



Selection process of the fisheries local action groups (Finland)

Finland has streamlined and developed its Fisheries Local Action Group selection process to make the best and most thorough selection.

Starting point in Finland in 2020

In 2020 the situation in Finland was as follows:

- High level of commitments of EMFF funding, but no possibilities to finance the transitional period for fisheries local action groups (FLAGs).
- Start of the programme period 2021-2027 to be postponed by at least one year.

In order to ensure continuation of Community Led Local Development work without interruption, the selection process of new FLAGs had to begin before the adoption of national legislations, EU legislations and the national EMFAF programme.

THE FINNISH FLAG SELECTION PROCESS

2019-2020

STEPS

1. External evaluation of CLLD

OUTPUT/RESULTS

1. Confirmation that CLLD work should continue in Finland
2. Recommendations for development of the CLLD model

Q1/2020

STEPS

2. Workshop on CLLD in 2021-2027

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Joint understanding with the administration and FLAGs of the context and the decisions on next steps regarding the selection process.

Q3/2020

STEPS

3. Launch of the informal selection process

OUTPUT/RESULTS

1. Open communication of the selection process for FLAGs
2. Draft guidelines for FLAG applicants, which listed the minimum requirements for a FLAG, the mandatory elements of the strategy and preliminary selection criteria

Q1-Q3/ 2021

STEPS

4. Application clinics

OUTPUT/RESULTS

The Finnish Managing authority organised three events (clinics) to help and assist FLAGs in preparing local strategies

Q2/2021

STEPS

5. Appointment of the selection committee and adoption of the selection criteria

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Adoption of the selection criteria

4.10.2021 – 2.11.2021

STEPS

6. Official call process for FLAGs selection

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Official guidance for applicants

16.11.2021

STEPS

7. Evaluation of the local strategies

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Feedback to FLAGs on their strategies

20.12.2021

STEPS

8. Finalisation of local strategies

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Final proposals for local strategies

19.1.2022

STEPS

9. Final evaluation of the local strategies

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Proposal by the selection committee on the selection of the FLAGs and their budget

22.2.2022

STEPS

10. Government's decision to submit Finland's EMFAF programme to the Commission

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Submission of the national EMFAF programme to the Commission.

15.3.2022

STEPS

11. Managing authority's decision on the selected FLAGs and their budget

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Launch of the new FLAGs work

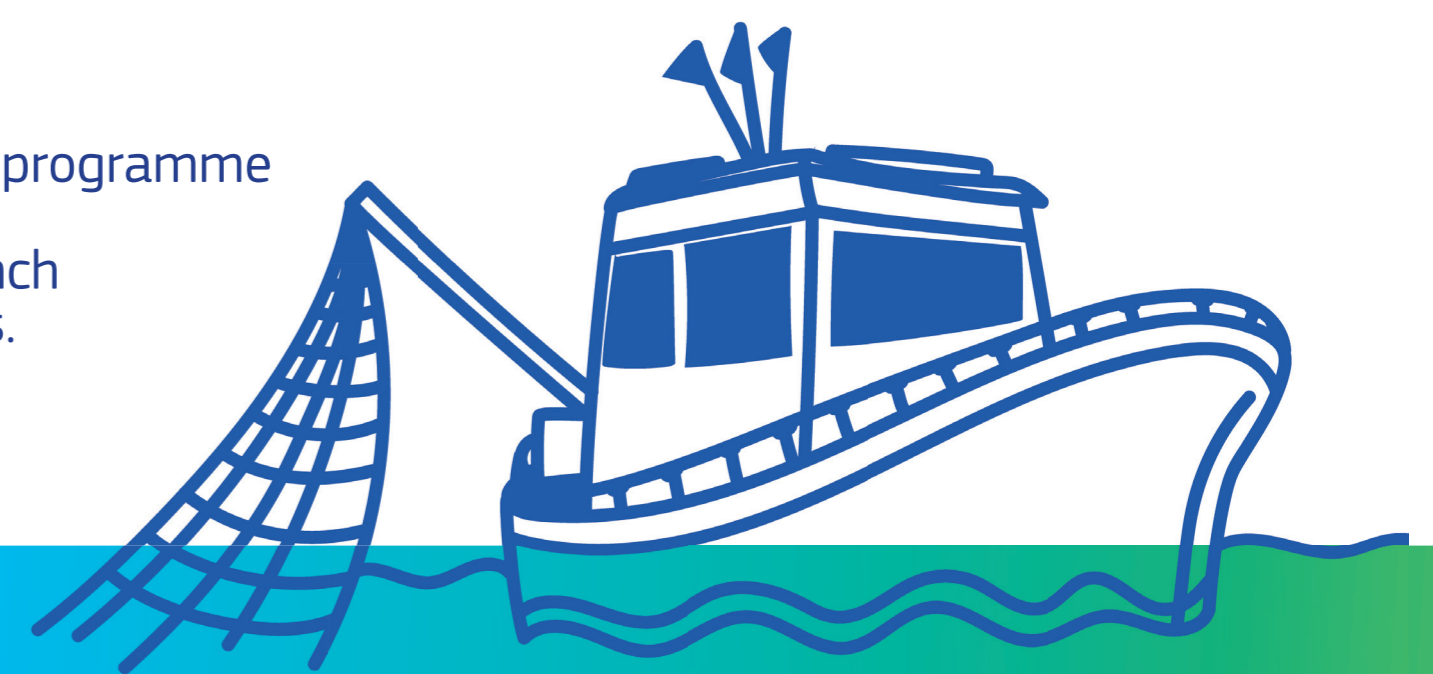
15.9.2022

STEPS

11. Adoption of the national EMFAF programme and selection criteria

OUTPUT/RESULTS

Possibility to launch local calls and finance local projects.



New features for Community Led Local Development in Finland (2021-2027)

In 2020 the situation in Finland was as follows:

- A flat rate model to cover FLAGs operational costs
- A National network formed by FLAGs. The objective of the network is to support implementation of the national EMFAF programme with a specific focus on the national and international cooperation of the FLAGs, communication activities and dissemination of information as well as the cooperation and synergies of the local and national development work.



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