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FISHERIES FUND (2014)**

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1. ANALYSIS PER MEMBER STATE

Belgium

The EFF operational programme (OP) covers the entire territory of Belgium, which is designated as a non-convergence region (except Hainaut, which is phasing out).

EFF funds allocated to Belgium for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 26 261 648, which represents 0.61 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 48 239 502.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

54.3 % for axis 1, 3.0 % for axis 2, 32.4 % for axis 3, 7.2 % for axis 4 and 3.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 97.6 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 70.5 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 1 762 734 was committed by the Member State (6.7 % of the total allocation) and EUR 1 159 487 was certified to the Commission.

Bulgaria

The OP covers the entire territory of Bulgaria, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Bulgaria for the period 2007-2013 amounted to EUR 80 009 708, which represents 1.85 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union. Following the EFF decommitment at end-2014, this amount was reduced to EUR 62 783 168.

Total public contribution was initially EUR 106 679 611 which, following the last OP modification of 06.12.2013 dropped to EUR 101 168 996. The situation was the same at the end of 2014 as no OP modification occurred during 2014.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014 7.9 % for axis 1; 47.4 % for axis 2; 18.4 % for axis 3; 20.9 % for axis 4 and 5.3 % for axis 5 (in line with the last OP modification: Commission Decision C(2013) 9036 of 06.12.2013)

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2013: EUR 3 568 501 in convergence regions and at the end of 2014: EUR 9 525 078. The 2014 de-commitment represents 68.27 % of the 2011 annual allocation and 11.90 % of the initial, total EFF allocation.

By the end of 2014, an amount of EUR 76 074 756,9 was committed, which represents 97 % of the original EFF total amount of EUR 78 071 718,91. Also, an amount of EUR 36 073 199,59 was certified to the Commission by end 2014, which represents 46,20% of the original EFF allocation.

In 2014 only, 16.87 % of the original EFF total amount (EUR 13 504 806,83) was committed from EFF by the Member State.

The last OP modification occurred in 2013 with the Commission Decision C(2013) 9036 of 06/12/2013. The de-commitments experienced at the end of 2013 and 2014 are still to be reflected in a modified OP.

Czech Republic

The OP covers the entire territory of the Czech Republic with the exception of Prague region, and it is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to the Czech Republic for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 27 106 675, which represents 0.63 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 36 142 234.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

61 % for axis 2, 34 % for axis 3, and 5.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

The n+2 rule in 2014 has been met and the need to decommit eliminated.

Following the introduction of corrective measures by the CZ authorities in 2014, the COM accepted with follow-up the revised 2012 and 2013 ACRs and CZ was able to resume interim payments. The CA submitted on 19 Dec 2014 a new payment claim of EUR 3.25 M from which the ineligible expenditure of EUR 1.23 M had been deducted.

By the end of 2014, 91 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 70 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 2 135 905.83 was committed by the Member State (8 % of the total allocation) and EUR 3 253 164.63 EFF-related expenditure was certified to the Commission.

Denmark

The OP covers the entire territory of Denmark, which is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Denmark for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 133 675 169, which represents 3.1 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 238 840 272.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

24.7 % for axis 1, 17.4 % for axis 2, 43.4 % for axis 3, 11.9 % for axis 4 and 2.6 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, around 85 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 74 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 6 311 292 was committed by the Member State (5.5 % of the total allocation) and EUR 35 762 080 was certified to the Commission.

Germany

The OP covers the entire territory of Germany, with the exception of the Länder Hamburg, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland. The Länder Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-West

Pomerania, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia and the region of Luneburg in Lower Saxony are designated as convergence regions and the rest of the Länder as non-convergence regions.

EFF funds allocated to Germany for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 146 581 662, which represents 3.4 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 228 589 168.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

2.3 % for axis 1, 29.5 % for axis 2, 49.8 % for axis 3, 16.1 % for axis 4 and 2.4 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 3 148 234 in convergence regions, representing 23 % of the annual allocation; and EUR 2 135 953 in non-convergence regions, which represents 24 % of the annual allocation.

By the end of 2014, 76 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 61 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 11 997 513, was committed by the Member State (8 % of the total allocation) and EUR 11 800 128 was certified to the Commission.

Estonia

The OP covers the entire territory of Estonia, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Estonia for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 84 568 039, which represents 2.0 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 112 757 386.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

18.0 % for axis 1, 29.1 % for axis 2, 25.1 % for axis 3, 22.8 % for axis 4 and 5.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Despite promising progress achieved during exchanges between the Commission and the Member State throughout the year 2014 payments to Estonia for the EFF related to some expenditure certified under Article 25(2) remained interrupted because there was no full guarantee that all of the expenditure declared under this measure was eligible. For the same reason, in May the Commission had to proceed to suspension of part of the payments for the programme.

