Total FIFG (EU + Member State Contributions)

€126million 3% of total FIFG in the EU

Ranked 9 out of 24 MS

Summary of total FIFG

Poland’s fishing sector only received FIFG funds from late-2004. The option of vessel construction was therefore no longer available to the Polish fishing sector. The result is the largest proportional spend on scrapping (62% of all funding), resulting in a 40% decrease in fleet capacity. Other significant measures included supporting the development of aquaculture and inland fisheries.

Overcapacity and Overfishing

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Environmental Impacts

62% of total FIFG funding on positive measures (vessel scrapping, resource protection, etc)

16% of total FIFG funding on negative measures (vessel construction, modernisation, etc)

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Social Impacts

Average annual total FIFG funding as a % of catching sector value (in 2005) 101%

Average annual total FIFG funding per catching sector employee €28,804.00

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Social Contract

In 2008, following the imposition of tight restrictions on cod fishing in the Baltic, Polish authorities decided not to allow vessel owners who infringed CFP rules to receive FIFG funding. Around 20% of Polish vessel owners receiving FIFG support did not adhere to the cod restrictions and so were not allowed to apply for FIFG funding.

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