

Support for conservation and control measures in the Mediterranean

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A - What is possible to finance under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund(EMFF)

B - Member States' implementation to date

C – Challenges ahead

A: Funding Union Priorities (UP)

- **UP1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge-based fisheries**
- UP2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource-efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge-based aquaculture
- **UP3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP**
- UP4 - Increasing employment and territorial cohesion
- UP5 - Fostering marketing and processing
- UP6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy

A: Focus on support for conservation measures

- **Fleet measures including permanent and temporary cessation of fishing activities (*UP1 – 100% aid intensity of which 50% EU co-financing*)**
- **Other fisheries measures contributing to conservation (*UP1 – 50% aid intensity of which 75% are EU co-financing*)**
- **Control and enforcement of the CFP (*UP3 : up to 90% aid intensity of which 90% EU co-financed*)**
- **Collection of data on fisheries (*UP3 – 100 aid intensity of which 80% EU co-financed*)**

A: UP1 – Fleet measures

Permanent cessation (Art 34) : scrapping or retrofitting for activities other than commercial fishing

- Capacity permanently removed from register
- Aid cannot be reinvested in a new fishing vessel for a period of 5 years.
- Only for active fishermen/vessels (> 90 days at sea in previous 2 years)

Measure available until December 2017

Temporary cessation (Art 33)

- Under COM or MS emergency measures (Art 12 and 13 of CFP) or conservation measures (Art 7 of CFP)
- Non-renewal of fisheries partnership agreements
- Provided for in management plans (Mediterranean Regulation) or in multiannual plans adopted where reductions of fishing effort is needed (Articles 9 and 10 CFP)

A: UP1 – Fisheries measures linked to conservation

- **Support to innovation to reach MSY and the elimination of discards (*Art 39*)**
- **Funding for more selective gears or fishing techniques to limit the impact of fishing on the marine environment (*Art 38*)**
- **Designing conservation measures (regionalisation) (*Art 37*)**
- **Partnerships between fishermen and scientists (*Art 28*)**
- **Restoration and monitoring of biodiversity including NATURA 2000 sites, other protected areas and measures to collect waste at sea, support for artificial reefs and contributions to a better management or conservation of marine biological resources (*Art 40*)**

A: UP1 - Other fisheries measures

Preferential treatment for Small Scale Fishing

- **Action Plan in the Operational Programs (when SSF >1,000 vessels) for development, competitiveness and sustainability of segment (*Aid intensity increased by 30% for all measures*)**
- **Engine replacement – applications should be treated as a priority from the small-scale sector up to at least 60% of funding**
- **Specific youth employment and training scheme for small-scale fishing**

UP3 - Control and enforcement of the CFP

Under shared management (Art 76) support for :

- **Implementation of Action Plans on control**
- **Implementation of Actions Plans for the fulfilment of EAC**
- **Implementation of data validation systems for control**
- **Control and enforcement of the landing obligation**
- **Control and enforcement of the catch certificate scheme**
- **Implementation of projects aiming at certification, verification and measurement of engine power;**
- **Implementation of Specific Control and Inspection Programs**
- **Control and enforcement of traceability requirements**
- **Purchase and modernization of control means ($\geq 60\%$ time for control)**

Direct management – joint acquisition or chartering of control means (Art 87)