By the end of 2014, 79 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 58 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 16 714 007 was committed by the Member State (20 % of the total allocation) and EUR 17 489 081 was certified to the Commission.

Ireland

The Irish OP covers the entire country, which is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Ireland for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 42 266 603, which represents 0.98 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 66 347 426.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

57.2% for axis 1, 13.6% for axis 2, 26.4% for axis 3, 2.4% for axis 4 and 0.4% for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

There was no automatic decommitment at the end of 2014.

By the end of 2014, 83% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 71% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 3 021 172 was committed by Ireland (representing 7.15% of the total EFF allocation) and EUR 2 605 613 was certified to the Commission.

Greece

The OP covers the whole territory of Greece (the regions of Sterea Ellada and South Aegean are non-convergence regions while the rest of the country is a convergence region).

EFF funds allocated to Greece for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 207 832 237 (EUR 176 836 728 for the 11 convergence regions and EUR 30 995 509 for the two non-convergence regions), which represents 4.83% of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 274 105 143.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

36.5% for axis 1, 24.4% for axis 2, 19.1% for axis 3, 17.4% for axis 4 and 2.6% for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

In 2014, the OP was modified in terms of its financial table (Commission Decision C(2014)6080 of 27.08.2014) for reasons of sound financial management. Despite the fact that the OP has made significant progress in terms of its implementation both at operational and financial level, the amount of 5 277 880 had been de-committed due to N+2 rule (commitment of 2012). The increase in the absorption rate at EU payment level, currently amounting to 81.86% (including pre-financing), is also related to the use of the provisions under Regulation (EU) No 387/2012 allowing for a 10% top-up since the date (11 May 2010) the Intercreditor Agreement and the Loan Facility Agreement for Greece entered into force.

By the end of 2014, 96.82% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 63.72% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 43 578 057.7 was committed by Greece (20.97% of the total EFF allocation) and EUR 15 057 831.04 was certified to the Commission.

Spain

The Spanish OP covers Galicia, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura, Andalucia, Principado de Asturias, Region de Murcia, and Ciudades autonomas de Ceuta y Melilla as convergence regions and the rest of the country as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Spain for the period 2007-2014 amount to EUR 1 117 001 406, which represents 25.66% of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 2 207 842 936.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014

42.4% for axis 1, 25.5% for axis 2, 25.4% for axis 3, 4% for axis 4 and 2.2% for axis 5

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 61 750 438 in convergence regions. This represents 45% of the annual allocation of EUR 136 163 340.

By the end of 2014, 83.1% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 67.2% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 80 870 701 was committed by the Member State and EUR 99 010 445 was certified to the Commission.

Analysis of 2014 AIR confirms that progress has been slow in convergence. In the non-convergence area, the increase of commitments is satisfactory and more especially on Axis 4. We notice that the progress towards implementation of the EFF was disappointing on 31/12/2013 but regions have reallocated the unused funds among themselves via transfers in order to optimise the implementation of projects on the two remaining years.

France

The OP covers four convergence regions, Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique and Réunion (the outermost regions), and the rest of the country is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to France for the period 2007-2013 amounted to EUR 216 053 084.00 (EUR 34 250 343 for convergence regions and EUR 18 802 741 for non-convergence region), which represents 5% of the total EFF allocation for the Union. As a result of the funds losses during the programming period, due to automatic decommitment, the EFF budget was reduced to EUR 213 025 429.

Total public contribution amounts currently to EUR 567 785 571 (38% of the EFF and 62% of the national public co-financing).

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014 was as follows: 42.4% for axis 1, 25.5% for axis 2, 25.4% for axis 3, 4.4% for axis 4 and 2.2% for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

For the third consecutive year the automatic decommitment affected the convergence regions. The amount decommitted at the end of 2014 was EUR 1 020 226, which represents 18% of the annual allocation for 2012 and 8% of the total initial EFF allocation for the convergence regions.

By the end of 2014, 63% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 67% was certified. In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 27 609 458 was committed by the Member State and EUR 18 711 839 13 was certified to the Commission.

Croatia

Following the accession of Croatia to the EU on 1 July 2013, an EFF operational programme was submitted on 31 October 2013.

The Croatian OP as approved by the Commission on 19 December 2013 covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Croatia for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 8 700 000, which represents 0.20 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

The total public contribution amounts to EUR 11 600 000.

Allocation between priority axes: 51.8 % for axis 1, 43.2 % for axis 2 and 5 % for axis 5.

Overall assessment: During 2014 the Croatian authorities focused on setting up the management and control systems and other preparatory measures for launching the OP implementation on the ground. Three of the four measures of the OP were opened for tender, some of which towards the end of the year and did not translate into high commitments.

By the end of 2014, EUR 19 573.89 had been committed by the Member State but no expenditure was certified to the Commission.

