

BIM EMFAF Work Programme Project Report 2022

BENEFICIARY:	Bord Iascaigh Mhara
PROJECT REFERENCE NUMBER:	22/STS/STS-BG010-BR052
NAME OF PROJECT:	Inshore Fisheries Strategy Implementation – Digital Literacy
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:	1st January to 31st December 2022

Project Scope

This project seeks to develop a digital literacy training syllabus to upskill the sector. Despite significant difficulties arising from Covid-19 restrictions in 2021 a series of trials were carried out with industry members through a Community Resource Centre and a County Education and Training Board (ETB). The outcomes of these trials were used to inform the development of four hours of content that can be used to complement the six hours base syllabus of the digital literacy programme delivered by ETBs as well as more informal training delivered by Community Resource Centres and BIM staff.

Objectives

- An improved level of digital literacy within the sector that will allow it to avail of BIM, DAFM and other online services.
- To reduce the reliance of industry members on BIM regional staff to access relevant online services.
- To enable the sector engage more effectively with the extant structures such as RIFFs but to also better organise and advocate on behalf of the sector.

Outcomes

A package of digital skills training materials built around the use of the BIM Grants Online Management System (GEMS) were developed and delivered in December 2022. These will be made available to appropriate training providers such as ETBs and Community Resource Centres in Q1/Q2 2023 and will slot in as elective content as part of the national digital literacy syllabus. The training material will also be used by Community Resource Centres for digital literacy training and internally in BIM to introduce fishers to BIM's Grants Electronic Management System (GEMS).

Summary of Project Spend

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Total Approved Costs	€23,000
Total Eligible Expenditure	€18,700
EMFAF Eligible Expenditure	€9,350
Exchequer	€9,350

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