



FLAG Factsheet: Larnaca and Famagusta

Αναπτυξιακή Εταιρεία Επαρχιών Λάρνακας και Αμμοχώστου ΛΤΔ (ΑΝΕΤΕΛ)

Country: Cyprus

Region: Larnaca and Famagusta Districts

Area: Larnaca, Agia Napa, Paralimni, Zygi, Liopetri, Mari, Xilotimpou, Xilofagou, Ormidia, Derynia, Sotira, Agios Theodoros, Maroni, Meneou, Dromolaxia, Pyla, Oroklini, Pervolia

Code: CY201

Operational: 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 programming period

AREA

Description of the area and its main challenges

The FLAG area consists of six municipalities and 11 communities. It covers the districts of Larnaca and Famagusta in the eastern part of Cyprus and represents 5.6% of the total area and 19.5% of the total coastline of the country.

Fishing is an important activity in the area, with 4.3% of its workforce employed in the primary sector, 67% of which work in fishing. The area includes 9 out of 16 of the country's fishing shelters, 62% of Cyprus' inshore professional fishermen and 60% of the country's fishing fleet. Beyond the primary sector, 20.7% of the area's active population work in the secondary sector and 73.6% in the service sector. However, limited connection between fisheries and the secondary and service sectors is a challenge.

Other challenges include growing unemployment, which is above the national average. In addition, the average age of fishermen is high and there is insufficient training for the younger generation. Excessive recreational fishing, and overfishing generally, combined with intense tourist development in areas along the coast in recent decades, have the potential to threaten fish stocks and habitats in the future.

Population: 120 350

Population Density [Inhabitants/ km²]: 233

Surface area [km²]: 516

Protected areas: The Larnaca Salt Lake which is one of the largest wetland systems in Cyprus and is considered the second most important wetland in the country; the protected area of Kavο Greco, a national forest park covering 385 hectares; and the marine area of Cape Greco, known for its underwater canyons and caves that are popular among locals and tourists for diving. The FLAG area is also an important station for migratory birds and is home to as many as 71 species of fauna and flora.

Total employment in fisheries: 1 232 FTEs

1. **Fishing:** 850
2. **Aquaculture:** 326
3. **Processing:** 56

Women employment in fisheries: 16

STRATEGY

Short summary of the FLAG strategy

The main vision is "Cooperation to create self-sustaining, diversified and vibrant fisheries areas attractive to work, live and visit ". The strategy has the following objectives:

- Strengthening the capacity of local fisheries areas to support and encourage local development
- Developing a more diversified local economy.
- Increasing local employment and social cohesion.
- Protecting the land and marine environment, including the preservation, promotion and enhancement of cultural assets and the local identity of fisheries areas.
- Improving residents' quality of life.

Importance of the following objectives for the FLAG strategy

Objective	Priority (1 is low, 5 is very high)	% of the budget allocated to them in the strategy
Adding value, creating jobs, and promoting innovation along the fisheries chain	3	13%
Supporting diversification	4	35%
Enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets	1	3%
Promoting social wellbeing and cultural heritage	2	5%
Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development	5	44%

Budget information

Total public budget allocated to the FLAG for 2014-2020: €2 362 200

- EMFF: €1 771 650
- Member State co-financing: €590 550

Source of co-financing: national

Multi-funding: No

Project examples and ideas

- ✓ Implementing and promoting a quality control scheme in Seafood Restaurants.
- ✓ Improving and promoting fishing and diving tourism.
- ✓ Protecting and promoting the marine and cultural assets of the fishing areas.
- ✓ Promoting fresh fisheries and aquaculture products.
- ✓ Promoting diving in our Island.

Calls for projects

No information

Thematic expertise and cooperation

An inter-territorial project with the other two Cypriot FLAGs is planned to promote fisheries products around the island; and a transnational project with Greece will continue cooperation initiated in the 2007-2014 period around the promotion of diving parks in the region.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead partner or Responsible Legal Entity

Larnaca and Famagusta Districts Development Agency

FLAG members

The FLAG board (the decision-making body) consists of just five of the FLAG members, but all members are actively involved. Together with the members of the FLAG they represent 6 municipalities and 11 communities, the fishermen's organisations, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Larnaca, and the financial institution of Larnaca and Famagusta.

Number of individuals on main decision-making body/ board: 5

% of public actors (on the decision-making body): 40%

Number of individuals/organisations in partnership/ general assembly: 20

% of fisheries actors (in the partnership): 20%

% of environmental actors (in the partnership): 0

% of other private / NGO sector actors (in the partnership): 20%

Number of contracted staff in FLAG [FTE]: 5

Links with LEADER or other CLLD groups:

The FLAG has a common legal structure with a local LEADER LAG group with which it has two small areas in common. They also share a common strategy, with the same vision and goals that cover the rural and fisheries areas of the Larnaca and Famagusta districts. The two organisations collaborate closely, whilst maintaining separate management committees and budgets. The FLAG co-ordinator is also a member of staff for the LEADER LAG. The FLAG also has strong relations with the other two FLAGs in Cyprus.

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Language information

Native language: Greek

Language			Basic level	Intermediate level	Good level
English					x