

Request for Proposals: Developing/introducing fully documented fisheries in Europe

Award Amount: up to €75,000 (or equivalent)

Grant Period/ Terms: up to 18 months, 100% granted at inception

Application Period: Call closes 31 October 2017

Anticipated Grant Start Date: according to grantee's needs

Application Instructions: Applicants may submit more than one proposal, but each proposal must follow the instructions below:

Background and Rationale

Legal Framework for Fully Documented Fisheries

Article 15 of the CFP introduces the requirement for full catch accountability with Member States being obliged to count all catches. A Member State's catch, including discards, must be within quotas or the "pay-back scheme" may be used, as stated under the Control Regulation. FDF enables Member States to monitor their fleet's performance and has the potential to prevent the "pay back scheme" being deployed.

Not only is this the requirement but fully documented fisheries are also the entry point to removing prescriptive management and into a results based management approach.

Funding Fish and Fully Documented Fisheries (FDF)

Funding Fish (FF) funds projects and campaigns aimed at achieving sustainable fisheries in Europe. Funding Fish follows a simple premise fundamental to any kind of effective management and that is the need for a clear goal and then monitor progress in reaching the goal. In the context of European fisheries FF sees MSY by 2020 (as defined by Article 2.2 of the Common Fisheries Policy Basic Regulation (CFP)) as the goal with fully documented fisheries as the means to monitoring progress (CFP Article 15).

Seafood Buyers and Fully Documented Fisheries

Seafood processors, retailers and consumers want to be confident their seafood is from sustainable, well managed stocks and legally compliant fisheries. Processors and retailers are increasingly concerned about the traceability of their seafood from the sea to the shop floor in order to deliver on their commitments to sustainable and legal seafood. Fully documented fisheries are one of the tools available for fishing vessels to meet the growing requirements the processors and retailers are looking for. Funding Fish is interested in supporting fishermen (and other stakeholders) to meet these demands and hence invites grant applications that enable the uptake of fully documented fisheries."

Request for Proposals:

The aim of the call for proposals is to increase the adoption of fully documented fisheries by fishermen and management agencies, with an emphasis on Remote Electronic Monitoring.

We anticipate that a successful project could address any of the following topics: improving catch data, informing fishermen's practices, automating reporting, improving control and strengthening traceability.

Types of activities that this call will support include: improve understanding of the REM, demonstrate effective REM approaches and deployment, identify barriers to uptake, propose solutions to improve adoption.

Applications should include a communications plan covering how to disseminate the projects findings and learnings and defining the key audiences.

Geographical scope: Baltic, North Sea, North West Waters, South West Waters and the Mediterranean (EU jurisdiction).

Co-funding: Co-funding is not a requirement however projects with co-funding may be considered more favourably.

Application Requirements:

Applications to be submitted in English.

- Document #1: 1-5 Page Narrative
- Document #2: 1 Page Work plan and Timeline
- Document #3: 1 Page Detailed & Itemized Budget

Reporting Requirements:

One Month After Grant Completion:

- Document #1: 3-5 Page Narrative Report on Successes, Failures, and Lessons Learned
- Document #2: 1 Page Budget/ Spend Report

Note, Funding Fish staff may wish to visit funded projects.

To Apply:

Please email your application with the three documents listed above to info@fundingfish.eu. The subject line should read **[FDF – “Organization Name” – “Your Project Name”]**. You will be notified of further interest or funding decision by email no later than 30 days after the closing date.