



Public aid measures to compensate the impacts of the war in Ukraine

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EMFAF: Article 26

- *In case of exceptional events causing a significant disruption of markets, support may cover compensation to operators of the fishery and aquaculture sector for their income foregone or additional costs;*
 - *compensation to recognised POs and associations of POs if they implement the storage mechanism and only for fishery products listed in Annex II of the CMO Regulation*
- Article 26 is open since 25th of March (retroactive effect 24/2 – 32/12).
- Member States can provide compensation even **without the approval of the OP** (SINKEVICIUS on last Friday meeting with the AAC)



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EMFF

- Initial approach: support from unused money is not possible (no requests from MS).
- SINKEVICIUS told AAC on Friday that they are looking ways to use unspent money and compensate the industry.
- 1 billion euros unspent EMFF funds.
- EMFF will be amended to unlock unused funds and improve spending.
- Requires a trilogue with the EP - FEAP should be closely engaged.



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2 sources of support:

1. **State aid (temporary crisis framework):** 35.000€ per undertaking – on top of the de minimis even if they are for the same purpose.
2. **De minimis (already applicable)** - 30.000€ per undertaking Both are applicable together and for the same purpose (65.000€). Processing industry is included in the measures and can apply for state aid and diminish
 - Each country is free to deliver this aid or not
 - **AAC:** to increase to 400.000 euros per farm (not undertaking)

DG Competition:

- Will soon publish a Q&A on the accumulation of aid for the same purpose.
- Confusion from some MS on how to provide state aid and de minimis (whether you can or not put one of top of the other for the same reason).

General comments from the EC: These temporary measures should not affect the objectives of the Green Deal and Farm to Fork.

Support measures: Spain - case study

EMFAF – art. 26

1. Each operator can receive up to 50,000 euros to cover the additional costs for **food, oxygen, transport to the packaging plant.**
2. The 1st eligible period is 24/2 - 30/6
3. **Methodology:** a certified auditor will verify the costs of the eligible period and will compare them with the corresponding costs of the same period of the previous 3 years (similar to COVID methodology).
4. **Payment agency:** Apromar will be the payment agency for aquaculture (several regional MA has small aquaculture department/staff/experience and many SMEs, especially in inland waters, would not have timely access to assistance)
5. A deposit of 10% (5,000 euros) will be given immediately and at the end of June the remaining 95%, after Apromar has received the auditors' reports.

State aid: 35.000 euros for fisheries

De minimis: 0 euros for fisheries and aquaculture