Italy

The OP covers Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Puglia and Sicily as convergence regions and the rest of the country as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Italy for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 424 342 854, which represents 9.9 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 848 685 708.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

42.83 % for axis 1, 23.32 % for axis 2, 21.66 % for axis 3, 8.02 % for axis 4 and 4.38 % for axis 5

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 23 338 556 in the convergence region and EUR 3 075 542 in non-convergence regions. This represents 49.74 % of the annual allocation 2012 in the convergence region and 19.51 % of the annual allocation 2012 in non-convergence regions.

The ongoing economic crisis is delaying the implementation of investment measures, mainly under axes 2, 3 and 4.

By the end of 2014, 86.66 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 62.15 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 46 675 089.90 was committed by the Member State (11.27% of the total allocation) and EUR 36 511 369.00 was certified to the Commission.

Cyprus

The OP covers the entire territory of the Republic of Cyprus, which is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to the Republic of Cyprus for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 19 724 418, which represents 0.46 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 36 148 836.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

39.5 % for axis 1, 10.1 % for axis 2, 42.7 % for axis 3, 5.1 % for axis 4 and 2.5 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Despite the exceptional financial circumstances that the Republic of Cyprus has faced since 2013, in 2014 significant progress has been made in the implementation of projects approved for funding under the Cypriot EFF OP 2007-2013 both at operational and financial level. The absorption rate at EU payment level, currently amounting to 95 %, is also related to the use of the provisions under Regulation (EU) No 387/2012 allowing for a 10% top-up since the date (26 April 2013) the economic adjustment programme was signed.

By the end of 2014, 100.54 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 87.4 % was certified.

In 2014, no further EFF commitments were made by the Republic of Cyprus and EUR 1 744 336.33 was certified to the Commission.

Latvia

The OP covers the entire territory of Latvia, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Latvia for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 125 015 563, which represents 2.9 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 166 687 419.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

21.0 % for axis 1, 41.0 % for axis 2, 25.1 % for axis 3, 9.0 % for axis 4 and 4.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 102.5 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 80.9 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 17 724 623 was committed by the Member State (14 % of the total allocation) and EUR 16 211 375 was certified to the Commission.

Lithuania

The OP covers the entire territory of Lithuania, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Lithuania for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 54 713 408, which represents 1.3 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 72 187 373.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

8.9 % for axis 1, 56.3 % for axis 2, 17.7 % for axis 3, 4.9 % for axis 4 and 4.9 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 100.14 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 74.35 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 6 416 466.58 was committed by the Member State (11.72 % of the total allocation) and EUR 5 586 918 was certified to the Commission.

Hungary

The Hungarian OP covers the Central Hungary Region (Budapest and Pest County) as a non-convergence region and the rest of the country as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Hungary for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 34 850 860, which represents 0.81 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 46 678 241.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

86.8 % for axis 2, 7.3 % for axis 3 and 5.9 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 94.9 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 82.5 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 3 158 582 was committed by the Member State (9 % of the total allocation) and EUR 3 089 351 was certified to the Commission.

Malta

The OP covers the territory of the Maltese islands, which falls entirely under the category of 'convergence region'.

EFF funds allocated to Malta for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 8 372 329, which represents 0.19 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 11 163 103.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

33.7 % for axis 1, 9 % for axis 2, 51.01 % for axis 3 and 6.5 % for axis 5

Main implementation aspects:

There was no automatic decommitment at the end of 2014.

By the end of 2014, Malta had committed EUR 8 079 156.4 (96.5 %) and certified EUR 5 776 952.12 (69 %) of EFF expenditure.

The Netherlands

The OP covers the entire territory of the Netherlands, which is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to the Netherlands for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 48 578 417, which represents 1.1 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 120 578 417.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

34.8 % for axis 1, 15.2 % for axis 2, 34.8 % for axis 3, 10.3 % for axis 4 and 4.9 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

As in 2013, the national audit authority and the Commission services detected in 2014 serious deficiencies in the management and control system which needed to be corrected. As a result, payments remained interrupted.

By the end of 2014, 112% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 66.6% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 4 473 463 was committed by the Member State (9.2% of the total allocation) and due the problems described above only EUR 129 500 was certified to the Commission.

Austria

The OP covers the entire territory of Austria, which is designated as a non-convergence region with the exception of one convergence region (Burgenland).

EFF funds allocated to Austria for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 5 259 318, which represents 0.12% of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 10 393 753.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

98.9% for axis 2, 0.2% for axis 4 and 0.9% for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 9 821 in convergence regions, representing 41% of the annual allocation.

By the end of 2014, 100% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 95% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 4 640 was committed by the Member State (0.09% of the total allocation) and EUR 274 079 was certified to the Commission.

