



EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND
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Master–Apprentice program FLAG ESKO, Finland

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Objectives and rationale of the project

Challenge

Aging fishermen in coastal and inland fisheries, healthy local fish stocks and consumers demand for local fish

Objective

Attracting young people to professional fishing

75 % of professional fishers will retire during the next 5 years

Activities & what was funded

- First program 2013 –2014, ESKO has now 3rd program ongoing
- 6 young “apprentice” fishermen joined practical training period of 6 months. “Masters” were a network of experienced fishermen. They practiced in pairs.
- General learning objectives and personalized curriculum
- Program total costs about 6000 EUR per participant



6 pairs
6 months
Learning by doing
Entrepreneurship lessons
and sparring

Results

- 80% of Apprentices continued either as independent professional fishers or were hired by their Masters
- Cost effective training to attract young people to professional fishing
- Program easily organizable by other FLAGs in Finland. They have equally good results.

