



DG MARE project 2014/04 – Support  
measures for small scale fishing

# “Small Scale Fisheries in European Decision Making”

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# “Small scale fishing in European decision making process”

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## 1. Introduction

- Started fishing at an early age
- Degree in Marine Ecology & Fish biology
- Inshore fisherman (skipper / owner)
- 7 yrs with Cornish PO (4 as CEO)
- Involved in set-up of NWWAC
- 6 yrs with Seafood Cornwall
- Freelance fisheries consultant since 2010





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## 2. Background

- Increasing focus on inshore (small scale) fishing





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## **2. Background**

- Commission sensitive to arguments that small scale sector ‘not represented’ or ‘under-represented’ in the management process (e.g. at Advisory Council level)
  
- DG Mare issued call for project proposals in July 2015



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### 2. Background:

- Extent of the problem
- Why? – causes?
- What can be done?
- Project submitted
- Contract received 23/12/15



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## **3. Project objectives**

a) To undertake a ‘map and gap’ analysis of small-scale fishers’ representation in each Member State

- Geographically
- Numbers of vessels
- Gear types / metiers
- Numbers of members / numbers of fishermen
- Annual production (by species if possible)
- Staffing (employed staff Y/N?)
- Funding arrangements in place
- Affiliations to other National organisations
- Communication channels used (web, phone, e-mail, paper)



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b) Identify what issues are faced and where decision-making needs to be influenced

- Local / regional management
- National management
- EU management
- Allocation of resources (quota, effort or areas)
- Local harbour issues
- Marketing and trade (e.g. co-ops)
- Gear conflict / co-management
- Others (e.g. marine renewables, aggregates, oil & gas)



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### c) Understand barriers to engagement

- Lack of human resource capacity
- Lack of funding
- Poor organisational structure / internal communication
- Unrealistic expectations of members (poor understanding of processes?)
- Lack of allies / political support
- Disagreement with others bodies (potential partners)



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### d) Identify best practice

- Communication (internally and externally)
- Engagement (internally and externally)
- Representation
- Organisational structure (formal / legal)
- Use of funding (e.g. EMFF, Interreg)

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## **3. Project objectives**

e) Provide support to small-scale sector

- to help organisations develop
- to enable fishermen to engage in decision making

f) Sharing of best practice on small scale representation

- via project workshop and video

g) Make recommendations to foster engagement and improve representation of the small scale sector



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## 4. Work programme

Task / Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Preparatory phase	Green	Green																					
1st project SG meeting			Red																				
Appoint country experts				Green																			
External comms					Green																		
Stakeholder mapping & survey						Green	Green	Green															
Reporting								Green															
2nd project SG meeting									Red														
External comms										Green	Green												
Trans-national workshop												Green											
Attend NWW AC -update												Green											
Small-scale fishing organisational development													Green	Green	Green								
3rd project SG meeting																	Red						
Project comms (video)																		Green	Green				
Project reporting																					Green		
Project management	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Project supervision	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Buffer																						Grey	Grey



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### 5. Budget

- Total cost €181,750
- “in kind” contribution of Steering Group members  
€ 10,000
- DG Mare funding €161,750 (90% of ‘actual costs’)



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### 6. Next steps

- Identify suitable consultants in each Member State
- Draft ToR for consultants
- Communication



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**Any questions?**