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## **ESI Funds Growth Programme Board**

### **European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Programme Update**

#### **Purpose:**

To provide the Board with a progress report on the implementation of the EMFF in England.

#### **Recommendation(s):**

That the Growth Programme Board notes the report.

#### **Summary:**

Good progress continues to be made with the EMFF programme, with 406 applications for projects received. Approved projects (210) have total project costs of more than £16.2m.

1. There continues to be good take-up of the EMFF in England, with 406 applications for projects received under the 'core' programme (i.e. not including expenditure for control and enforcement activities, and data collection measures) totalling over £41.5m, of which nearly £16m is EMFF.
2. Out of the 406 applications, 210 have been approved, with total project costs of more than £16.2m, of which £7.2m is EMFF and £1.4m national match from the MMO. Monies has also started to be paid out to projects, with over £2m already to applicants.
3. Of the 210 applications, we are seeing the majority of projects – in terms of number and value – under 8 priorities for funding, which are:
  - Health and safety – equipment and on-board vessel investments (58 projects, £450,000 EMFF, £40,000 national);
  - Limiting the impact of fishing on the marine environment – more selective fishing gear and practices (55 projects, £439,000 EMFF, £73,000 national);
  - Processing and marketing – of fisheries and aquaculture products (26 projects, £2m EMFF, £605,000 national);
  - Adding value and quality – to caught and unwanted fish products (24 projects, £221,000 EMFF, £41,000 national);
  - Infrastructure investments – in ports, harbours, landing sites and auction halls (23 projects, £1.4m EMFF, £58,000 national);
  - Investments in aquaculture – new units, diversification of production and species, modernisation of existing units (5 projects, £605,000 EMFF, £154,000 national);
  - Promotion of human capital – job creation, improving social dialogue, training (4 projects, £793,000 EMFF, 0 national);

- Protection/restoration of marine biodiversity and ecosystems – collection of waste, Natura 2000 sites, increasing environmental awareness (4 projects, £410,000 EMFF, £40,000 national).
4. With regard to CLLD, two of the six English FLAGs have recently launched, and the remaining four will launch before the end of March. So none have delivered any projects to date but all FLAGs have had the appropriate delivery training.

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