

# EFF, Axis 4 in France

- EFF is implemented in France through a national programme
  - A small budget of EFF dedicated to Axis 4:
    - 5.4 M € for France
    - 0.25 M € for French Guyana (French overseas's department)
- It represents less than 2.64% of the global EFF budget



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- Axis 4 in France is exclusively restricted to coastal areas
- Axis 4: a new approach for fisheries and aquaculture actors
- National program expects to select more or less ten FLAG



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## Communication on Axis 4

- A important stage of the implementation
- The DPMA /ASP organised 2 seminars in October 2007, one in Lorient and the other in Sète, for fisheries professionals and territorial development actors
- Seminar topic: introduction to the concept of territorial development in relation with the specificities of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors



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## Communication on Axis 4

- March/April 2008 regional workshop destined to the potential future applicants of the tender: answer to all sorts of issues related to the framework axis 4
- June 2008: launch of the call of proposals (deadline for the submission of applications: 31 October 2008)



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## The selection process

- The call of proposals is divided in three main sections:
  - 1) a description of the area and its problems, along with a SWOT analysis
  - 2) the partnership and the strategy (presented in the action plan and its measures)
  - 3) the budget



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## The selection process

**1**

### Regional level

Reception of applications, checking the eligibility in reference of the call

Seek the opinion of the Regional Commission for Fishing and Aquaculture

**2**

### National level

Evaluation of applications by a committee of experts

National Programming Commission (December 2008), awarding marks to each application

**3**

Final selection based on the overall mark by the MA



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## The selection process, focus on the experts

- The committee of experts is set up by the MA/ASP
- two profiles of experts were required:  
One with skills related to local development  
One with skills related to aquaculture and fishery
- 4 experts were needed



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## The selection process, focus on the experts

- MA/ASP provide the experts with all information regarding groups applications (no contact were allowed with groups)
- MA/ASP also provide a grid of analysis and a guideline to explain how to use it in order to ensure a common approach





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## The selection process, focus on the experts

- Each application is processed by 2 experts independently
- Each expert provides a written analysis to MA/ASP
- In a second time the two experts write together a common harmonised report (presented to the national programming commission)



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## The selection process, grid of analysis

- The grid refer to 5 items:
  - 1/quality of the strategy regarding the area and its specifics problems
  - 2/ analysis of the action plan : relevance to need
  - 3/ quality of the partnership



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## The selection process, grid of analysis

4 /implementation capacity

5/ quality of the presentation (well written, clear ....)

Experts allocate a mark to each criteria (scale from 1 to 5) and add commentaries to explain



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## The selection process

- The selection process was followed by a negotiation phase during which the ASP refined the action plan with each group (based on expert and CNP recommendations)
- A contract is signed between the group, the DPMA and the ASP to establish the legal framework of the action plan and to cover its implementation



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## The selection process : results

- 17 groups submitted applications
- 11 groups were awarded
- 5 had already signed the contract that allow them to begin the implementation of their strategy



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## FLAG Characteristics

- An average of 500K€ EFF (up to 600K€)
- the strategies tend to:
  - work with the fisheries and aquaculture sectors by increasing their competitiveness through better marketing, labelling and shorter circuits.
  - improving the linkages between fisheries, tourism, the environment and a broader territorial development



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## Return of experience from FLAG

- A very close relation between FLAG/ASP/DPMA at any moment is really appreciated
- One person is dedicated to advice the FLAG to any kind of question (technical, criteria of eligibility for a project, organisation of the FLAG, organisation of a programming committee ....) : appreciated too
- But a too short time to answer the call (4 months)

