

# CLLD supporting women in fisheries

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# CLLD in the EMFF:

367 FLAGs

20 MS

ca. €690 total public

Average budget per FLAG: €2M

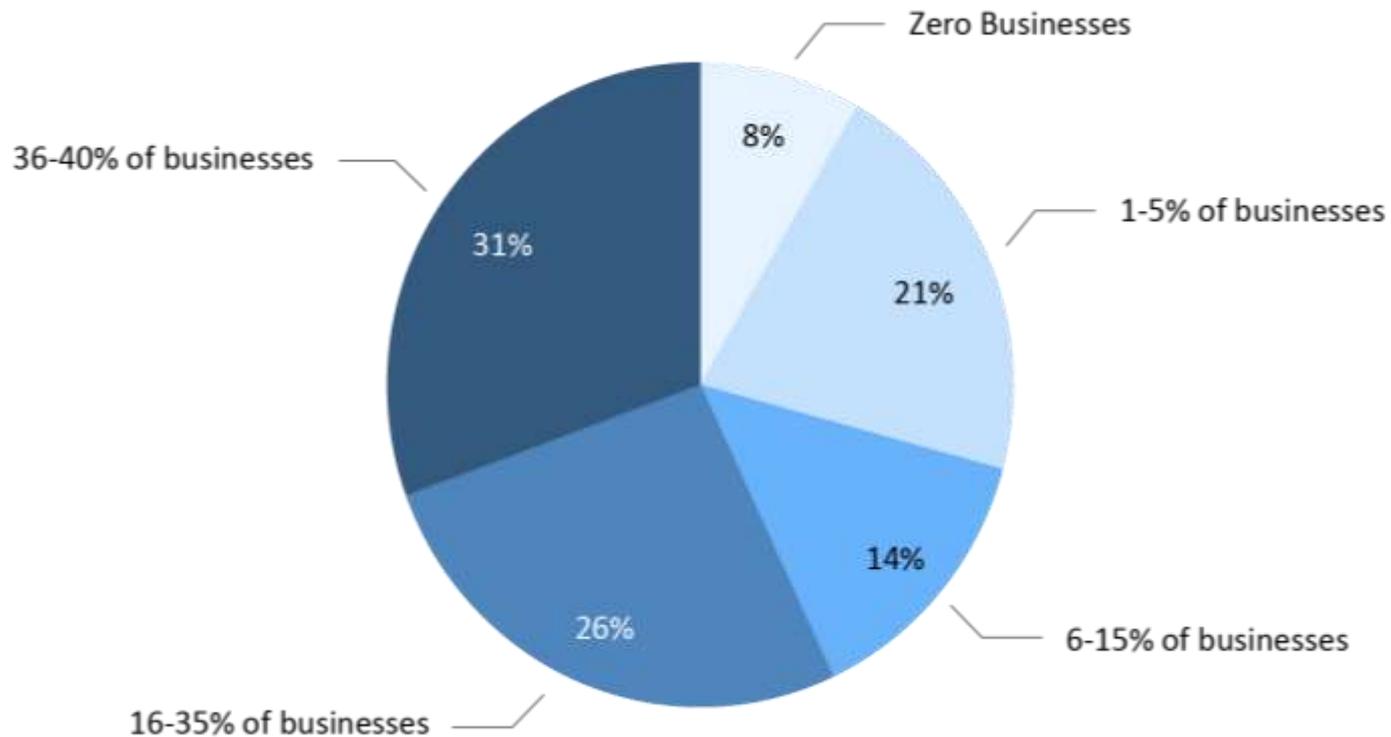


# Analysis of gender in FLAGs, 2018

- Online survey to FLAG managers, 118 responses on e.g.:
  - the share of women in fisheries
  - participation in decision-making
  - projects focusing on women
- In-depth case studies in 3 FLAGs selected based on the survey (ES-Galicia, EE and HR)

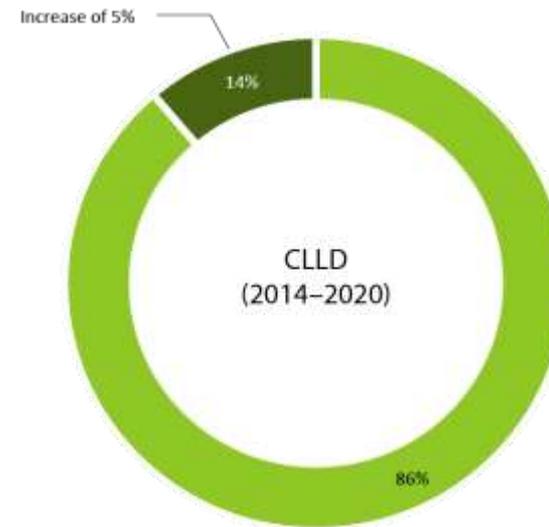
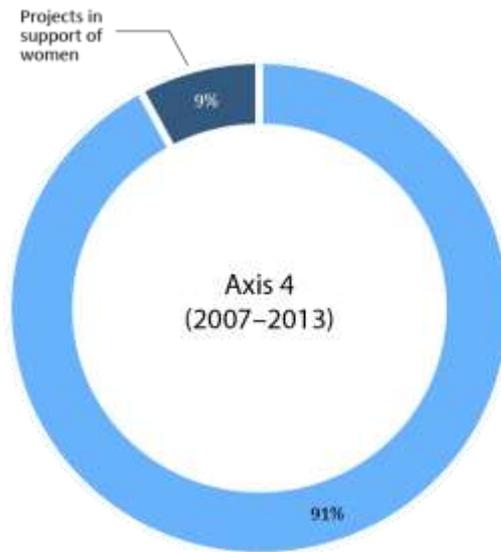
# The invisible role of women