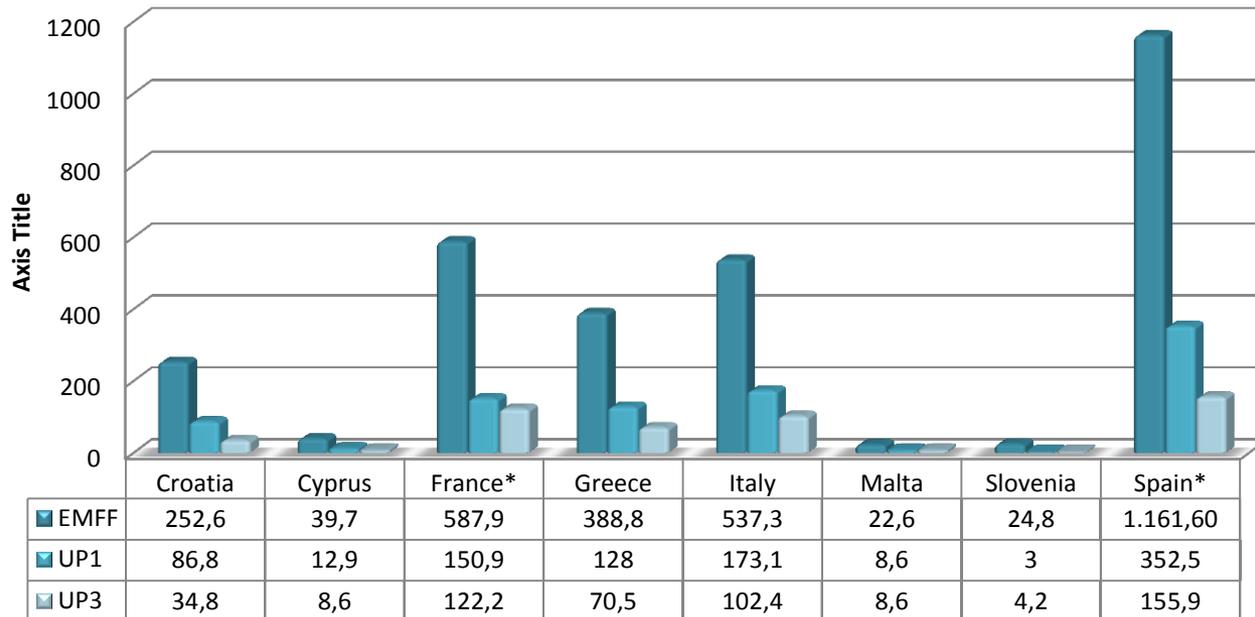
UP3 - Data collection (Art 77)

EMFF provides support to:

- **The collection, management and use of data for the purpose of scientific analysis and implementation of the CFP;**
- **Sampling programs related to stocks covered by the CFP;**
- **At-sea monitoring of commercial and recreational fisheries;**
- **Research surveys at sea;**
- **The participation to meetings of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations or meetings of international bodies responsible for providing scientific advice;**
- **The improvement of data collection and data management systems and the pilot studies**

