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# European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

- European Fisheries Fund (EFF) & new EMFF
- What they are and how they work
- Key dates
- Match funding
- Role of Producer Organisations
- EMFF and Aquaculture
- How to apply

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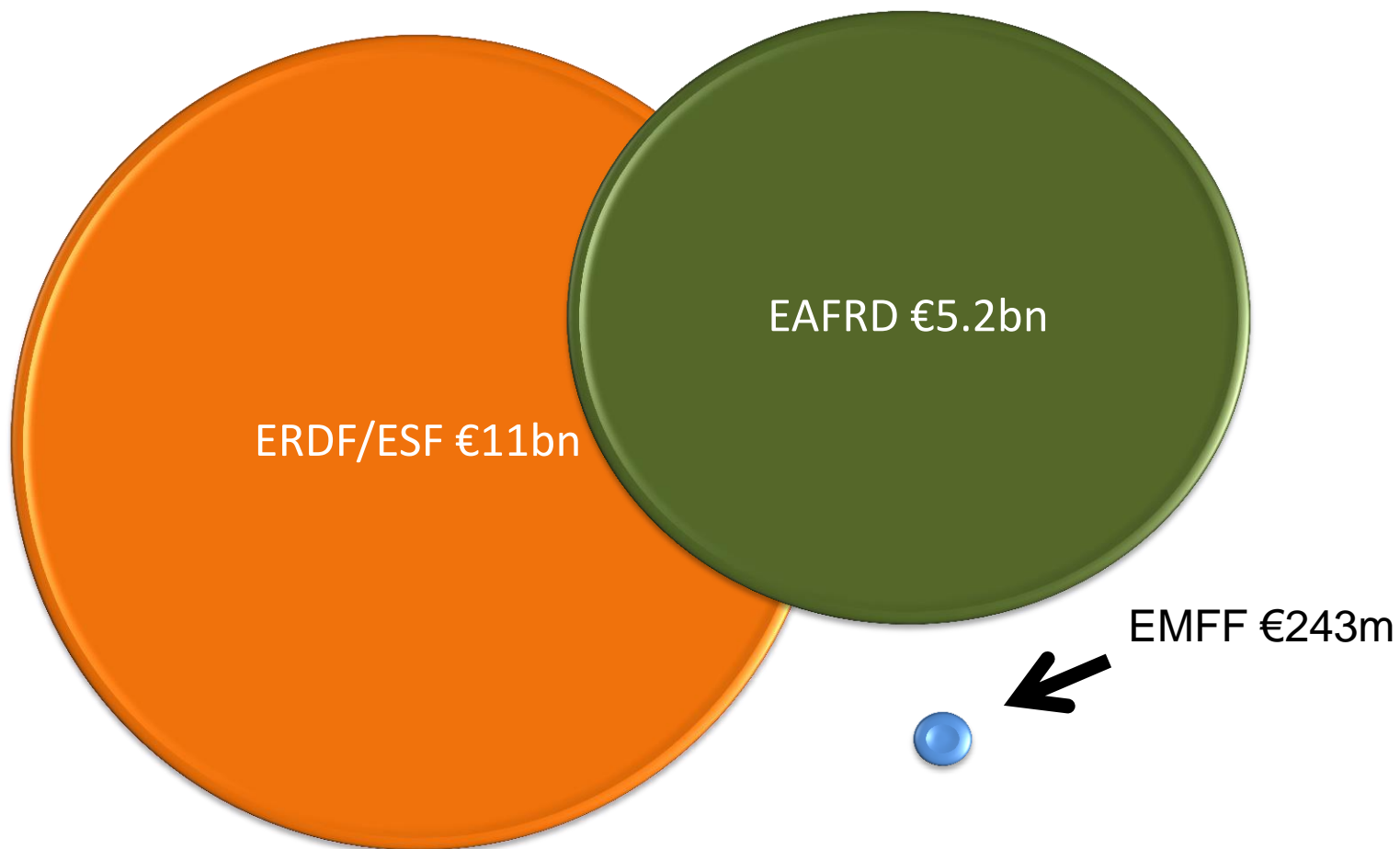
## **European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)**

European fund for 2014-2020 designed to help with implementation of the CFP and support the fisheries sector more generally

## **Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (CMO)**

Regulates the market in fishery and aquaculture products. New CMO strengthens role of Producer Organisations

# European Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF) 2014-2020



# EU Funds: Partnership approach

EU/UK Partnership Agreements

**EMFF €243 / £200m (€138m for industry)**

ESF, ERDF, EAFRD: €16.2bn

Growth-focused (including Blue Growth)