Share of businesses in FLAG areas reliant on the unpaid support of women

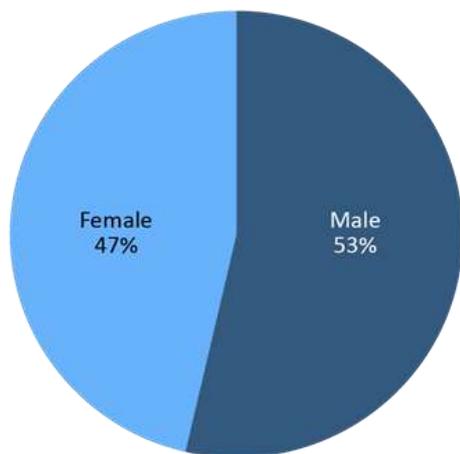


# Projects targeting women

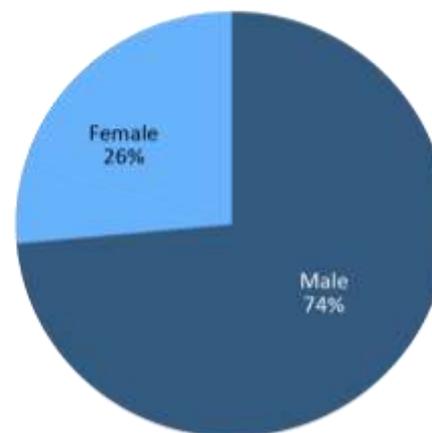
- Ca. **1850 projects** specifically focused on the support of women (14% of all projects) are expected to be supported by FLAGs in 2014-2020. This represents approximately **€65 million** in EMFF funding.



# Share of women in decision-making



FLAG Managers



FLAG Boards

- A direct correlation was found between the number of women on a FLAG board and the number of projects and amount of funding offered by FLAGs in support of women

# Hiiumaa, Estonia



- Hiiukala FLAG
- Population 9 550.
- Fisheries typically small-scale.
- Over half of the area's small-scale family-run businesses rely on the unpaid support of women.
- Women account for
  - 48% of all activities auxiliary to fisheries such as sales and administration
  - 50% of the area's fisheries processing employment
  - 2% of the area's fishermen

# Dalmatia, Croatia



- Plodovi Mora FLAG.
- Population 83 000.
- Fisheries typically small-scale. Growing processing industry predominantly led by women.
- The area has 161 family-run small-scale enterprises, 40% of which rely on the unpaid support of female family members.
- The FLAG estimates that 14 of the 50 projects it plans to fund in the 2014-2020 programming period will specifically focus on the support of women, representing an estimated 25% of the FLAG's total budget.

# Costa da Morte, Spain



- Costa da Morte FLAG
- Population of approximately 80 000.
- Women make up 90% of the areas shell-fish gathering industry.
- Gender sensitive FLAG local development strategy. Additional points awarded for projects focused on women.
- High representation of women on the FLAG board.
- 45% of projects from 2014-2020 period approved till mid-2018 are directly benefiting women.

# Common observations

- The invisible roles of women largely involve activities related to the diversification of fisheries.
- While men remain the main beneficiary of fisheries businesses, their wives and daughters are often responsible for funding application & identify new opportunities (tourism, hospitality, new products).
- More women at decision-making levels in FLAGs leads to increased visibility. *In Costa da Morte, women working in the fisheries sectors are highly visible and have a voice. This is not the case in Estonia and Croatia but there are signs of change.*
- FLAGs are instrumental in providing a platform for the entrepreneurial activities of women in fisheries (i.a. through networking opportunities, capacity building and training).
- FLAGs support and empower women in fisheries, making their contribution more visible. The EMFF as an additional source of funding is key.

See full report at:

[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/library/technical-report/flag-support-women-fisheries-and-aquaculture\\_en](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/library/technical-report/flag-support-women-fisheries-and-aquaculture_en)

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