

CLLD in the future – cooperation in and beyond Europe



A recent meeting between the European Commission and the World Bank hinted at a bright future for community-led local development (CLLD), with the possibility of increased cooperation with local development initiatives outside of Europe. The event, which took place in Brussels in November 2013, brought together around 20 local development experts, including World Bank Community-Driven Development (CDD) specialists, EU LEADER and urban development experts, social and regional fund officers, and experts working with CLLD in fisheries areas.

In the next period, FLAGs will be able to cooperate not only with other FLAGs and LEADER groups in Europe, but also with other “Leader-type partnerships” in and outside the EU. Experts at the meeting presented examples showing how LEADER had already been exported to countries in Africa and South America, which was generating demand to set up further partnerships. The World Bank has also been investing in recent years in evaluating its CDD programme, a local development approach that shares a number of commonalities with the EU’s CLLD. Both parties undertook to continue cooperation in the future. [Further information.](#)

Community aquaculture in France



Community gardens and Community Supported Agriculture are now well established concepts, but in the [Pays Marennes Oléron](#), the association [IODDE](#), a partner in the local FLAG, is reflecting on the potential to develop a form of community or shared aquaculture. The region is well known for the production of oysters, which were traditionally farmed in ponds called “[claires](#)”. These ponds are created in marshes and rely on tides and sluices to create optimum growing conditions. Many are now abandoned or serve other purposes, but the FLAG is exploring the possibility of creating shared production entities that would help restore them, enabling the participants to learn about the production and harvesting techniques and contribute to sustaining a local environmental service.

The FLAG would like to learn from other similar initiatives elsewhere in Europe, such as in the Danish FLAG [Djursland](#) area. If your FLAG or partners would like to be part of this exchange, see the [project cooperation factsheet](#) or contact the FARNET Support Unit.

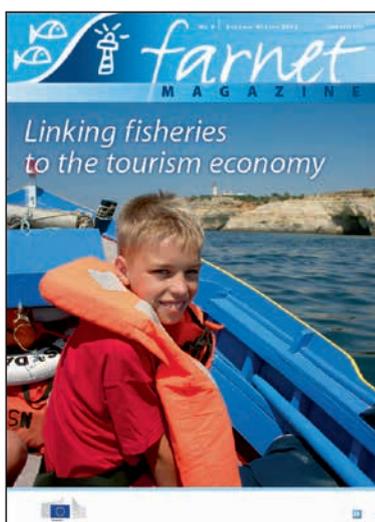
Connecting fishermen and their families in Andalusia, Spain



In the [Levante Almeriense](#) FLAG area, a recently approved project is helping local fishermen to stay in touch with their families, and benefit from remote medical support, while at sea. Along the Almeria coast, as in many other fisheries areas, fishermen are often at sea for prolonged periods, often missing out on family events and sometimes requiring access to medical advice. To help overcome these issues, the producer organization, Carbopesca SCA, approached the FLAG with a proposal to develop a project that would equip local boats with small devices providing wireless broadband internet up to 20 miles at sea. In association with a local social and medical organisation, the

project will also develop a communications centre, where families will have access to modern equipment and the internet, allowing them to make contact with the boats. The centre will also be a training hub, helping to bridge the digital gap in this fisheries area.

The growth of pesca-tourism in the EU



Pesca-tourism is generating increasing interest, and results, in EU fisheries areas and a growing pool of knowledge and information is now available to FLAGs and fishermen working to develop this activity in their areas. The most recent [FARNET magazine](#), on "*linking fisheries to the tourism economy*", offers an overview of the legal situation of pesca-tourism in all countries implementing Axis 4 of the EFF (p26-30). It shows that while very few countries currently have rules and procedures in place, the situation is evolving in some countries, while in others the absence of legislation does not necessarily prohibit the sector's development. Several examples of pesca-tourism projects were showcased at the recent [FARNET seminar](#) in Sardinia, including projects in [Cornwall](#), [Corsica](#) and [Italy](#), which boasts pesca-tourism legislation dating back to 1982. One project in Corsica, which monitored pesca-tourism on a fishing boat over three years, concluded that the fishermen were able to earn the same revenue while needing to catch 15% less fish.

