

Delivery systems

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Preparatory support

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The EMFF governance framework in France

- The Managing Authority is the French Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy (Department for marine fisheries and aquaculture).
- The “maritime” Regions act as intermediate bodies and are responsible for managing a part of EMFF measures (CLLD is one of these “regional measures”).
- Working methods: Since late 2013, a working group between Regions, regular technical meetings between the Managing Authority and Regions + regular political meetings.

A shared framework for the EMFF delivery system

- In terms of delivery system, we have been developing a common “methodology framework” for each EMFF measure (= a guide for appraisal teams)
- Standard content: regulation references, EU priorities and thematic objectives, measure’s objectives, eligibility conditions, selection criteria, funding terms (eligible costs, EMFF contribution rate, intensity of public aid), implementation process, indicators.
- The MA is responsible for “national measures” and Regions for “regional measures” (each being coordinated by one or more Regions).
- For CCLD, 4 methodology frameworks: preparatory support, running costs and animation, implementation of community–led local development strategies and cooperation activities.

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- Individual grants (most of the regions) or provision of collective training (using funding under **regional** technical assistance)
- Maximum grant per FLAG: €25 000, intensity of public aid of 100%, EMFF contribution of 50% (Regions' contribution of 50%)
- Expenditure are eligible from the 1st January 2014 until the date of notification of the selection decision.
- Simple selection criteria: quality of the draft methodology for the preparation of the strategy & level of involvement of key local stakeholders including the fisheries sector
 - Applications rated on a 8-point scale (with a minimum threshold of 2 out of 8)

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- No specific call for expressions of interest → included in the CLLD call, the proposals launched by each Region
- Each applicant must submit an application for preparatory support before the closure of the call for proposals (deadline indicated in each call)
- Eligible costs: all the costs specified in Article 35.1 (a) of the CPR (simplified costs for staff costs, travel and accommodation costs and overheads)
- Application limited to 10 pages with the following information: area, lead organisation, preliminary ideas about the strategy and FLAG governance, draft methodology for the preparation of the strategy, outline action plan and calendar.

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- Support awarded by the regional EMFF programming committee
 - 1 Region has decided to pay 80% of the preparatory support in advance (a “repayable advance”: once awarded, the applicant will repay to the Region the EMFF grant)