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What's covered

- What is a FLAG
- Previous EMFF FLAG scheme overview – what it covered
- Next replacement FLAG programme & steps before a call
- Interim BAR CLLD/FLAG scheme announced by Minister
- Recap on Envisaged timelines for both CLLD/FLAG schemes

BAR = 'Brexit Adjustment Reserve' fund

What's a FLAG

- Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG)
- Based on the LEADER model
- Provides EU funding under to coastal communities to support changes under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) – Last 5 year under the EMFF €12m
- Covers the coastal regions within 10km from the sea
- Administered/supported by BIM on behalf of DAFM
- 7 FLAGs in Ireland – with FLAG SE covering Wicklow, Wexford & Waterford.
- Each FLAG has a board to recommend funding to projects



Funding rates €1.68m for FLAG SE during last round - EMFF

- 100% Max €200k Public Good projects e.g. Local Authorities, Third level etc.
- 80% Max €200k Community good projects by 'Not for Profit' entities
- 80% Max €80k Small Scale Coastal Fisheries
- 50% Max €100k Marine enterprise projects
- 40% Max €50k Non marine enterprise projects



Types of projects/areas covered - EMFF

5 Themes in the FLAG SE Strategy

1. Economic Development
 2. Develop Skills & Knowledge
 3. Social Well being & Coastal Cultural heritage
 4. Encouraging greater participation in Governance of Fisheries
 5. Protecting and Promoting the Environment
- Cross cutting measure to encourage Networking

FLAG PROJECT examples



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Next mainstream EU FLAG programme

- EMFAF (European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund)
- Runs from 2021 to 2027.
- Supports the EU common fisheries policy (CFP)
- Each member State submits programme for Commission approval
- One element of this will be CLLD i.e. FLAGs

Steps before FLAG call can take place

- EOI expression of interest submitted to MA to be the FLAG SE
- Approval by MA to be the FLAG
- Establishment of a FLAG Board
- Consultation and agreement of a FLAG Strategy
- Call for projects

CLLD FLAG scheme announced by Minister

Announced at the Skipper expo '22 Limerick 25th March 2022

The Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Development Scheme

- €25 million budget for the years 2022 and 2023
- To be divided/administered by 7 existing FLAGs
- Offer grants of up to €200,000
- Entrepreneurial initiatives by micro enterprises in the Blue Economy
- within the 10 kilometre coastal remit of the seven FLAGs
- Capital investment projects & mentoring/upkilling

Envisaged timelines recap – 2 FLAG schemes

BAR FLAG scheme – Existing FLAG Board

- Details/call date to be announced for applications shortly
- Online application process
- Projects must be completed/claimed before End 2023

Mainstream EMFAF FLAG programme – New FLAG Board

- Start with EOI preparation/submission end of 2022
- 1st Call for projects C. 2nd quarter 2023???

Thank you – Any questions?