



Monitoring Committee

The European Fisheries Fund 2007 – 2013

Investing in Sustainable Fisheries

Project Selection Criteria

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Selection Criteria – Main Changes

- Changes triggered as a result of experience on the ground.
- Tightening of criteria.
- Quantifiable and more focused.



Revised Criteria for Measure 1.1

	Economic Criteria
1.1A	Value of registered landings: Preference for scrapping to vessels with a higher value of landings.
1.1B	Rejuvenation of the fishing fleet: Preference for scrapping to older vessels.
1.1C	Reassignment: Points will be granted to vessels re-assigned to other activities.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.1

	Social Criteria
1.1D	Rejuvenation of the fishers' population: Preference for scrapping of vessels owned by older fishers.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.1

	Environmental Criteria
1.1E	Diversification to other activities: Preference for reassignment of traditional wooden hulled fishing boats painted in traditional livery.
1.1F	Points will be granted to Applicants who will send the material generated through the scrapping process for recycling .
1.1G	Engine Size: Higher marks will be granted to bigger engines.
1.1H	Gross Tonnage: Higher marks will be granted to applications with the largest Gross Tonnage.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.3

	Economic Criteria
1.3A	Value of registered landings: Preference will be given for investments on vessels with a higher value of landings.
1.3B	Previous assistance received: Preference will be given to those vessels which were not previously assisted through EU funding programmes (benchmark date is the date when the results of the previous call are made public).
1.3C	Hygiene/Product Quality: Preference will be given to investments which will improve product hygiene and/or product quality on board over and above minimum regulatory requirements.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.3

	Social Criteria
1.3D	Rejuvenation of the fishers' population: Preference for investments by younger fishers (average age of owner).
1.3E	Gender Equality: Preference will be given for investments promoting gender equality in the fisheries industry.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.3

	Environmental Criteria
1.3F	Reduce the ability to catch fish: Preference will be given to investments which will increase in mesh size/hooks, improve the selectivity of the fishing gear, or reduce the engine size.
1.3G	Renewable energy and Energy efficiency: Preference will be given to investments which will include investments in alternative natural energy sources or which will improve energy efficiency on board, provided, however that any investment related to the engine of the vessel shall not increase the ability to catch more fish.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

1. The provision of training to upgrade the professional skills for fishers and for young fishers in particular

	Economic Criteria
1.4A	Fishers' professional skills: Promotion of lifelong learning.
	Social Criteria
1.4B	Rejuvenation of the fishers' population: Preference will be given for initiatives to foster continued and increased participation in the fishing industry of young (<40 as on closing date of Application) fishers.
1.4C	Gender Equality: Preference will be given for initiatives to promote gender equality in the fisheries industry.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

1. The provision of training to upgrade the professional skills for fishers and for young fishers in particular

	Economic Criteria
1.4D	Reduce the impact on the environment: Preference will be given for initiatives (beyond regulatory obligations) which will promote a reduced impact by fisheries on the environment.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

2. The provision of training to fishers in occupations outside sea fishing

	Economic Criteria
1.4E	Fishers' professional skills: Promotion of lifelong learning.
	Social Criteria
1.4F	Gender Equality: Preference will be given to those initiatives promoting gender equality in the fisheries industry.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

2. The provision of training to fishers in occupations outside sea fishing

	Environmental Criteria
1.4G	Reduce the impact on the environment: Preference will be given to training which promotes environmental friendly activities (beyond regulatory obligations).



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

3. A non-renewable compensation to fishers who have worked on a vessel that had been an object of permanent cessation

	Social Criteria
1.4H	Experience: Preference will be given to fishers with longer working experience on board a fishing vessel.



Revised Criteria for Axis 1 – Measure 1.4

4. The payment of a premium to fishers younger than 40 years

	Economic Criteria
1.4I	Age: Preference will be given to younger fishers (as of closure date of applications) according to a five stage ranking procedure.
1.4J	Experience: Preference will be given to young fishers with longer working experience on board a fishing vessel.



Original Criteria for Axis 2 – Measure 2.2

- Selection criterion for Priority Axis 2 – Measure 2.2 “Aqua-environmental measures” had not been established.



Revised Criteria for Axis 2 - Measures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

	Economic Criteria
2A	SME Definition according to the Commission Recommendation 2003/361: Preference will be given to smaller firms.
2B	Number of years in marketing fish: Preference will be given to firms which have recently entered the sector
2C	Diversification: Preference will be given to investments diversifying into new markets or products
2D	New technology: Preference will be given to investments in new technology
2E	Sector cohesion (partnership): Preference will be given to investments being proposed jointly by more than one undertaking operating in the sector.



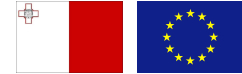
Revised Criteria for Axis 2 - Measures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

	Social Criteria
2F	Gender Equality: Preference will be given to those initiatives promoting gender equality in the fisheries industry.
2G	Skills: Preference will be given to investments in training to improve employees skills
2H	Health and Safety: Preference will be given to investments creating safer, better working conditions or work practices (investments have to be above the minimum requirements set by law).



Revised Criteria for Axis 2 - Measures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

	Environmental Criteria
2I	Renewable energy and Energy efficiency: Preference will be given to investments which will include investments in alternative natural energy sources or which will improve energy efficiency.
2J	Positive impact on the environment: Preference will be given to investments which will reduce the adverse impact on resources, environment and habitats
2K	Promoting sustainability of stocks/species: Preference will be given to investments which will facilitate the sustainability of stocks/species



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.1

	Economic Criteria
3.1 A	Preference will be given to projects that are a national priority
3.1 B	Organisation of the sale of fish products: Preference will be given to the improvement of conditions under which fisheries and aquaculture products are landed, processed, stored in the ports and auctioned and the organisation thereof;



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.1

	Social Criteria
3.1C	Common interest: Preference will be given to investments which will benefit the largest number of registered fishers.
3.1D	Health and Safety: Preference will be given to investments creating safer and better working conditions.



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.1

	Environmental Criteria
3.1E	Renewable energy and Energy efficiency: Preference will be given to investments (beyond regulatory obligations) which will include investments in alternative natural energy sources or which will improve energy efficiency.



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.2

	Economic Criteria
3.2A	Diversification: Preference will be given to promotional campaigns aimed at enhancing the demand for currently underexploited fish and/or aquaculture species.
3.2B	Sector cohesion: Preference will be given to investments being proposed jointly by more than one firm operating in the sector.



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.2

	Social Criteria
3.2C	Fish consumption: Preference will be given to promotional campaigns that are sustained by a proper plan and that aim at enhancing the knowledge about the benefits of consuming fish.



Revised Criteria for Axis 3 - Measure 3.2

	Environmental Criteria
3.2D	Environmentally friendly methods: Preference will be given to promotional campaigns and/or other material aimed at promoting fish and aquaculture products obtained using environmentally friendly methods.

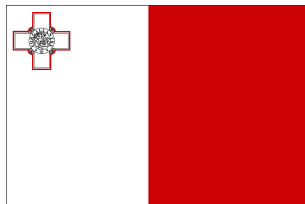


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