

# EFF after 2013

Main issues

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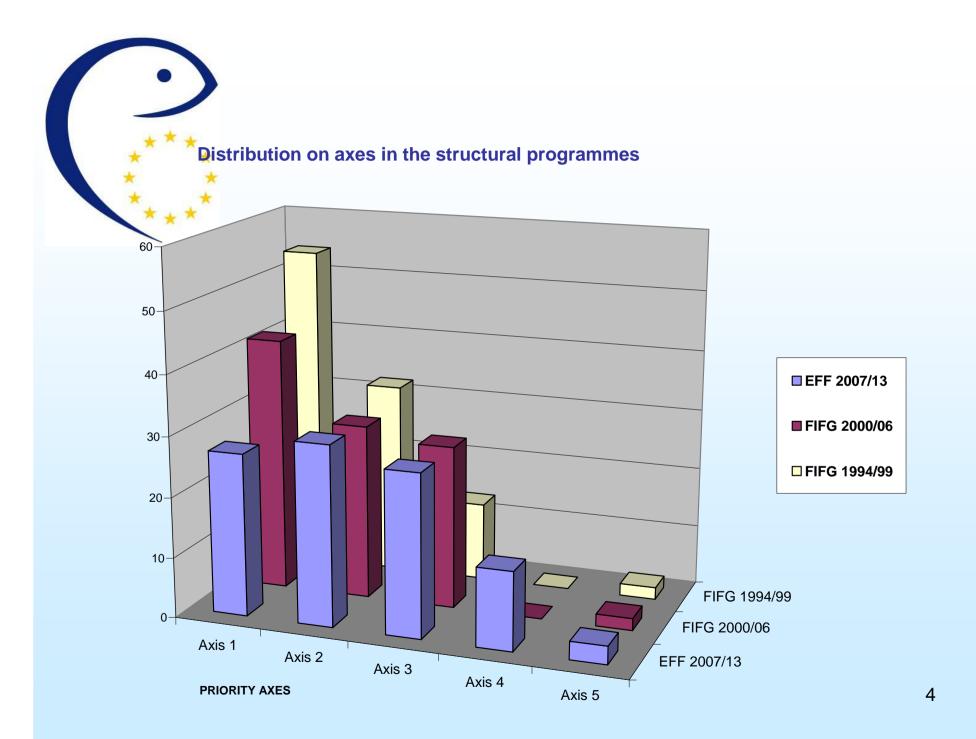
# EFF 2007-2013: What is about ? Which problems to solve?

- Too many vessels for too few fish
- Lack of competitiveness (sea fisheries, aquaculture, processing and marketing)
- Low attractiveness of the employment and decline in overall employment in fisheries
- Decline of coastal communities depending on fisheries; loss of skills, culture, tradition.
- **Pressure on environment**



## Objective: A sustainable and competitive fisheries sector

- By contributing to the implementation of the CFP objectives
- By increasing the competitiveness and economic viability of the sector
- By reducing the pressure on aquatic resources and fostering the protection of the environment
- By improving the socio-economic fabric of fisheries communities





## Financial Negotiations of the next MFF

- Start 29 June 2011 (Commission's communication);
- The context of the austerity measures and the contribution of MS to Stability Fund, coinciding with the beginning of the next MFF
- This will have impact on the overall EU budget and might increase pressure on the reduction of support to the fisheries sector, which is not among the budgetary priorities.



## Europe 2020 – New economic strategy for Europe

- Three key objectives:
  - Smart growth (developing an economy based on knowledge and innovation);
  - Sustainable growth more resource efficient, greener and competitive economy;
  - Inclusive growth (fostering social and territorial cohesion.



#### **Europe 2020**

- Flagship initiatives
  - Innovation Union "to strengthen and develop the role of EU instruments to support innovation, including through facilitated access to funding"
  - Resource efficient Europe "to phase out environmentally harmful subsidies, limiting exceptions to people with social needs".
  - An agenda for new skills and jobs "to facilitate and promote intra-EU labor mobility and better match labor supply with demand with appropriate financial support from EU Structural Funds".



# New financial instruments – some elements

Need to address the conclusions from evaluations of FIFG and EFF, in particular:

- (i) Eliminate "shopping list approach"; achieve strategic focus on CFP objectives
- (ii) Introduce consistent set of indicators allowing to measure progress towards objectives.



#### Conclusions of IA on CFP reform

- Need for better integration of CFP and IMP financial instruments – a single fund, building on synergies and reduction of administrative burden (i.e. market measures, data collection and control under the shared management)
- Stronger link between CFP and IMP
- Need to move away from fleet subsidies towards green fisheries, aquaculture and reinforced Axis 4.



#### **Coordinated programming**

Coordination of the contributions of the shared-management funds to EU2020 Cohesion Fund, ERDF, ESF, EAFRD and our future instrument

- 1. Common Strategic Framework adopted by the Commission end 2011/beginning 2012
  - Translate the objectives of Europe 2020 into investment priorities for the different funds
  - Results sought and targets set by the Commission
  - Conditionalities attached to the funding made available
  - Territorial chapter will address local development
- 2. Partnership contracts negotiated between the Commission and the MS
  - Commitments of partners at national and regional level to deliver EU2020 goals through their programmes
- 3. Operational programmes, based on CSF and Partnership contracts will remain separate for each fund.



Local development co-ordinated with AGRI, REGIO and EMPL

- Ongoing work on the best co-ordination of EU financial instruments supporting local development.
- Possible outcomes aligned rules, the concept of a lead fund.