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Through the Communication for enhanced transparency and good governance in the allocation of fishing opportunities by Member States¹, published in November 2025, the Commission encouraged Member States to use the full potential of Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation (CFP) Regulation² to support small-scale and coastal fishers. Nevertheless, the Commission recognised that it is Member States' responsibility to decide on their national allocation systems and that it has no legal tool to oblige Member States to allocate fishing opportunities to small-scale coastal and island fisheries.

The Greek European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) programme provides key support for the resilience and competitiveness of the fisheries sector and coastal communities. This includes a wide range of activities, such as diversifying activities to support income, like fishing tourism, mitigating impacts from climate change, enhancing fishers' skills and income possibilities through training. Moreover, projects related to small-scale fisheries may be supported at an aid intensity of up to 100%.

The conservation of marine biological resources and the management of fisheries are based on the best available scientific advice and on a consultation process with advisory bodies and Member States, both fundamental principles of the CFP. The specificities and the technical characteristics of the type of fisheries are being considered in this regard. Furthermore, at regional level within the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean, a subregional approach is followed to ensure proportionate and tailor-made measures.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202506227.

² Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC.