment, and to facilitate the transition to a sustainable exploitation of living marine biological resources, this scheme will support the participation by vessels or groups of vessels in approved operations that:

- Contribute to the gradual elimination of discards and by-catches;
- Facilitate the transition to exploitation of living marine biological resources (in accordance with Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013);
- Develop or introduce new technical knowledge that reduces the impact of fishing activities on the environment, including improved fishing techniques and gear selectivity;
- Are aimed at achieving a more sustainable use of marine biological resources and coexistence with protected predators.

A5 Marine Biodiversity (Article 40)

In order to protect and restore marine biodiversity and ecosystems in the framework of sustainable fishing activities, with the participation of fishermen, this Scheme will support projects concerning:

- The collection of waste by fishermen from the sea, such as the removal of lost fishing gear and marine litter;
- Increasing environmental awareness, involving fishermen, with regard to the protection and restoration of marine biodiversity.

A6 Energy Efficiency (Article 41(1c))

In order to mitigate the effects of climate change and to improve the energy efficiency of fishing vessels, this scheme will support studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs to the energy efficiency of fishing vessels.

A7 Certification (Article 68(1c))

Support for the certification and promotion of sustainable fishery products, at sea and ashore, including products from small-scale coastal fishing, and of environmentally-friendly processing methods.

AID INTENSITY

Part	Article	Scope
A1 Innovation	26	≤ 100%. Technical or scientific bodies (recognised by the Managing Authority)
A2 Change Management	27, 28, 29	
A3 Conservation Measures	37	
A4 Environmentally Friendly Fishing Gear	39	
A5 Marine Biodiversity	40	
A6 Energy Efficiency	41(1c)	
A7 Certification	68(1c)	

Procurement Requirements for Grant Aid for EMFF Co-funded Schemes

Procurement requirements are given below. Please ensure you supply the appropriate number of quotes for each Item with your application.

Spend Type	Eligible Expenditure	Complexity ----->		
		Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
		Public (BIM) Projects	Private Project (0% to 50% Grant Aid)	Private Project (>50% Grant Aid)
Supplies & Services	<€5,000	1 Quote	1 Quote	2 Quotes
	€5,000 to €24,999	3 Quotes	3 Quotes	3 Quotes
	€25,000 to €209,000	Government E-tender	3 Quotes	Government E-tender
	≥ €209,000	Government E-tender AND EU OJEU	3 Quotes	Government E-tender AND EU OJEU
Works	<€50,000	Government E-tender	3 Quotes	5 Quotes or Government E-tender
	€50,000 to €5,225,000	Government E-tender	3 Quotes	Government E-tender
	≥ €5,225,000	Government E-tender AND EU OJEU	3 Quotes	Government E-tender AND EU OJEU

Points to note:

- Amounts in Table 1 are exclusive of VAT.
- Quotes should be in writing or by email.
- Equipment and Machinery is included in 'Supplies and Services' therefore the €209,000 threshold applies in such cases. 'Works' refers to buildings only.
- Any less than the required number of quotes must be explained in writing by the applicant. Such explanations should be considered by Key Account Manager (KAM)/Project Manager on a case by case basis. Where there is a genuine logical case to be made, the KAM/Project Manager may accept a grant applicant's point of view. However this must be recorded on the file by the BIM Key Account Manager/Project Manager. In cases where the beneficiaries argument is not deemed valid the application should not be accepted until the correct no. of quotes has been supplied.
- Generally the grant aid shall be based on the lowest quote amount. The applicant is not limited to taking the lowest quote but in such cases as outlined above a written explanation must be submitted by the applicant and accepted by the Key Account Manager and recorded on the file.
- These levels shall in general apply to stand alone items on a per project application basis. It is not acceptable to purposefully break a project into smaller parcels of work or machinery in order to circumvent the procurement rules.

PART A: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN A PUBLIC PROJECT

Project Title

A1: Innovation in Fisheries	<input type="checkbox"/>	A5: Marine Biodiversity	<input type="checkbox"/>
A2: Change Management, Partnerships & Advisory Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	A6: Energy Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>
A3: Conservation Measures & Regional Co-operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	A7: Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
A4: Environmentally Friendly Fishing Gear & Methods	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Details

First Name (Company Name):	Tax Clearance No:
Last Name:	Company Registration No:
Address 1:	VAT No:
Address 2:	Tel No:
Address 3:	Mobile No:
Address 4:	Email:
City, Town, or Townland:	
County:	

- Scientific Body
 Technical Body
 Fishermen's co-operatives
 Producer Organisations
 Organisation of fishermen
 One or more above
 A recognised grouping

Executive Summary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CURRENT COSTS	Amount €
Total Current	

CAPITAL COSTS	Amount €
Total Capital	
Total Cost: €	
Grant Rate: €	
Total Grant: €	
Private Funding: €	

I hereby declare that the information supplied in this application is true and accurate

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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Note: Procurement policy and practice (for goods or services contracts including recruitment of project personnel, supplied as part of this project, must be in line with the public sector procurement Directive 2014/24/EU and conform to certain core principles and National Guidelines. Please refer to brochure for further guidelines.

How BIM will use your information

Any personal data you provide to Bord Iascaigh Mhara (“BIM”) will be retained and processed by us for solely the purpose described in this form and as described in further detail in the BIM Data Protection Policy. Our Policy describes in detail how BIM, as a State Agency, is required to collect, process and transfer personal data for the purposes set out in various Irish and EU fisheries and marine legislation. These purposes include the administration of grants, conducting surveys and performing services for those working in the marine sector, for example, training, education and ice services. Your personal data may be disclosed to third parties where it is necessary and relevant to those purposes, for example, national or EU agencies with responsibility for the marine, grant administration or training awards or accreditation. While BIM does not engage in unsolicited direct marketing, BIM or its agents may contact you in relation to relevant events or initiatives and you can unsubscribe from such communications at any time. You have a right to access and rectify your personal data which can be exercised by writing to the Data Protection Officer, BIM, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The BIM Data Protection Policy is available on the BIM.ie website www.bim.ie.

How to apply

Download the BIM Sustainable Fisheries Scheme booklet (pdf 962Kb) for further information on this scheme.

Save the application form to a location on your computer.

Sustainable Fisheries Scheme Expression of Interest Form – PART A

Launch the form from your computer location and complete the form saving the changes. Once you have the form, you'll need to:

- Carefully review the terms and conditions
- Ensure you have sent us your vessels annual economic data
- Check you have included all the documentation required
- Post the completed application to:
BIM Fisheries Development Division, Crofton Rd., Part A – Expression of Interest in a Public Project

For further information please contact your BIM Area Officer or:

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