Poland

The OP covers the entire territory of Poland, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Poland for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 734 092 574, which represents 17% of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 978 790 099.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

17% for axis 1, 28% for axis 2, 24% for axis 3, 26% for axis 4 and 5% for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 98.7% of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 70.4% was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 88 345 236 was committed by the Member State (12% of the total allocation) and EUR 132 229 322 was certified to the Commission.

Portugal

The Portuguese OP covers Lisbon and the autonomous Region of Madeira as non-convergence regions and the rest of the country as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Portugal for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 246 485 249, which represents 5.72 % of the EFF allocation for the Union. As a result of the loss of funds due to automatic decommitment during the programming period, the EFF appropriations available are currently EUR 225 864 267.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 297 642 054.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2013:

25.95 % for axis 1, 37.67 % for axis 2, 29.91 % for axis 3, 7.05 % for axis 4 and 3.41 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 882 401 in non-convergence regions. This represents 5.0 % of annual allocation in non-convergence regions.

By the end of 2014, 97.0 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 60.0 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 57 348 768 was committed by the Member State, representing 25.3 % of the total allocation, and EUR 39 002 145 was certified to the Commission.

Romania

The Romanian OP covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Romania for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 230 714 207, which represents 5.35 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union. Following the last decommitment in 2014, this amount is now limited to EUR 178 273 115.

Total public contribution was initially EUR 307 618 942.7, which dropped to EUR 237 697 486,04 following the end-2014 decommitment.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

0.97 % for axis 1, 65.41 % for axis 2, 7.56 % for axis 3, 19.04 % for axis 4 and 7.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 17 908 511 in convergence region. This represents 42.37 % of the 2012 commitment and 7.76 % of the initial, total EFF allocation.

By the end of 2014, a total EFF amount of EUR 93 499 345.77 was committed and EUR 84 198 459.39 was certified to the European Commission. The amount certified represents 36.49 % of the original EFF allocation for Romania (EUR 230 714 207)..

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 57 691 669.47 was committed by Romania and EUR 16 690 534.61 was certified to the Commission.

Slovenia

The Slovenian OP covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Slovenia for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 21 640 283, which represents 0.50 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

The total public contribution amounts to EUR 28 853 712.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2013:

10 % for axis 1, 33 % for axis 2, 35 % for axis 3, 10 % for axis 4 and 12 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

There was no automatic decommitment at the end of 2014 and the programme run smoothly.

By the end of 2014, EUR 19 862 804.91, representing 91.78% of the EFF total amount, had been committed by the Member State, and expenditure of EUR 16 221 100.29, representing 74.95% of the EFF total amount was certified to the Commission.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 1 339 266.06 was committed by the Member State (6.2% of the total allocation) and EUR 3 440 657.56 was certified to the Commission.

Slovakia

The OP covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a convergence region, with the exception of Bratislava and surrounding districts as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Slovakia for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 13 688 528, which represents 0.32 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 17 822 535.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

87.7 % for axis 2, 7.0 % for axis 4 and 5.3 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

Automatic decommitment at the end of 2014: EUR 29 952 in the non-convergence region, which represents 20 % of the annual allocation and 0.2 % of the total EFF allocation for Slovakia's non-convergence EFF allocation.

By the end of 2014, 83 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 66 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 1 693.049 was committed by the Member State (13 % of the total allocation) and EUR 1 818 761 was certified to the Commission.

Finland

The OP covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a non-convergence region. It also includes support for the Åland Islands.

EFF funds allocated to Finland for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 39 448 827, which represents 0.92 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 91 848 827.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

6.3 % for axis 1, 46.7 % for axis 2, 36.0 % for axis 3, 9.1 % for axis 4 and 1.8 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 86.5 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 63.2 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 4 384 779 was committed by the Member State (11 % of the total allocation) and EUR 4 108 866 was certified to the Commission.

Sweden

The OP covers the entire territory of the country, which is designated as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to Sweden for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 54 664 803, which represents 1.3 % of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 104 774 205.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

24.0 % for axis 1, 20.0 % for axis 2, 36.8 % for axis 3, 14.2 % for axis 4 and 5.0 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects:

By the end of 2014, 97.8 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 69.1 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 2 944 939 was committed by the Member State (5.4 % of the total allocation) and EUR 5 542 368.16 was certified to the Commission.

United Kingdom

The OP covers Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, West Wales and the Valleys, Highlands and Islands as convergence regions and the rest of the UK as a non-convergence region.

EFF funds allocated to the UK for the period 2007-2013 amount to EUR 134 201 597, which represents 3% of the total EFF allocation for the Union.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 239 636 060.

Allocation between priority axes in the OP by 31.12.2014:

12.2 % for axis 1, 28.9 % for axis 2, 45.7 % for axis 3, 10.4 % for axis 4 and 2.6 % for axis 5.

Main implementation aspects

By the end of 2014, 95.9 % of the original EFF total amount had been committed and 78.2 % was certified.

