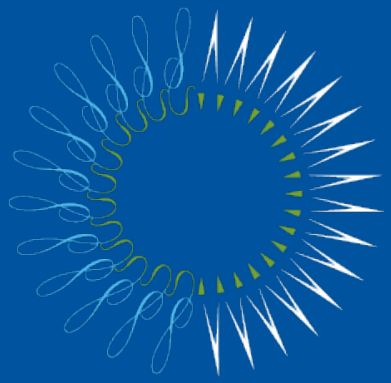

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Supporting Compliance with the CFP

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Risky investments creating additional needs for control

- "EU fishing fleets can in many cases exert fishing pressure on the stocks which is two to three times the sustainable level. Subsidies have contributed to this"

  EU Commission (2008) Reflections on further reform of the CFP

- "Fleet overcapacity remains the fundamental problem of the CFP."

  EU Commission (2009) Green paper on the reform of the CFP

Recommendations:

- Exclude risky investments, i.e. fleet modernisation or renewal;
- Increase control requirements for Member States opting to fund any remaining risky investments.

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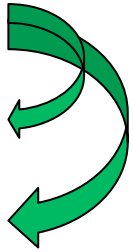
Funding Priorities

	2007-13	EMFF	Change in %
Structural Measures	4.304	4.535	+ 5,4
Data Collection	358	358	+/- 0
Control and Enforcement	345	477	+38,3
Total	5.007	5.370	+7,2



Source: EU Commission

Recommendations:

- Shift aid from structural measures to data collection and control measures;
- Introduce one way flexibility (more but not less aid for public services).

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Conditionality proposed by the Commission

Conditions	Consequences if not met		
For operators			
Serious infringement Art.42 IUU Regulation	Non admissibility of applications	Recovery of funds	Financial correction by MS
Vessel involved in IUU			
Other cases of non compliance with CFP rules			
For Member States			
Ex-ante: Capacity for control obligations		Suspension of payments	Financial correction by COM
Ex-ante: Capacity for data collection obligations			
Ex-ante: National Strategic Plan on Aquaculture			
Non compliance with obligations of the CFP	Interruption of payments	Suspension of payments	Financial correction by COM

Recommendations:

- Keep „shall“ not „may“ for suspension of funding;
- Include environmental legislation as proposed by EP.

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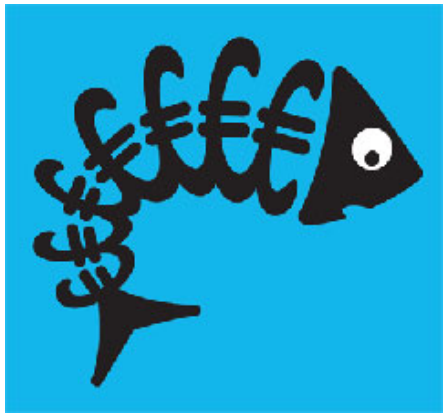
Other measures to enhance compliance

- Make access to fishing opportunities conditional on compliance (both operator and MS level);
- Earmark funds under direct management for control and enforcement, e.g. for control agency;
- Enhance disclosure of payments.



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Summary of recommendations

- Exclude risky investments and include risk element in control and reporting
- Add one way flexibility to shift aid to control and enforcement and data collection;
- Ensure strong conditionality and disclosure of data.

Thanks for your attention

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