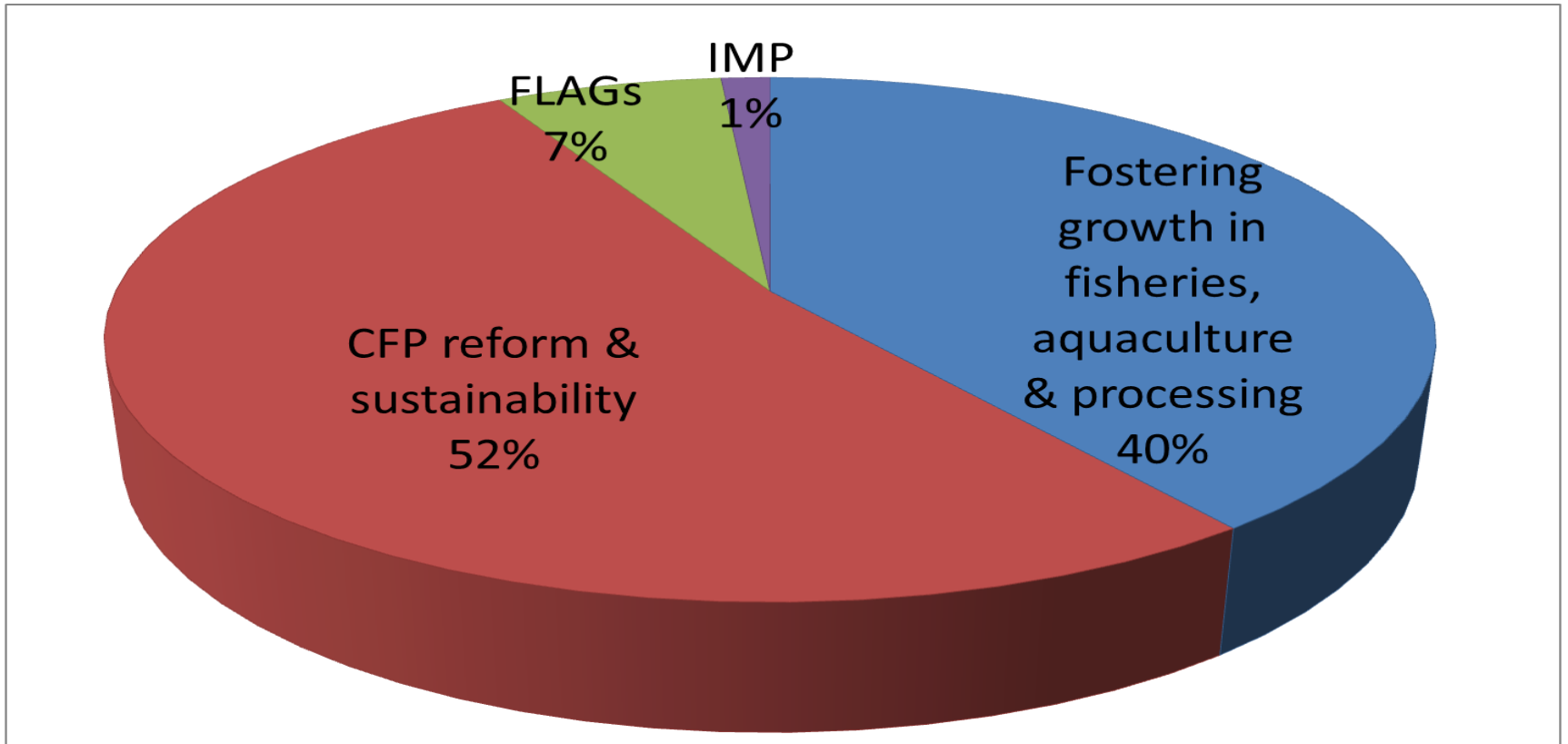
Role of Local Enterprise Partnerships



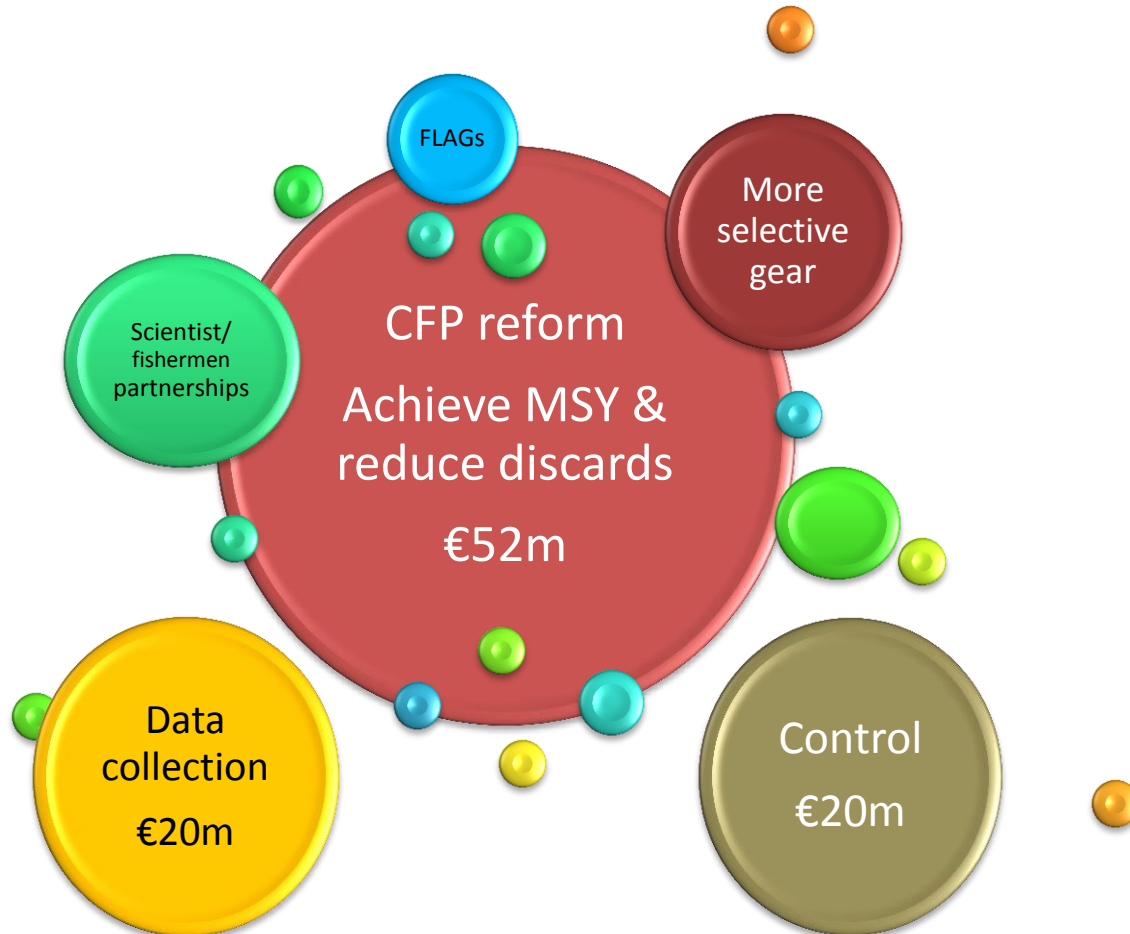
# EMFF: How € much?

- UK allocation: €243m over 2014-2020
- Of this:
  - Core (industry support): €146m
  - Enforcement/control: €45m
  - Data collection: €52m
- Devolved policy, so in England for example:
  - Approx. €7m/year on “core”

# UK Priorities



# England



# Who is eligible?

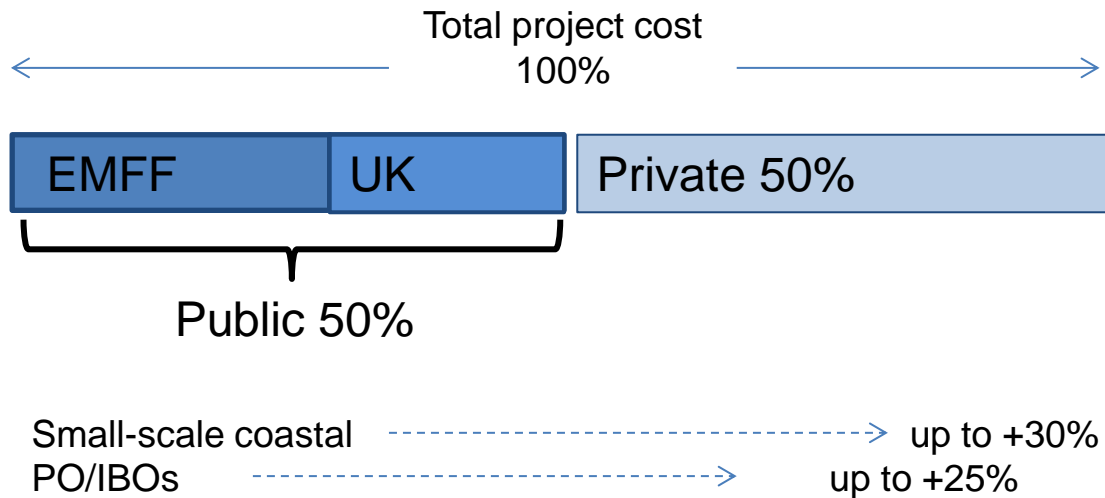
- Fisheries & Aquaculture “Operators”
- Producer Organisations
- FLAGs
- Scientific / technical Public Law Bodies
- Advisory Councils
- NGOs in partnership with fishermen or FLAGs





