



ANNEX C1bis: Twinning Light Fiche ¹

Project title: “Alignment of Legislation and Implementation of the Union Acquis in the Area of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Republic of North Macedonia”

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For Twinning Light the project Fiche should be detailed as it will form an annex to the Twinning Light Grant Contract together with the selected Member State proposal. The Twinning Light project Fiche, besides all the data and information mentioned under section 2.1.1, provide also concrete indications on how the work plan should be established, on the suggested schedule of activities, on the profile of short-term experts and on indicators and targets that should be used to ensure the timely achievement of the mandatory results.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

AFSARD	Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development
BC	Beneficiary Country
FVA	Food and Veterinary Agency
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
EUD	European Union Delegation to the Republic of North Macedonia
IPA	Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
MAFWE	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy
MoEPP	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
MS	Member State
NPAA	National Plan for the Adoption of the <i>Acquis</i>
OG	Official Gazette
PL	Project Leader
SAA	Stabilization and Association Agreement
SAI	State Agriculture Inspectorate
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SSO	State Statistical Office
STEs	Short Term Experts
TAIEX	Technical Assistance and Information Exchange
TNA	Training Needs Assessment

1. Basic Information

1.1 Program: Decision number IPA/2020/ 041-831 Annual Action Programme for the Republic of North Macedonia for the Year 2020 - Objective 1/EU Integration facility

For UK applicants: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement² on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014³ and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement⁴, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating from, the United Kingdom⁵. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

1.2 Twinning Sector: Agriculture and Rural Development

1.3 EU Funded Budget: 250,000 EUR

1.4 Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs): This Twinning project contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, SDG 14 Life below water .

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall Objective(s): To improve the national policy in the area of market policy, structural activities and state aid in accordance with EU acquis for Fisheries and Aquaculture sector in North Macedonia.

2.2 Specific objective: To strengthen the capacities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) and other stakeholders in view of aligning the legal framework in the market policy, structural activities and state aid in the fisheries sector with the Union *acquis*.

² Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

³ Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

⁴ Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014).

⁵ Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

2.3 The elements targeted in strategic documents i.e. National Development Plan/Cooperation agreement/Association Agreement/Sector reform strategy and related Action Plans

Overall, the National Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2027 prioritises the harmonization of legal framework with the Union *acquis* in the area of Agriculture and Rural Development. However, there is no specific strategic document for fisheries and aquaculture. The legal and institutional alignment of the sector is according to the National Plan for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA). Specific development objectives and actions for fisheries and aquaculture development are mapped in the “*Programme for fisheries and aquaculture development for period 2013-2024*”⁶.

In addition, this project will contribute to the Public Administration Reform Strategy 2018 - 2022 to achieve the goals defined in the priority area Policy-making and Coordination between Government’s institutions with regard to the legal framework, the organizational setup and capacities of the institutions, as well as the human resource capacities in the public administration. The project proposed under this fiche aims to support the Beneficiary Institutions, through assistance in the process of legal and administrative harmonization with the Union *acquis* in the field of Fisheries.

EC Progress Report North Macedonia 2020

In **Chapter 13: Fisheries** of the European Commission’s Progress Report⁷ concerning North Macedonia it is stated that: “North Macedonia continues to be **moderately prepared** in this area. **No progress** was made on last year’s recommendation to further align market policy with the *acquis*. In the coming year, the country should further align its legislation with the *acquis* and ensure its implementation and enforcement, in particular for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, data collection, structural support and state aid.”

National Plan for the Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA) 2021-2023

The Document defines development and strategic goals, relevant policy reforms and measures required for the realization of these goals, establish a detailed plan for harmonization of legislation and define human and budget resources, as well as other funds required for the implementation of envisaged tasks.

In the section **3.13 Fisheries** it is planned preparation of new Law on fisheries and aquaculture for 4th quarter of 2021. With the new Law, MAFWE’s intention is to set up the base to fulfill the EU requirements in the field of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Aligning the national legislation with the Union *acquis* in the field of fisheries is a priority for MAFWE and North Macedonia. This also

⁶ Official Gazette 46/2012

⁷ https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/system/files/2020-10/north_macedonia_report_2020.pdf

facilitates the appearance and creation of opportunities for effective monitoring of fishery and aquaculture products.

According to the NPAA 2021-2023 the following activities are planned in the period 2021 - 2023 by MAFWE in the sector of Fisheries:

- NPAA 2021 - Preparation of the new Law for Fisheries and aquaculture. – The relevant parts from Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, defines areas included in Common Fisheries Policy and Council Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products will be aligned in the new Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy defines inspection and control of fisheries activities.

NPAA 2022

- Development of the legislation in market policy, structural policy and state aid- The relevant parts from Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, defines areas included in Common Fisheries Policy and Council Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004
- Fishery and Aquaculture Block Exemption Regulation - Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014
- De minimis Regulation – Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014
- **data collection: alignment to the Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008**

NPAA 2021-2023 - Strengthening the administrative capacity (staffing) in the existing organizational structure of the Ministry

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification:

a) Background

Fisheries and aquaculture

The Republic of North Macedonia is a land-locked country and has neither any marine fisheries activities nor any fishing vessels operating at sea under the North Macedonia flag. North Macedonia has a 56.000 ha of water resources. 46.700 ha of these are natural lakes surfaces, 6 400 ha artificial lakes, 2.200 ha rivers and around 700 ha fish ponds. The water surfaces are used for recreational and for commercial fishing on the natural lakes (Ohrid, Prespa and Dojran Lake) and two artificial lakes (Tikves and Spilje Lake). The right to organize recreational and commercial fishing is given to entities by Competitive Public Call for the period of 6 years.

Aquaculture is allowed to the entities which are registered in the Register of fish breeders within the MAFWE according the provisions of the Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture.

At present, 107 aquaculture facilities have been registered in the register of fish breeders within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (2021). The most common species reared in aquaculture facilities are: Trout (mainly rainbow trout, than brown (river) trout and Ohrid trout in very small quantities) with 63% in total aquaculture production and Carp with 34% of total aquaculture production. Around 96 – 97 % of total fish production is from aquaculture and only 3-4% is from catch of commercial fishing. Very simple equipped boats with an average length of four meters are used for commercial fishing in the lakes. Aquaculture and fresh water fisheries provide employment for 434 persons and contribute 0.1 % to the national gross value added. The number of recreational fisher in 2020 was 13,003.

Detailed export and import data will be presented to Member State(s) Twinning Light Partners by the Beneficiary Country administration upon request.

Institutional framework

The **Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy** (MAFWE) holds the mandate for fisheries and aquaculture policy and implementation. MAFWE holds a Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture into Agriculture Department that is dedicated specifically to the following tasks: preparing, proposing and implementing legal acts in respect to fisheries and aquaculture, preparing the Annual Programs for financial support, as well as the managerial and technical issues in the fisheries area such as: procedures for gaining the concessions for commercial and recreational fishery, managing permits and licenses and approval of yearly plans of subjects - responsible for organizing the recreational and commercial fishery. The Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture receive daily data on commercial catch and yearly on aquaculture for produced fish, maintains records for concessionaires as well as the data for anglers and the quantity of fish caught by recreational fishing, register the entities with permits for production of reproductive materials, data base for fish pond breeders and conducts register of fish breeders, repro/centers and producer organizations.

The **State Agriculture Inspectorate** (SAI) performs inspection and control activities related to fisheries and aquaculture through the Department for inspection control in the area of fisheries and aquaculture, livestock and apiculture, cereals and land management, where two units are directly responsible for the fisheries area: Unit for inspection controls in the area of fisheries and aquaculture

with 8 employees (6 state inspectors for fisheries and aquaculture) and Unit for physical protection of fishing waters with 9 employees (3 consultants and 6 fish protection officers).

The **Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development (AFSARD)** beside the support of Agriculture and Rural Development provides implementation of the measures planned for fisheries policy conduct public calls regarding Program for Fisheries and Aquaculture, administrative and on the spot control as well as payment.

The **Food and Veterinary Agency (FVA)** is the competent authority for animal health protection of aquatic animals, primary production, placing on the market of fish and aquatic animals, hygiene requirements for fish and aquaculture, registration of fish farms, registration of processing establishments for food of animal origin, import and export of fish, aquaculture and products thereof.

