



FLAG Factsheet: Lemesos

ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΙΑΚΗ ΕΤΑΙΡΕΙΑ ΕΠΑΡΧΙΑΣ ΛΕΜΕΣΟΥ ΛΤΔ

Country: Cyprus

Region: Lemesos

Area: Lemesos, Agios Tychonas, Akrotiri, Avdimou, Episkopi, Moni, Paramali. Pentakomo. Pissouri. Trimiklini. Phini

Code: CY202

Operational: 2014-2020 programming period

Description of the area and its main challenges

The Limassol FLAG is found in southern Cyprus and bordered by the district of Paphos and Larnaca. The FLAG area covers ten communities within the Limassol district and Municipality.

Within the locality, the area of Amathus, in the Agios Tychonas community, is designated as a marine protected area for historical reasons. Here one can find the submerged ancient port of Amathus which is a point of interest for divers. The location also hosts Cyprus' first artificial reef. To allow this reef to develop and in order to achieve smooth growth in the biodiversity of the seabed only certain activities such as controlled diving, swimming, scientific research and education in relation to marine life are allowed. For the same reason, all forms of fishing activity, anchoring etc. are prohibited.

In terms of the fisheries sector, much fishing is small-scale, while the most valuable species targeted tend to be tuna and swordfish. The main challenges that this FLAG must face include the rising average age of fishermen, a lack of infrastructure, lack of cooperation between fishermen and a high degree of dependency between fishermen and fish markets.

Population: 113 544

Population Density [Inhabitants/ km²]: 444.16

Surface area [/km²]: 255.64

Protected areas: Amatheus

Total number of businesses in fisheries: 63

1. **Fishing:** 59
2. **Aquaculture:** 2
3. **Processing:** 2

Women employment in fisheries: 14

STRATEGY

Short summary of the FLAG strategy

The strategy aims to foster the protection of the marine environment, promote employment, and maintain lifelong education.

The FLAG focuses on strengthening the links between its marine fisheries and aquaculture and the processing sector in the region. It also focuses on tourism with a view to fishermen hosting tourists on their boats.

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	5	40
Supporting diversification	3	20
Enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets	1	5
Promoting social wellbeing and cultural heritage	2	10
Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development	4	25

Budget information

Total public budget allocated to the FLAG for 2014-2020: € 2 311 500

EMFF: €1 733 625

Member State co-financing: €577 875

Source of co-financing: national

Multi-funding: Yes

Project examples and ideas

Some of the proposed projects:

- Basic infrastructure and equipment for fishermen, including buildings to store their equipment and products.
- Thematic info points and an exhibition space
- Improving the marine and coastal environment and projects related to diving
- Fishermen hosting tourists on their boats

Calls for projects

No information

Thematic expertise and cooperation

The Limassol FLAG is a new FLAG. Nevertheless, the group can count on the experience of the Development Agency of Lemesos which has thematic experience and expertise from the 2007-2013 period when it managed a LEADER Local Action Group.

During this time the group was involved in improving local products and linking traditional products to tourism.

PARTNERSHIP

Lead partner or Responsible Legal Entity

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FLAG members

The FLAG Membership is comprised of the ten communities and the Limassol municipality. It also includes the Union of Limassol Communities, Limassol Chamber of Commerce, the Industry Association of Professional Fishermen of Limassol, the Federation of Industries and the 3rd Industrial Area of Limassol Ypsonas.

Decision making board of FLAG

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: 75

% of fisheries actors (in the partnership): 2.6 (40% in decision making body)

% of environmental actors (in the partnership): 0

% of other private / NGO sector actors (in the partnership): 7

Number of contracted staff in FLAG [FTE]: 3

Links with LEADER or other CLLD groups:

The Development Agency of Lemesos is a company with limited liability. The share capital of the company belongs to 75 shareholders, including public and private organisations. There are two different committees within the legal entity of the Development Agency of Lemesos: 1) the "Fisheries" Programme Management Committee" which is the decision-making body for the FLAG and 2) the "Agriculture Programme Management Committee" which is the decision-making body for the LEADER LAG. The Manager of the Development Agency of Lemesos is responsible for the coordination of both programmes.

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Language information

Native language: Greek

Language	Basic level	Intermediate level	Good level
English			X