In 2014, an EFF amount of EUR 19 873 792.89 was committed by the Member State and EUR 20 453 833.56 was certified to the Commission.

3. FINANCIAL TABLES

TABLE 1 FINANCIAL EXECUTION OF THE EFF BY THE COMMISSION IN CONVERGENCE REGIONS

Country	Decided a	Committed b	Paid c	% (b) / (a)	% (c) / (a)
Bulgaria	Period 2007-2013	62 783 169	40 409 056,31	100,00%	64,36%
	Financial year: 2014	0	9 986 093,35		
Czech Republic	Period 2007-2013	27 106 675	19 509 468,35	100,00%	71,97%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0,00		
Germany	Period 2007-2013	88 875 601	65 638 385,81	100,00%	73,85%
	Financial year: 2014	0	7 367 579,56		
Estonia	Period 2007-2013	84 568 039	69 771 197,49	100,00%	82,50%
	Financial year: 2014	0	15 434 669,72		
Greece	Period 2007-2013	171 558 848	130 351 768,23	100,00%	75,98%
	Financial year: 2014	0	6 819 466,23		
Spain	Period 2007-2013	869 052 501	691 025 744,77	100,00%	79,51%
	Financial year: 2014	0	165 917 255,43		
France	Period 2007-2013	30 202 462	20 947 776,98	100,00%	69,36%
	Financial year: 2014	0	2 362 526,67		
Croatia	Period 2007-2013	8 700 000	2 175 000,00	100,00%	25,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0,00		
Italy	Period 2007-2013	285 029 760	215 250 891,27	100,00%	75,52%
	Financial year: 2007	0	36 885 396,38		

Latvia	Period 2007-2013	125 015 563	125 015 563	118 634 206,03	100,00%	94,90%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	16 211 375,11		
Lithuania	Period 2007-2013	54 713 408	54 713 408	45 722 592,94	100,00%	83,57%
	Financial year: 2007	0	0	5 928 308,26		
Hungary	Period 2007-2013	34 291 357	34 291 357	28 458 637,39	100,00%	82,99%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	3 019 966,78		
Malta	Period 2007-2013	8 372 329	8 372 329	6 254 113,69	100,00%	74,70%
	Financial year: 2007	0	0	1 760 768,20		
Austria	Period 2007-2013	177 505	177 505	146 200,99	100,00%	82,36%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	9 545,17		
Poland	Period 2007-2013	734 092 574	734 092 574	522 607 848,80	100,00%	71,19%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	132 430 235,90		
Portugal	Period 2007-2013	206 380 024	206 380 024	160 577 736,30	100,00%	77,81%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	27 722 861,89		
Romania	Period 2007-2013	178 273 115	178 273 115	112 008 165,34	100,00%	62,83%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	24 331 634,79		
Slovenia	Period 2007-2013	21 640 283	21 640 283	18 617 242,85	100,00%	86,03%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	5 135 416,12		
Slovakia	Period 2007-2013	12 301 334	12 301 334	9 341 856,11	100,00%	75,94%
	Financial year: 2007	0	0	1 285 018,72		
United Kingdom	Period 2007-2013	43 150 701	43 150 701	32 732 286,55	100,00%	75,86%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	12 877 948,97		

Total	Period 2007-2013	3 046 285 248	3 046 285 248	2 310 180 176,20	100,00%	75,84%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	475 486 067,25		

TABLE 2 FINANCIAL EXECUTION OF THE EFF BY THE COMMISSION IN NON-CONVERGENCE REGIONS

Country	Decided a	Committed b	Paid c	% (b) / (a)	% (c) / (a)
Belgium	Period 2007-2013	26 261 648	19 168 499,99	100,00%	72,99%
	Financial year: 2014	0	3 312 272,66		
Denmark	Period 2007-2013	133 675 169	83 947 337,37	100,00%	62,80%
	Financial year: 2014	0	703 841,35		
Germany	Period 2007-2013	43 377 857	27 992 985,33	100,00%	64,53%
	Financial year: 2014	0	4 432 548,75		
Ireland	Period 2007-2013	42 266 603	33 467 120,83	100,00%	79,18%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0,00		
Greece	Period 2007-2013	30 995 509	22 358 983,68	100,00%	72,14%
	Financial year: 2014	0	190 582,29		
Spain	Period 2007-2013	186 198 467	158 886 032,24	100,00%	85,33%
	Financial year: 2014	0	17 228 000,55		
France	Period 2007-2013	176 893 558	134 708 183,45	100,00%	76,15%
	Financial year: 2014	0	21 676 759,82		
Italy	Period 2007-2013	102 617 139	73 466 132,44	100,00%	71,59%
	Financial year: 2014	0	10 836 024,94		
Cyprus	Period 2007-2013	19 724 418	18 541 677,89	100,00%	94,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	2 995 629,13		
Hungary	Period 2007-2013	452 113	347 113,67	100,00%	76,78%