The **Ministry of Environmental and Physical Planning (MoEPP)** beside other responsibilities, in the fisheries area is responsible for nature and biodiversity protection and regulates the use of alien and locally absent species. In addition, MoEPP is responsible for water use licensing of aquaculture producers.

Three **Scientific institutions** (Institute for Animal Science - Skopje, Hidrobiological Institute - Ohrid and Faculty of Veterinary Medicine) are authorized for scientific issues related to Fisheries and Aquaculture. The scientific institutions in the fisheries area are involved in implementation of fish stocking measures and in preparation of the Fishing Master Plans.

The **State Statistical Office (SSO)** in accordance with State Statistics Act and Five-annual programme for statistical surveys is in charge for data collection, processing, analysis and publishing fishery statistics. Data for fishery statistics are collected by entities, who are dealing with fishery. In accordance with organizational rules in SSO: the design of questionnaire and methodology, data checking, data processing, analysis and publishing data are under the competence of Department for agriculture, forestry and fishery statistics. The data collection and first check of data is done in 8 regional statistical offices.

Legal framework

The main legislative act is the Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture and its bylaws. Other legal acts linked with the market, inspection and control and structural support in fisheries and aquaculture are listed in the Annex 2 of this Twinning Fiche.

b) Justification

The “*Programme for fisheries and aquaculture development for period 2013-2024*”⁸ represents “National multiannual strategic plan for fisheries and aquaculture in North Macedonia” in which the priorities and targets for the development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture activities are

⁸ Official Gazette No. 46/2012

defined, objectives, measures and the timetables necessary to achieve them. While the programme represents sector economic and social development, the alignment to the EU is mapped in the multi-annual NPAA.

*“National Programme for Development of Agriculture and Rural Development for the period 2018-2022”*⁹ which section for fisheries and aquaculture represents “Operational Programme for the fisheries and aquaculture in North Macedonia”. The National programme is implemented through Annual Program for fisheries and aquaculture which is national financial support programme for the implementation the priorities also as set out in the in the Law of Fisheries and aquaculture.

The National Programme for Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA) is a comprehensive long-term document that defines the dynamic of the adoption of the acquis, strategic guidelines, policies, reforms, structures, resources and deadlines to be fulfilled by North Macedonia. Chapter 13 - Fisheries is a part of this document.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy is involved in EU integration process for the Chapters 11, 12 and 13. Legislative (explanatory) meetings for all chapters concerning agriculture – Chapter 11 – Agriculture and Rural development, Chapter 12 – Food safety and Phytosanitary and Chapter 13 – Fisheries have been conducted end of 2019 by EC.

This Twinning Contract is relevant for Chapter 13.

During the Expert mission on Alignment with EU regulation in the area of fishery and aquaculture – North Macedonia 24-28 February 2020 AGR IND/EXP 69066 – TAIEX assistance, expert findings has been reflected positive and being very useful for the preparing request for Twinning light, in order to contribute for further alignment with EU acquis. Key expert recommendations are that it is crucial to start developing new law and sub laws as well as to amend the existing legislation in order to set up the new legal frame for market measures and structural support.

Within the scope of the project Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia - online workshop, “Summary of the acquis for Chapter 13 Fisheries for countries without access to sea” was held and gap analysis was prepared with recommendations for further alignment as to adopt new Law on fisheries and aquaculture and prepare and adopt separate new legal act for structural support and state aid in fisheries.

North Macedonia being a land-locked country has neither marine fisheries activity nor fishing vessels operating at sea under the North Macedonia flag, therefore substantial parts of the acquis within Chapter 13 Fisheries are not applicable.

Although, the acquis in the Chapter 13 - Fisheries consists of regulations, which do not require transposition into national legislation, still it requires the introduction of measures to prepare the administration and the operators for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)

⁹ Official Gazette No. 32/2018

rules. Certain measures will however need to be implemented and national legislation adapted to ensure the correct application of the *acquis*. The relevant *acquis* are described in the text below.

