



Restocking of European eel (*Anguilla Anguilla*) (Czech Republic)



The Czech Republic is using EMFF funds to support the restocking of European eel in its rivers, to support aquaculture projects that provide a high level of environmental protection and promote animal health, welfare and safety.

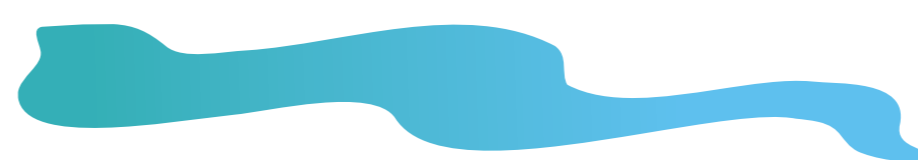


OBJECTIVES

The European Eel has one of the most complex spawning and migration patterns of any aquatic species, spanning over 7 000 km from the Sargasso sea to the rivers and estuaries of central Europe.

Dams, hydroelectric power plants, regulated fishing, invasive species and pollution have all affected the eels' sensitive migration patterns, causing a steady decline in stocks in recent years. In 2016-2017, a total of 130 adult eels were tagged and monitored during their migration. In the Odra river basin, the overall migration success rate was 57%; in the Elbe river basin, the overall migration success rate was only 1.3%.

Local organizations and regional associations of the Czech Anglers Union are using EMFF funds to help restock declining European Eel populations in accordance with COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1100/2007 of 18 September 2007, which established measures for the recovery of the European eel stocks.



Direct non-refundable support

- 100% of eligible expenses,
- from the EU – 75%,
- from the Czech Republic – 25%

Output indicators

	Number of submitted applications	Number of implemented projects
Total support	37 693,191 CZK	34 164,361 CZK

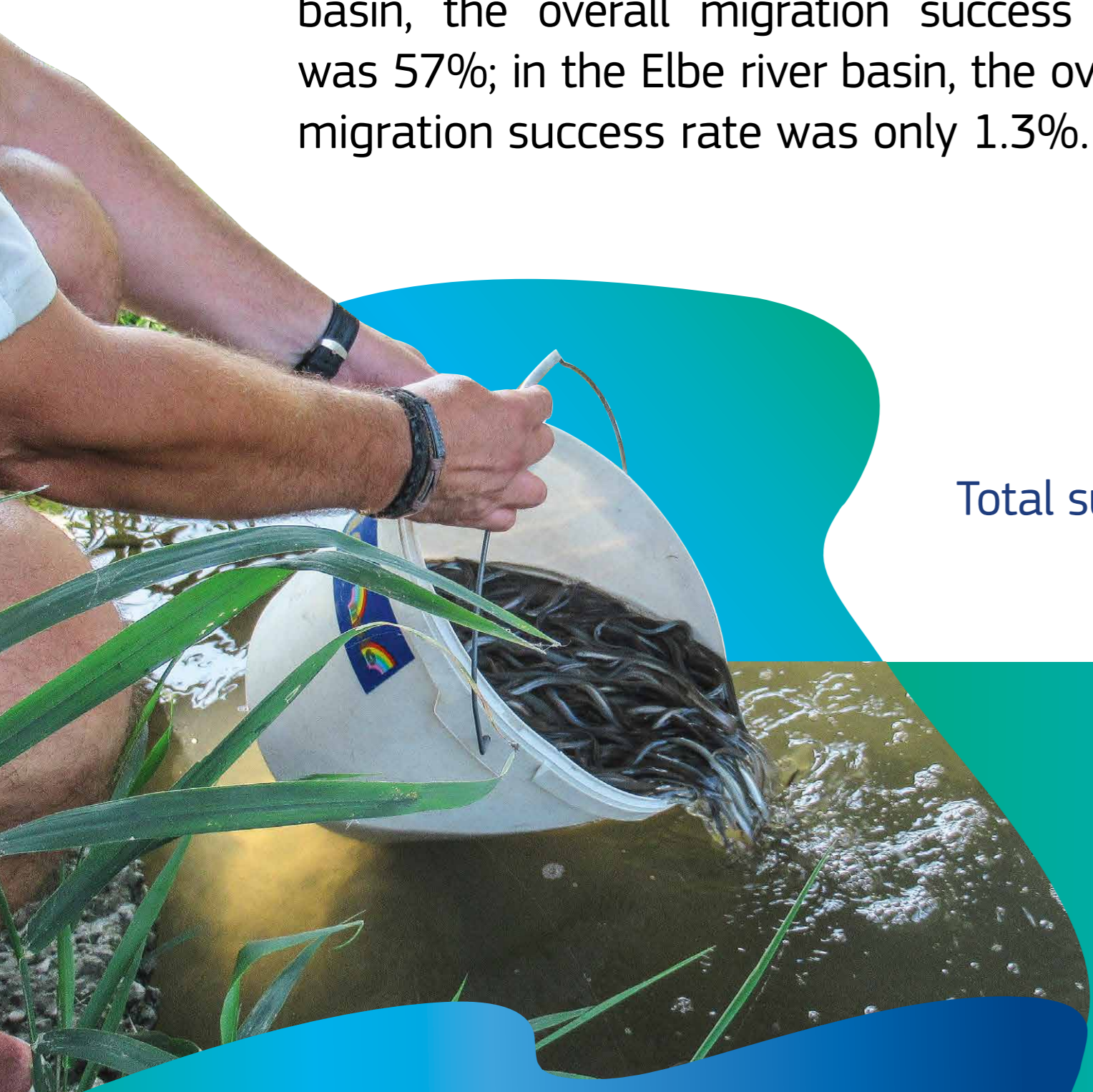
RESULTS

32 submitted applications

27 implemented projects

In 2021, eel stocks reached **113%** of the baseline stock

Between 2016 and 2022, **1 795,76^{kg}** & **4 125,10^{kg}** of glass eel & of elver were restocked.



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