	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0	129 846,69	
Netherlands	Period 2007-2013	43 282 778	43 282 778	27 186 099,98	100,00%	62,81%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0,00		
Austria	Period 2007-2013	5 071 992	5 071 992	4 850 151,11	100,00%	95,63%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	264 534,17		
Portugal	Period 2007-2013	19 484 243	19 484 243	14 584 341,31	100,00%	74,85%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	1 323 398,72		
Slovakia	Period 2007-2013	567 463	567 463	295 513,52	100,00%	52,08%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	48 277,14		
Finland	Period 2007-2013	38 491 347	38 491 347	31 131 452,69	100,00%	80,88%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	3 702 853,12		
Sweden	Period 2007-2013	54 638 257	54 638 257	40 709 427,72	100,00%	74,51%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	5 542 368,16		
United Kingdom	Period 2007-2013	86 470 226	86 470 226	61 858 729,19	100,00%	71,54%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	19 373 709,21		
Total	Period 2007-2013	1 010 468 787	1 010 468 787	753 499 782,41	100,00%	74,57%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	91 760 646,70		

TABLE 3 FINANCIAL EXECUTION OF THE EFF BY THE COMMISSION IN CONVERGENCE AND NON-CONVERGENCE REGIONS

Country	Decided a	Committed b	Paid c	% (b) / (a)	% (c) / (a)
Belgique-Belgie	Period 2007-2013	26 261 648	19 168 499,99	100,00%	72,99%
	Financial year: 2014	4 566 926	3 312 272,66		
Republic of Bulgaria	Period 2007-2013	62 783 169	40 409 056,31	100,00%	64,36%
	Financial year: 2014	0	9 986 093,35		
Czech Republic	Period 2007-2013	27 106 675	19 509 468,35	100,00%	71,97%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0,00		
Danmark	Period 2007-2013	133 675 169	83 947 337,37	100,00%	62,80%
	Financial year: 2014	20 249 424	703 841,35		
Deutschland	Period 2007-2013	132 253 458	93 631 371,14	100,00%	70,80%
	Financial year: 2014	8 938 089	11 800 128,31		
Eesti	Period 2007-2013	84 568 039	69 771 197,49	100,00%	82,50%
	Financial year: 2014	0	15 434 669,72		
Ireland	Period 2007-2013	42 266 603	33 467 120,83	100,00%	79,18%
	Financial year: 2014	7 350 203	0,00		
Ellas	Period 2007-2013	202 554 357	152 710 751,91	100,00%	75,39%
	Financial year: 2014	4 695 273	7 010 048,52		
España	Period 2007-2013	1 055 250 968	849 911 777,01	100,00%	80,54%
	Financial year: 2014	28 205 774	183 145 255,98		
France	Period 2007-2013	207 096 020	155 655 960,43	100,00%	75,16%

	Financial year: 2014	27 539 898	0	24 039 286,49	
Croatia	Period 2007-2013	8 700 000	8 700 000	2 175 000,00	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0,00	25,00%
Italia	Period 2007-2013	387 646 899	387 646 899	288 717 023,71	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	63 740 728	0	47 721 421,32	74,48%
Cyprus	Period 2007-2013	19 724 418	19 724 418	18 541 677,89	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	2 987 900	0	2 995 629,13	94,00%
Latvia	Period 2007-2013	125 015 563	125 015 563	118 634 206,03	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	16 211 375,11	94,90%
Lietuva	Period 2007-2013	54 713 408	54 713 408	45 722 592,94	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	9 332 205	0	5 928 308,26	83,57%
Luxembourg	Period 2007-2013	0	0	0,00	0,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0,00	0,00%
Hungary	Period 2007-2013	34 743 470	34 743 470	28 805 751,06	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	104 999	0	3 149 813,47	82,91%
Malta	Period 2007-2013	8 372 329	8 372 329	6 254 113,69	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	1 645 221	0	1 760 768,20	74,70%
Nederland	Period 2007-2013	43 282 778	43 282 778	27 186 099,98	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	7 358 771	0	0,00	62,81%
Österreich	Period 2007-2013	5 249 497	5 249 497	4 996 352,10	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	768 317	0	274 079,34	95,18%
Polska	Period 2007-2013	734 092 574	734 092 574	522 607 848,80	100,00%
					71,19%