It should also be noted that North Macedonia is one of the accession countries participating in the European Union strategy of Adriatic Ionian Region (EUSAIR) which promotes cooperation and synergies among the participating EU and non EU countries. One of the flagship priorities of EUSAIR Pillar 1 on Blue Growth, addresses: Promoting Sustainability, Diversification and competitiveness in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors through education, research and technology, administrative, technological and marketing actions, including the promotion of initiatives on marketing standards and healthy environmental habits.

- **Market policy**

North Macedonia will need to implement the measures for marketing standards for fisheries products. Existing rules for marketing and labelling of fish and fishery products are only partially aligned with EU requirements. Substantial amendments will be necessary before accession to ensure full alignment. In particular, the marketing standards ought to be defined in line with requirements set in: Council Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products. For fishery and aquaculture products, in addition to the general requirements for food labelling (EU Food Law requirements), regarding the **consumer information**, additional information for the fish and fisheries products should be prescribed. It is important to transpose the rules related to the marketing standards for fish and fishery products. In order to ensure full alignment with EU legislation it is necessary to adopt substantial amendments to the existing legislative framework for certain fishery products marketing standards (according to Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 of 26 November 1996 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products). Concerning the applicability of marketing standards for canned fishery products, North Macedonia does not produce canned fish but import these products. The legislation need to be updated concerning the alignment with the relevant EU *acquis* (Council Regulation (EEC) No 1536/92 of 9 June 1992 laying down common marketing standards for preserved tuna and bonito and Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89 of 21 June 1989 laying down common marketing standards for preserved sardines and sardine-type products)

Concerning the producer organization, these are regulated with by the Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture but their registration process needs to be further elaborated to be applicable and in line with the requirements of the **common organisation** of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products (e.g. requirements and criteria for recognition as producer organization and rules for production and marketing plans of PO's) according Council Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1419/2013 of 17 December 2013 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1418/2013 of 17 December 2013.

For controlling the application of the rules of the CFP at all stages of the marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products according the Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy defines inspection and control of fisheries activities the necessary administrative capacity needs to be strengthened and trainings of the inspections staff needs to be ensured.

For the proper implementation of the provisions of this regulation the North Macedonia need to pay attention to implementation of Control Regulation: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Representatives from competent authorities (administration and inspection) and stakeholders from food industry will be informed and trained about and fishery product marketing standards, consumer information and traceability through various workshops.

- **Structural activities**

Currently, North Macedonia provides measures for financial support through the Annual Programme for Financial support in the fisheries and aquaculture. The planned measures and funds needed for the implementation of the measures in the annual program are defined in the National Programme for Development of Agriculture and Rural Development for the period 2018-2022.

The instruments, measures and activities for implementation are under the framework of the *“Programme for fisheries and aquaculture development for period 2013-2024”*. For the fully alignment with the EU acquis it is necessary to adopt new Law according the requirements of the Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004.

- **State aid**

State aid should be defined in line with requirements set in:

- Fishery and Aquaculture Block Exemption Regulation - Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014
- De minimis Regulation – Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014

North Macedonia need to prepare new law with clear distinction of the state aid in the fisheries sector. There is a need to set up state aid schemes registration, control and notification system.

The proposed project should prepare the fisheries sector of North Macedonia in view of future EU accession.

This Twinning project is expected to achieve the results and implement activities according as outlined in sections 3.5 and 3.6.

3.2 Ongoing reforms:

Main Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), should ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities contribute to long-term environmental, economic, and social sustainability. Regulation 1380/2013 also defines the reformed Common Fisheries Policy with great emphasis on the issues of monitoring, control and surveillance, data collection and the combat of the illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing.

Under the structural policy pillar of the CFP, fisheries sector is supported under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) in order to create a more competitive, environmentally sustainable fisheries sector and provide a better life for the fishing communities in line with the priority axes defined by the EU.

North Macedonia aims to achieve full harmonisation of the national structural policy and state aid with CFP.