# Match funding

- Public aid intensity
- Cofinancing rate
- Private match



# Producer Organisations (POs)

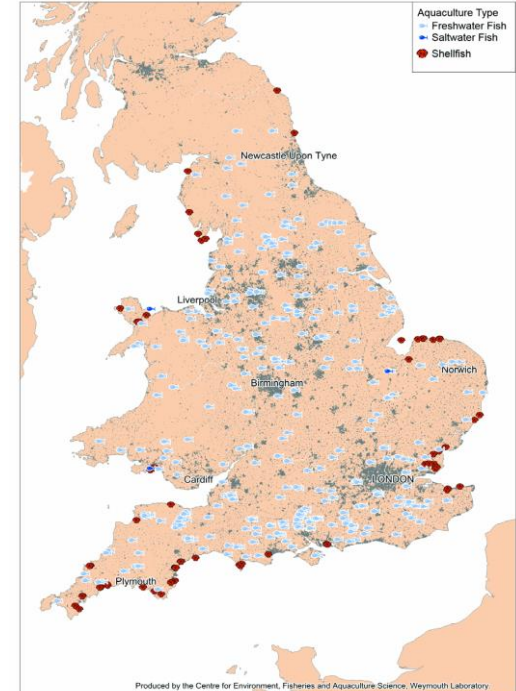
- **Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (CMO)**
  - New CMO makes changes to the role of Producer Organisations but is otherwise similar to the existing regime
- **Role of Producer Organisations strengthened so that they comply with specific objectives, including:**
  - Promoting viable and sustainable fishing activities in compliance with the CFP;
  - Aquaculture POs complying with national strategic plan.
  - More than quota management

# POs – CMO and EMFF

- **EMFF supporting implementation of the CMO and POs:**
  - Production and Marketing Planning;
  - Adding value, product quality and use of unwanted catches;
  - Sustainable fishing practices;
  - Training and diversification;
  - Marketing measures;
  - Creation of new POs.

# Aquaculture – the English Context

- Aquaculture (finfish and shellfish) production in the UK worth around £600m in 2012, though English worth around £23m, employing c.250 people producing:
  - c. 3700 tonnes shellfish (£3m)
  - c. 7300 tonnes finfish (£20m)
- Main species cultivated (food, coarse and ornamental)
  - Rainbow and Brown Trout
  - Oyster (Native and Pacific) & Mussel



# Aquaculture and CFP

- CFP Blue Growth Agenda – Cion plans to “boost aquaculture through CFP”
- Set out Strategic Guidance to MS setting out CFP objectives for aquaculture – 4 key areas:
  - Reducing administrative burdens;
  - Improving access to space and water;
  - Increasing competitiveness ;
  - Exploiting Competitive Advantages due to high quality, health and environmental standards;
- Asked Member States how would achieve these via Multiannual Plans – key that link to EMFF measures

# Aquaculture in EMFF

- Defra consulted on UK MANP in April 2014; final UK MANP to be submitted with OP.
- Key measures to support Aquaculture include:
  - Gear/technical Improvements;
  - Research & Innovation;
  - Biosecurity
  - Marketing (including PO/IBO establishment)
  - Collaboration (producers and science/technology)
  - Advice (e.g. legal compliance)



# Aquaculture PO

- A key finding of the SWOT and discussions was lack of support for the marketing of aquaculture produce
- Support for set-up of an English aquaculture PO
- Number of bodies have shown interest in taking up this opportunity

# How to apply

- EMFF “Operational Programme” to be agreed with EU Commission
- Marine Management Organisation
- Guidance and forms: January 2015
- Applications: April 2015?



# What's the small print?

- Need to:
- complete application
- provide supporting documentation/business plans
- Aiming for simplification where possible, but...



# Thank you

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