	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0	132 430 235,90	
Portugal	Period 2007-2013	225 864 267	225 864 267	225 864 267	175 162 077,61	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	3 414 743	0	0	29 046 260,61	77,55%
România	Period 2007-2013	178 273 115	178 273 115	178 273 115	112 008 165,34	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0	24 331 634,79	62,83%
Slovenija	Period 2007-2013	21 640 283	21 640 283	21 640 283	18 617 242,85	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	0	0	0	5 135 416,12	86,03%
Slovensko	Period 2007-2013	12 868 797	12 868 797	12 868 797	9 637 369,63	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	2 543 929	0	0	1 333 295,86	74,89%
Suomi-Finland	Period 2007-2013	38 491 347	38 491 347	38 491 347	31 131 452,69	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	5 975 800	0	0	3 702 853,12	80,88%
Sverige	Period 2007-2013	54 638 257	54 638 257	54 638 257	40 709 427,72	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	8 280 751	0	0	5 542 368,16	74,51%
United Kingdom	Period 2007-2013	129 620 927	129 620 927	129 620 927	94 591 015,74	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	16 464 455	0	0	32 251 658,18	72,98%
Total	Period 2007-2013	4 056 754 035	4 056 754 035	4 056 754 035	3 063 679 958,61	100,00%
	Financial year: 2014	224 163 406	0	0	567 246 713,95	75,52%

TABLE 4 EFF PROGRAMMED AMOUNTS BROKEN DOWN BY PRIORITY AXIS AND BY MEMBER STATE

Country	Priority axis 1		Priority axis 2		Priority axis 3		Priority axis 4		Priority axis 5		Total
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
BE	14.259.395	54,30	800.000	3,05	8.502.253	32,38	1.900.000	7,23	800.000	3,05	26.261.648
BG	3.941.384	6,28	26.626.398	42,41	13.208.268	21,04	15.888.716	25,31	3.118.402	4,97	62.783.168
CZ	-	-	16.443.851	60,66	9.307.490	34,34	-	-	1.355.334	5,00	27.106.675
DK	32.979.865	24,67	21.288.590	15,93	59.690.608	44,65	15.959.731	11,94	3.756.375	2,81	133.675.169
DE	2.260.683	1,71	38.016.485	28,75	67.724.225	51,21	21.221.456	16,05	3.030.609	2,29	132.253.458
EE	13.786.416	16,30	25.874.116	30,60	21.621.472	25,57	19.057.633	22,54	4.228.402	5,00	84.568.039
IE	28.092.890	66,47	4.500.000	10,65	8.750.000	20,70	788.000	1,86	135.713	0,32	42.266.603
GR	78.630.494	38,82	49.780.644	24,58	38.705.818	19,11	30.037.401	14,83	5.400.000	2,67	202.554.357
ES	448.795.024	42,53	263.449.013	24,97	271.649.323	25,74	48.500.754	4,60	22.856.854	2,17	1.055.250.968
FR	71.211.567	33,43	42.916.554	20,15	91.696.109	43,04	5.454.082	2,56	1.747.117	0,82	213.025.429
HR	4.507.500	51,81	3.757.500	43,19	-	-	-	-	435.000	5,00	8.700.000
IT	177.453.579	42,86	98.504.501	23,79	87.088.048	21,03	32.638.774	7,88	18.376.093	4,44	414.060.995
CY	7.800.000	39,54	2.000.000	10,14	8.424.418	42,71	1.000.000	5,07	500.000	2,53	19.724.418
LV	26.196.710	20,95	50.929.788	40,74	31.689.718	25,35	11.237.952	8,99	4.961.395	3,97	125.015.563
LT	4.869.473	8,90	30.794.748	56,28	9.683.672	17,70	6.693.770	12,23	2.671.745	4,88	54.713.408
LU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	30.649.665	88,22	2.053.753	5,91	-	-	2.040.052	5,87	34.743.470
MT	3.420.051	40,85	711.710	8,50	3.696.068	44,15	-	-	544.500	6,50	8.372.329
NL	15.413.233	35,61	5.379.398	12,43	15.107.822	34,90	4.987.125	11,52	2.395.200	5,53	43.282.778

AT	Österreich	-	-	5.192.624	98,92	11.945	0,23	-	-	44.928	0,86	5.249.497
PL	Polska	129.786.885	17,68	207.833.120	28,31	169.695.469	23,12	190.072.472	25,89	36.704.628	5,00	734.092.574
PT	Portugal	49.955.230	22,03	85.393.995	37,66	67.766.983	29,89	15.932.965	7,03	7.697.495	3,39	226.746.668
RO	România	1.907.561	1,07	111.131.984	62,34	14.131.730	7,93	34.365.824	19,28	16.736.016	9,39	178.273.115
SI	Slovenija	1.798.929	8,31	9.115.428	42,12	6.830.676	31,56	2.164.029	10,00	1.731.221	8,00	21.640.283
SK	Slovensko	-	-	11.292.332	87,75	892.039	6,93	-	-	684.426	5,32	12.868.797
FI	Suomi-Finland	1.472.204	3,82	18.754.203	48,72	14.071.746	36,56	3.620.347	9,41	572.847	1,49	38.491.347
SE	Sverige	13.110.645	24,00	10.923.670	19,99	20.115.426	36,82	7.755.276	14,19	2.733.240	5,00	54.638.257
UK	United Kingdom	14.142.036	10,91	34.370.997	26,52	64.441.132	49,72	13.918.706	10,74	2.748.056	2,12	129.620.927
Total		1.145.791.754	28,01	1.206.431.314	29,50	1.106.556.211	27,06	483.195.013	11,81	148.005.648	3,62	4.089.979.940