With regard to the marketing policy framework of the CFP, common rules are implemented such as marketing standards for fishery and aquacultural products, market measures and recognition of fisheries producer organizations. EU marketing standards define specific quality requirements for EU and non-EU fishery products that are placed on the EU internal market– covering freshness and size categories – and specific labelling requirements that go beyond those required for other food products, for example the obligation to indicate the catch area and the main fishing gear used.

As regards to implementation of EU market measures, producer organizations play a significant role particularly on fisheries management. On the other hand, the EU fishing industry now has greater responsibility in the management of supply and demand. The submission of yearly production and marketing plans has become an obligation for all recognised producer organisations.

The current marketing standards cover some fresh and chilled products, preserved tuna and bonito and preserved sardines and sardine-like products.

In order to approximate towards the CFP reforms, North Macedonia has been preparing a new Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture, besides other areas, the focus is on alignment of the origin, marketing standards in the fishery and aquaculture sector and consumer information as a tool to ensure supply of sustainable products to the market, fair competition among operators and improved profitability of the fishery sector as well as a level-playing field between domestic and imported products with particular emphasis of the products coming from the EU as according to the trade agreement under the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA).

This project, therefore, aims to follow the CFP framework to improve the long term institutional and stakeholder capacity for implementation of newly adopted and amended legislation.

The Twinning should help the beneficiaries in the revision of the current national legislative and draft the legal acts aligned with EU requirements. The twinning partners shall support the national authorities in strengthening their capacities to implement the aligned legislation.

3.3 Linked activities:

This project will be the first comprehensive IPA project related to the issues in the field of Fisheries. Nevertheless the following assistance was provided to the competent authorities in the previous period in the area of Fisheries as part of:

TAIEX assistance:

- 1) TAIEX study visit on organisational set up and procedures for the implementation of new EU regulation in area of fishery and aquaculture (62346) - Estonia 18-22 July 2016 – TAIEX assistance
- 2) TAIEX Study Visit on EU regulation in the area of fishery and aquaculture AGR IND/STUD 69065 – TAIEX assistance- postponed.
- 3) Expert mission on Alignment with EU regulation in the area of fishery and aquaculture – North Macedonia 24-28 February 2020 AGR IND/EXP 69066 – TAIEX assistance

Other bilateral assistance

- 4) Regional project between North Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro “Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity of the Ohrid, Prespa and Scadar Lake” – GIZ project.
- 5) Online workshop “Summary of the acquis for Chapter 13 Fisheries for countries without access to sea” in July - The project Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia. Prepared GAP analysis with recommendations for further alignment.
- 6) FAO project TCP/RER/3706: Improved data methodology for sustainable management of inland fisheries resources in the West Balkans – two workshops have been held during 2019 – ongoing project (postponed due to the pandemic)

MAFWE was subject to Functional Review, financed by IPA and implemented by World Bank. The implementation of the recommendations from this functional review are about to be implemented with the support of the ongoing project IPA funded project “Support to state reorganisation”, in the Ministry of Information Society and Administration (MIOA).

Fisheries functions were not subject of the functional review of MAFWE. Therefore, the Twinning Project is expected to contribute in this respect.

3.4 List of applicable Union acquis/standards/norms:

- Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, defines areas included in Common Fisheries Policy- Council Regulation (EC) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products

- Council Regulation (EC) No 2406/96 of 26 November 1996 laying down common marketing standards for certain fishery products- Council Regulation (EEC) No 1536/92 of 9 June 1992 laying down common marketing standards for preserved tuna and bonito
- Council Regulation (EEC) No 2136/89 of 21 June 1989 laying down common marketing standards for preserved sardines and sardine-type products
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy defines inspection and control of fisheries activities
- Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1418/2013 of 17 December 2013 concerning production and marketing plans pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products.
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1419/2013 of 17 December 2013 concerning the recognition of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations, the extension of the rules of producer organisations and inter-branch organisations and the publication of trigger prices as provided for by Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 of the European Parliament and of the council of 7 July 2021 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 Fishery and Aquaculture Block Exemption Regulation - Commission Regulation (EU) No 1388/2014
- De minimis Regulation – Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014
- **Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017 on the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008**

Twinning partners will also consider all relevant updates of the EU regulations.