Seventy inspiring Axis 4 tourism projects



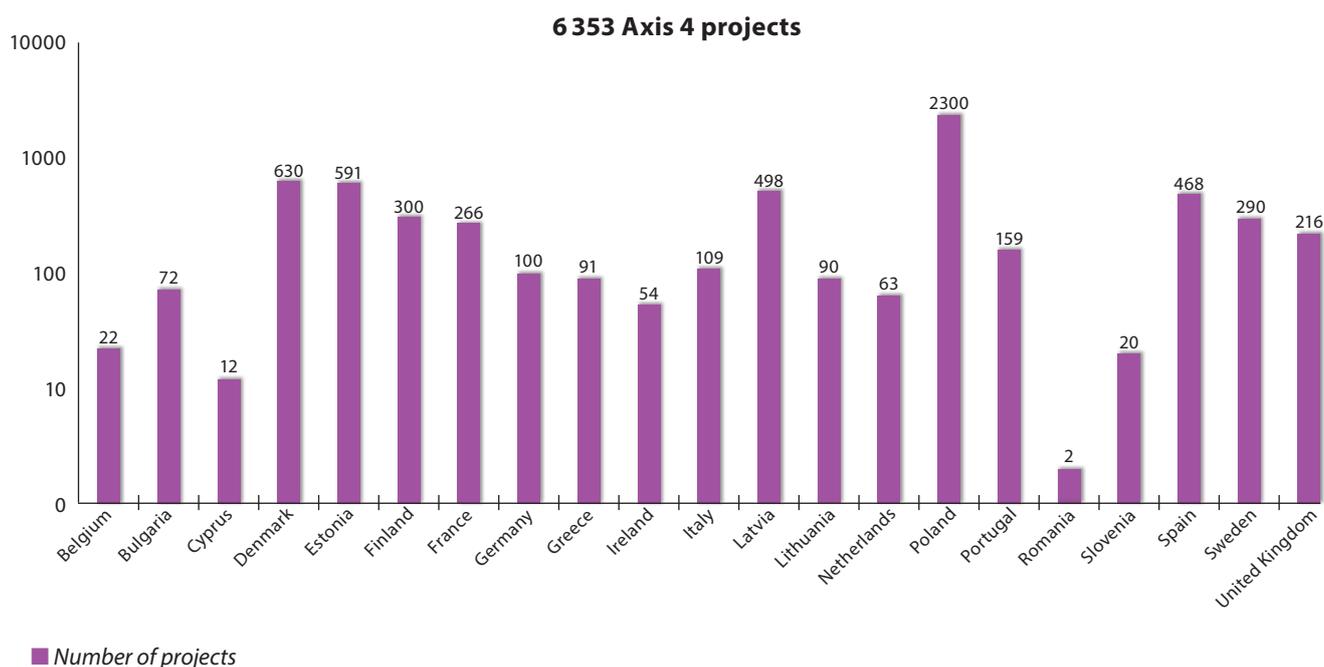
The recent FARNET transnational seminar, '[linking fisheries to the tourism economy](#)', featured around 70 Axis 4 projects that provide inspiration for FLAGs attempting to support tourism development in their areas. The projects covered the entire range of initiatives necessary to develop tourism in a given fisheries area, from tourist activities such as pesca-tourism and visits to fish farms, to local gastronomy, museums and exhibitions, and small hotels and B&Bs set up by fishermen and their families. Work to package different tourist products, for example into coastal trails or online menus of coastal activities and places to visit, as well as innovative ways of promoting fisheries areas, were also among the projects exhibited. The full list is available on the [FARNET website](#).



AppliFish is a tool developed by the EU project, [iMarine](#), which aims to foster an ecosystem approach to fisheries management and the conservation of marine resources. To increase awareness of these issues, the project has developed the AppliFish mobile app, which provides key facts about commercial fish and shellfish species, opening up marine knowledge to anyone with a mobile device. AppliFish is available for both [Android](#) and [iOS](#). See the [iMarine press release](#) for more information.

State of play: 6 353 projects and counting!

By January 2014, the 303 FLAG now active across 21 Member States had supported an estimated 6 353 projects¹.



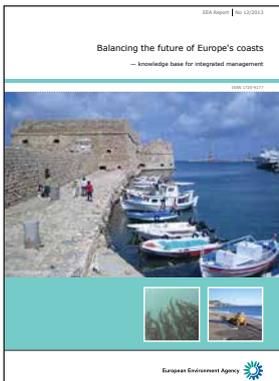
Forthcoming events and activities

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| 6-8 May 2014 | European Seafood Exposition | Brussels (B) |
| 19-20 May 2014 | European Maritime Day 2014 | Bremen (D) |

¹ This figure is based on information provided voluntarily by managing authorities up to January 2014.

Other news

Balancing increasing demands on Europe's coastline



Two new publications highlight the need for greater efforts to address increasing pressures on Europe's coastline. A new report from the European Environment Agency, '[Balancing the future of Europe's coasts](#)', underlines the economic importance of Europe's coastal regions and calls for better information, planning and management decisions to balance multiple demands on the coastal environment. Meanwhile, a recent publication from the EU [COEXIST](#) project, '[Guidance on a Better Integration of Aquaculture, Fisheries, and other Activities in the Coastal Zone: from tools to practical examples](#)', provides a comprehensive assessment of the conflicts and synergies between fisheries, aquaculture and other activities in six coastal study areas and provides guidance on how to ensure better integration.

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