B: Operational Programs in the Mediterranean

EMFF Allocations per MS in millions €

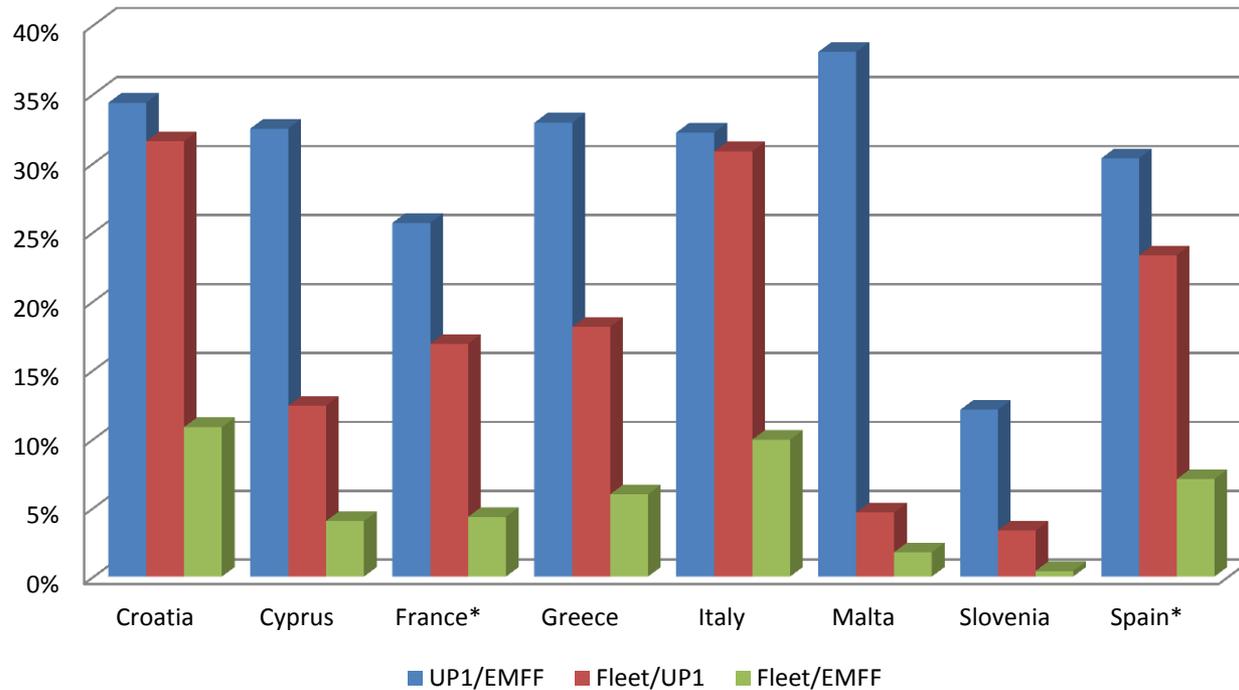


3bn € of EMFF support and 4,3bn € of total public support

** includes also funds dedicated to Atlantic*

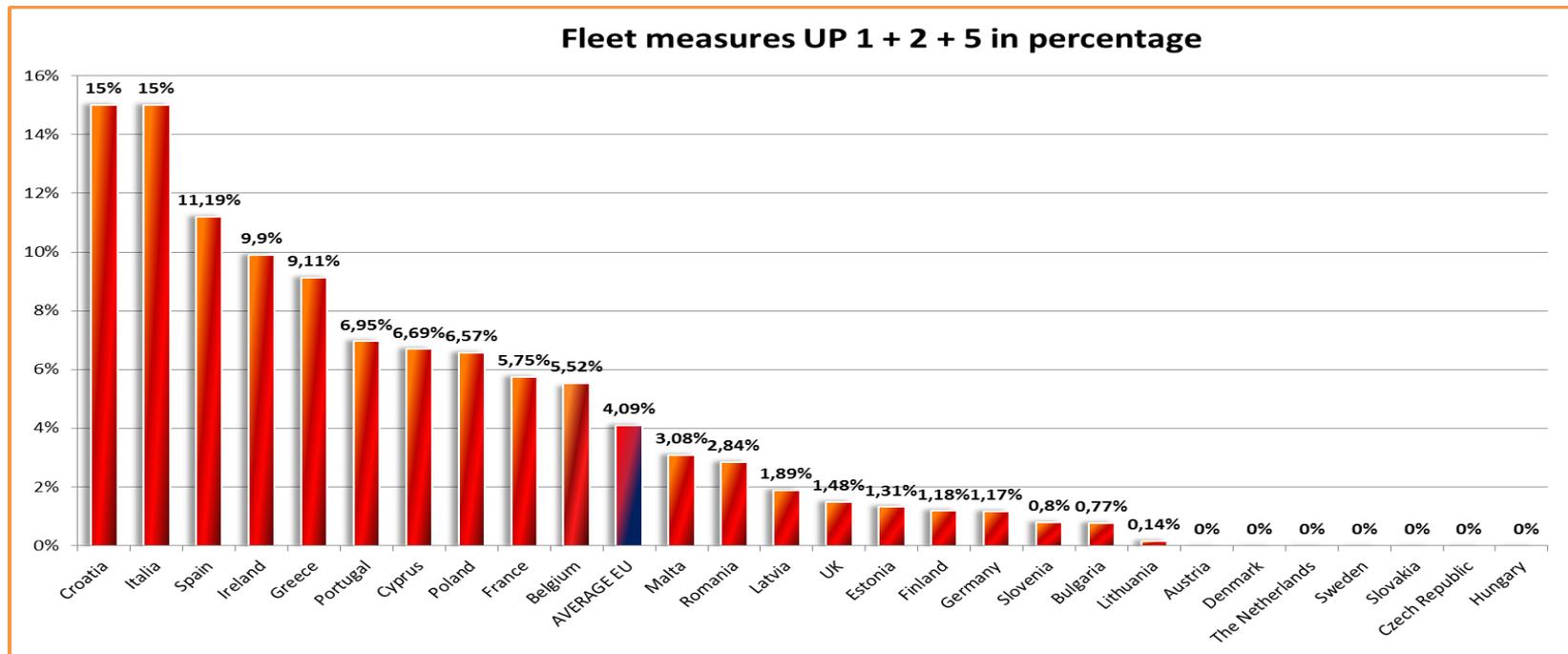
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Share of UP1 - Fleet measures in OP