3.5 Components and results per component:

Component 1: EU Alignment of the national fisheries policy

Result 1.1: Legal acts for Fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards and consumer information prepared

Result 1.2: Rules for recognition of producer organisations and inter branch organizations in accordance with EU requirements established;

Result 1.3: New legal act(s) for structural support and state aid prepared and implementation capacity assessed.

Component 2: Capacity buildings of administration and control staff

Result 2.1: Relevant staff knowledge on market policy, structural activities and state aid enhanced.

Result 2.2.: Control of placing on market of fishery products and traceability strengthened

3.6 Expected activities:

At least two major visibility events will be organized in the course of the implementation of the project: Kick-off meeting at the start of the implementation process and the Final event at the end of project implementation activities.

Activities related to Component 1

Activities related to Result 1.1 Legal acts for Fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards and consumer information prepared

1.1.1 Preparation of Rulebook(s) on fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards.

1.1.2 Revision of the Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20).

1.1.3 Drafting of a List of commercial designations and scientific names of relevant fish species.

1.1.4 Preparation of a Rulebook on origin for fisheries and aquaculture products.

Activities related to Result 1.2 Rules for recognition of producer organisations and inter branch organizations in accordance with EU requirements established:

1.2.1 Preparation of Rulebook for producer organizations (rules for recognitions of PO, conditions, etc.).

1.2.2 Preparation of the monitoring and control framework of producers organisations.

1.2.3 Preparation of Guidelines on the set-up of producer organisations.

Activities related to Result 1.3 New legal act(s) for structural support and state aid prepared and implementation capacity assessed:

1.3.1 Drafting of new legal act(s) for structural support and state aid.

1.3.2 Assessment of institutional capacity to further implement the new legislation for structural measures and state aid.

Activities related to Component 2

Activities related to Result 2.1 Relevant staff knowledge on market policy, structural activities and state aid enhanced:

2.1.1 Development of Training Needs Assessment and Training Plan for MAFWE, Food and Veterinary Agency, Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, Agency for financial support in agriculture and rural development (AFSARD) and relevant stakeholders that will take part in the market policy and in the structural activities and state aid;

2.1.2 Workshops, for Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, , staff from competent MAFWE and FVA departments, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of marketing standards and consumer information.

2.1.3 study visits from Beneficiary (Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, staff from MAFWE, Unit for fisheries and aquaculture, staff from FVA) to a MS country with view to obtaining relevant up to date knowledge regarding the implementation of marketing standards, control methods and consumer information.

2.1.4 Workshops for staff of Unit for fisheries and aquaculture (MAFWE), Agricultural inspectors on the subject of control methods, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of rules, conditions for recognitions, role of producer organisations.

2.1.5 Workshops for (staff from competent MAFWE departments, AFSARD) on the subject of implementation of structural support and state aid.

2.1.6. Study visit from MAFWE and ASSARD to a MS country with view to obtaining relevant up to date knowledge regarding the preparation and implementation of structural measures and state aid.

Activities related to Result 2.2 Control of placing on market of fishery products and traceability strengthened:

2.2.1 Revision of the control procedures for placing on market of fishery products;

2.2.2 Drafting of the Check list(s) for control of placing on market of fishery products;

2.2.3 On-the spot training(s) for Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, related to their respective roles in the future control and traceability system;

2.2.4 At least 1 one day workshop, Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, staff of the relevant stakeholders, staff from Unit for fisheries and aquaculture) on the subject of control methods and traceability.

3.7.Means/ Input from the MS Partner Administration:

The MS twinning light partner shall make available a team of experts suitably qualified to carry out all activities envisaged under this contract and deliver the mandatory results herein described. The team will comprise nonresident project leader and a team of short term experts.

Profile and tasks of the Project Leader

The MS Project leader (PL) will manage the project team of selected member state(s) experts and supervise and co-ordinate the implementation of project activities.

PL tasks:

- Overall management and coordination of the project with MS, MAFWE, Sector for Agricultural /Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture, key institutions, other partners and stakeholders;
- Project reporting;
- Ensuring backstopping and financial management of the project in the MS;
- Ensuring timely, effective and efficient implementation of the project and achievement of results, through proposed activities;
- Coordination of deployment of short-term experts;
- Coordination, from the MS side, of the Project Steering Committee meetings;
- Participation at the Steering Committee meetings;
- Assuring compatibility with EU requirements.