For ease of reference, please refer to the legend below:

Priority axis 1: measures for the adaptation of the Community fishing fleet

Priority axis 2: aquaculture, inland fishing, processing and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products

Priority axis 3: measures of common interest

Priority axis 4: sustainable development of fisheries areas

Priority axis 5: technical assistance

TABLE 5 EFF CERTIFIED EXPENDITURE BROKEN DOWN BY PRIORITY AXIS AND BY MEMBER STATE

Country	Priority axis 1		Priority axis 2		Priority axis 3		Priority axis 4		Priority axis 5		Total
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
BE	13.341.982	72,15	280.975	1,52	3.783.420	20,46	633.503	3,43	451.617	2,44	18.491.497
BG	3.825.504	10,60	21.967.469	60,90	4.471.707	12,40	3.575.247	9,91	2.233.273	6,19	36.073.200
CZ	-	-	12.020.045	63,37	6.377.645	33,62	-	-	570.003	3,01	18.967.692
DK	29.943.649	30,94	12.681.298	13,10	43.253.010	44,69	8.755.191	9,05	2.155.306	2,23	96.788.454
DE	1.243.822	1,42	26.359.182	30,07	47.959.675	54,72	10.406.037	11,87	1.678.492	1,92	87.647.209
EE	12.120.901	18,86	18.504.892	28,80	15.309.255	23,82	15.152.681	23,58	3.173.436	4,94	64.261.164
IE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GR	67.870.502	51,08	33.035.345	24,86	19.439.434	14,63	8.291.029	6,24	4.231.707	3,18	132.868.017
ES	339.276.480	46,04	188.920.896	25,64	175.673.728	23,84	18.121.380	2,46	14.970.193	2,03	736.962.678
FR	65.219.662	48,26	23.472.386	17,37	43.134.665	31,92	2.261.555	1,67	1.064.707	0,79	135.152.975
HR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IT	134.977.915	51,17	72.026.051	27,31	45.913.047	17,41	1.169.314	0,44	9.671.845	3,67	263.758.172
CY	6.067.408	39,16	1.432.062	9,24	7.658.437	49,43	153.205	0,99	183.337	1,18	15.494.449
LV	25.465.322	25,18	37.802.339	37,38	26.818.355	26,52	7.996.019	7,91	3.049.993	3,02	101.132.028
LT	4.295.607	11,29	25.239.872	66,31	3.341.074	8,78	3.373.472	8,86	1.812.690	4,76	38.062.715
HU	-	-	22.546.933	94,23	71.893	0,30	-	-	1.307.804	5,47	23.926.631
MT	2.800.570	48,48	711.709	12,32	1.818.667	31,48	-	-	446.005	7,72	5.776.952
NL	13.332.223	48,69	2.854.627	10,42	7.244.753	26,46	1.428.196	5,22	2.524.700	9,22	27.384.499
AT	-	-	4.945.053	98,89	10.575	0,21	-	-	44.928	0,90	5.000.556

PL	Polska	115.985.994	22,45	170.116.257	32,93	102.872.396	19,91	103.280.745	19,99	24.314.023	4,71	516.569.415
PT	Portugal	46.035.514	31,20	51.648.151	35,00	40.180.484	27,23	6.589.567	4,47	3.095.430	2,10	147.549.145
RO	România	1.904.976	2,26	70.262.540	83,45	2.806.785	3,33	2.225.622	2,64	6.998.537	8,31	84.198.459
SI	Slovenija	1.408.926	8,69	6.194.307	38,19	5.712.055	35,21	1.874.001	11,55	1.031.811	6,36	16.221.100
SK	Slovensko	-	-	7.676.236	90,41	301.406	3,55	-	-	513.070	6,04	8.490.712
FI	Suomi-Finland	1.167.716	4,02	14.308.153	49,26	11.001.200	37,88	2.170.241	7,47	397.733	1,37	29.045.042
SE	Sverige	11.778.127	27,69	7.483.955	17,60	16.663.237	39,18	4.376.607	10,29	2.229.044	5,24	42.530.970
UK	United Kingdom	12.819.491	14,53	26.300.173	29,80	43.481.060	49,27	3.734.440	4,23	1.916.546	2,17	88.251.710
Total		910.882.291	33,24	858.790.906	31,34	675.297.961	24,64	205.568.052	7,50	90.066.230	3,29	2.740.605.440

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