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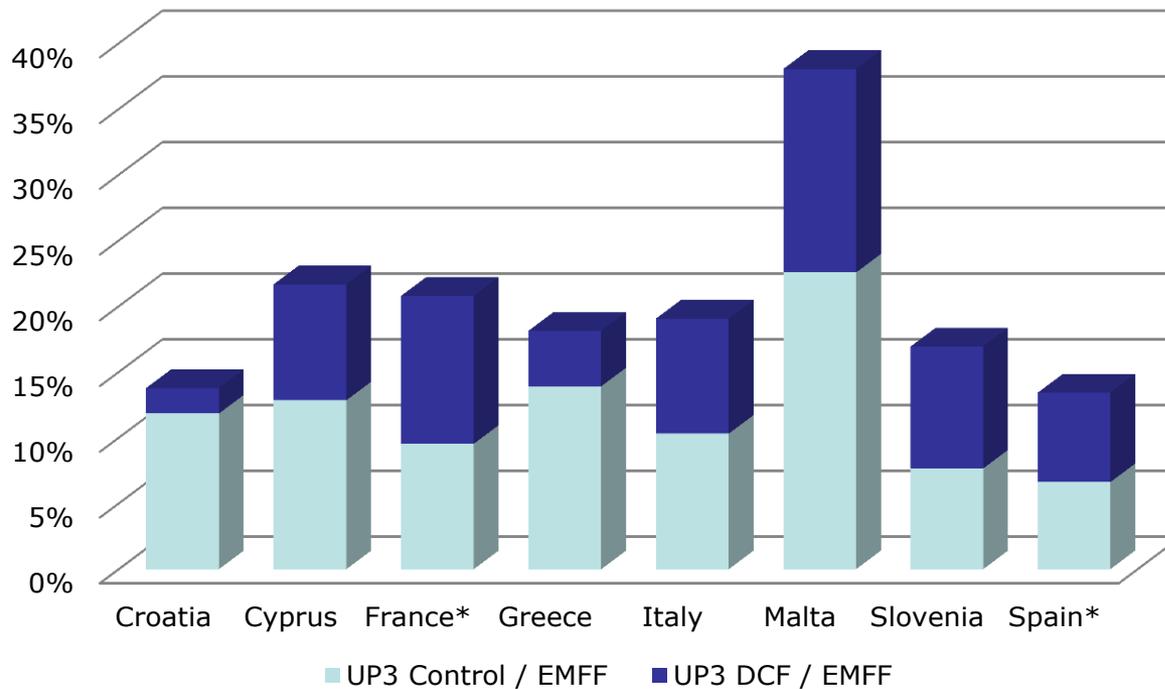
B: Level of appropriations for fleet measures



Fleet measures are capped to 15% of total UP1+UP2+UP5 envelope

B: Share of UP3 on Operational Programs

UP3 - Control and DCF on the OP



Challenges ahead for full absorption

All Operational Programmes adopted in 2015

Financial appropriations appear consistent with the challenges identified MS in the Mediterranean during the negotiation process.

Now MS are called to:

- *Put in place all administrative measures to be able to certify expenditure and implement fully*
- *Avoid risk of de-commitment by certifying the 2014-2015 EMFF envelope by 31 December 2018 (N+3 rule)*

Possible new focus?	How can EMFF support?	UP
Increase scientific knowledge, surveys at sea, develop common plans and measures per basin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement National Data Collection Programme 2. Partnership between fishermen/scientists (art 28) 3. Research and Innovation (art 39) 4. Support to regionalisation (art 37) 	<p>UP3</p> <p>UP1</p>
Reduction in fishing capacity	Permanent cessation (art 34)	UP1
Reduction in fishing effort	Temporary cessation (art 33)	UP1
Increase selectivity (species/size)	Technical measures (art 38, 40)	UP1
Increase Control and Enforcement	Implement Control programmes	UP3

Conclusions

If current OP cannot support new priorities

- ***Re-shuffle financial allocations between measures within same UP without OP modification (some exceptions apply)***
- ***Re-shuffle financial allocations between UPs with OP modification***

On condition:

- ***Envelopes for Control & Data Collection ringfenced & interchangeable***
- ***Ceiling for fleet measures at 15% of total UP1+UP2+UP5***
- ***Overall envelope in UPs 1, 2, 4,5 and TA must remain same***

NEW FOCUS MAY CONCERN MAINLY UP 1 MEASURES