PL profile:

Requirements:

- Proven contractual relation to a public administration or mandated body (see Twinning Manual 4.1.4.2);
- University degree or equivalent experience in a related field of minimum 8 years;
- The Member State Project Leader (PL) is expected to be an official or assimilated agent with a sufficient rank to ensure an operational dialogue at political level;
- At least 3 years of professional experience in EU MS administration/assimilated body in the field of all processes in the area of acquis that the project is dealing with, such as marketing standards in fisheries; establishment of Fisheries POs, their recognition process, structural assistance, state aid, and other area related to management and implementation of CFP;
- Good written and oral command of English;

Assets:

- Experience in international cooperation projects in one of the candidate countries as regards to alignment of fisheries would be an asset

Profile and tasks of Component Leaders (CL):

The MS CLs will manage the project team of selected member state(s) experts and supervise and co-ordinate the implementation of project activities by components.

CLs tasks:

- To assist in revision and preparation of the draft legislation
- To plan and coordinate outputs;
- To ensure proper quality of outputs;
- Together with the Project Leader, to nominate, mobilize and supervise the short term experts;
- To coordinate and organize study visits, training activities, workshops and public awareness activities;
- To provide detailed reports on the impact of the project.
- Recommendations for further legal alignments and institutional strengthening in the area of fisheries
- Control and allocation of the project resources
- Preparation of Project Steering Committee meetings
- Other related tasks defined in overall project results

CLs profile:

Requirements:

- Proven contractual relation to a public administration or mandated body (see Twinning Manual 4.1.4.2);
- University degree or equivalent experience in a related field of minimum 8 years;
- At least 3 years of professional experience in EU MS administration/assimilated body in the in the area of acquis that the component is dealing with, such as marketing standards in fisheries; establishment of Fisheries POs, their recognition process, structural assistance, state aid, and other area related to management and implementation of CFP.

Assets:

- Experience in international cooperation projects in the area of fisheries would be an asset.

- *Specific professional experience:*
 - At least 3 years of professional experience in the field of harmonisation (in particularly transposition) of legislation related to Union acquis Chapter 13, gained in an EU member state, candidate or potential candidate country.

3.7.1. Profile and tasks of the short-term experts

There should be a pool of STEs to ensure smooth implementation of the project during the overall implementation period. STEs should be identified by the Project Leader and have to be agreed with the beneficiary administration in the course of designing and delivery of the project. Team of short-term experts should be mobilized according to agreed work plan. Detailed profiles and tasks of short-term experts will be provided by the MS candidates in their offers.

STEs tasks:

STEs will provide specialized know-how for the individual tasks in this project. Therefore, the pool of experts should have a relevant professional experience in MS administration and minimum qualifications required, as well as specific skills needed for individual task. As a general approach, the STEs will take the responsibility for the implementation of the project and the achievement of the results (each for his/her individual mission tasks&) and prepare the required reports. They shall provide long-standing experience in all fields relevant for the project. Detailed profiles and tasks of short term experts, including the duration of their assignments will be provided by the MS candidates in their offers.

Minimum indicative requirements for STEs are:

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- Proven contractual relation to a public administration or mandated body (see Twinning Manual 4.1.7);
- University degree or equivalent experience in a related field of minimum 8 years;
- At least 3 years of professional working experience in Member State public administration or mandated body covering, at least one of the following areas of expertise: market policy, structural activities, state aid, legal harmonization, fisheries policy development, sector studies and strategy development, training of civil servants/assimilated agents;

4. Budget

The total budget for this Twinning project is EUR 250.000

Alignment of Legislation and Implementation of the Union Acquis in the Area of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Republic of North Macedonia	IPA Contribution	TOTAL
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Twinning light contract	EUR 250,000	EUR 250,000
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5. Implementation Arrangements

5.1 Implementing Agency responsible for tendering, contracting and accounting

The Delegation of European Union will act as a Contracting Authority for the project, which will be responsible for all aspects for the project's tendering, contracting and payments.

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5.2 Institutional framework

The project beneficiary institution is the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) and the final beneficiaries are Department for Agricultural / Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Food and Veterinary Agency, State Agriculture Inspectorate, Agency for Financial Support in the Agriculture and Rural Development.

- Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy - the Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture (Agriculture Department) with 2 employees is responsible for many different subjects: preparing, proposing and implementing legal acts in respect to fisheries and aquaculture, preparing the Annual Programs for financial support, as well as the managerial and technical issues in the fisheries area such as: procedures for gaining the concessions for commercial and recreational fishery, managing permits and licenses and approval of yearly plans of subjects - responsible for organizing the recreational and commercial fishery. The Unit for Fisheries and Aquaculture receive daily data on commercial catch and yearly on aquaculture for produced fish, maintains records for concessionaires as well as the data for anglers and the quantity of fish caught by recreational fishing, register the entities with permits for production of reproductive materials, data base for fish pond breeders and conducts register of fish breeders, repro-centres and producer organizations.

- The State Agriculture Inspectorate performs inspection and control activities related to fisheries and aquaculture through the Department for inspection control in the area of fisheries and aquaculture, livestock and apiculture, cereals and land management, where two units are directly responsible for the fisheries area: Unit for inspection controls in the area of fisheries and aquaculture with 8 employees (6 state inspectors for fisheries and aquaculture) and Unit for physical protection of fishing waters with 9 employees (3 consultants and 6 fish protection officers).
- Agency for Financial Support of Agriculture and Rural Development beside the support of Agriculture and Rural Development provides implementation of the measures planned for fisheries policy – conduct public calls regarding Program for Fisheries and Aquaculture, administrative and on the spot control as well as payment.
- Food and Veterinary Agency regulated food labelling and common marketing standards for fisheries and aquaculture products.

5.3 Counterparts in the Beneficiary administration:

The PL counterpart will be staff of the Beneficiary administration and will be actively involved in the management and coordination of the project.

5.3.1 Contact person:

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5.3.2 PL counterpart

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6. Duration of the project

The overall execution period of the Twinning light contract is 13 months.

The implementation period of the Action will last **10 months due to the pandemic restrictions as exceptional situation**. The execution period of the contract shall enter into force upon the date of notification by the Contracting Authority of the contract signed by all parties, whereas it shall end 3 months after the implementation period of the Action.

7. Sustainability

The achievements of Twinning light project (mandatory results) shall be maintained as a permanent asset to the beneficiary even after the completion of the project implementation.

The results achieved by this project will form a basis of a firm fully operational and legally regulated system for structural policy and state aid that will continue to be improved by the Beneficiary and updated with new elements based on the experience gathered in the process of its implementation. When it comes to marketing standards for fishery products, the relevant Rulebooks, are envisaged as a permanent solution when it comes to regulating that field and will be strictly implemented with possible improvements based on the new needs and realities that might occur over time. Finally envisaged trainings and workshops will increase the knowledge of the beneficiary and relevant stakeholders and enable them to enforce/respect the rules applicable to the Fisheries sector. The knowledge acquired through these trainings will be further transferred to other employees throughout the respective organizational structure of the Beneficiary and relevant stakeholders.

By and large it could be concluded that all of the results of the project will be of permanent value to the beneficiary.

8. Crosscutting issues (*equal opportunity, environment, climate etc...*)

Equal Opportunity

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equitable gender participation in the project and information will be provided in the regular reports of the Twinning light Partner regarding gender participation rates in the different events, workshops and seminars.

Based on the fundamental principles of promoting equality and combating discrimination, participation in the project will be guaranteed on the basis of equal access, regardless of sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation.

Minorities and vulnerable groups

There are no specific actions which are designed for minority and vulnerable groups. However, the implementation of project activities will bring about positive consequences for all citizens, while envisaged awareness rising component will be aimed at all relevant persons regardless of the group they belong to.

Environmental considerations

No adverse environmental effects are envisaged from this project. In addition, the effect of the project will gain more environmental concern and will also apply in the long run. Any ecological friendly initiative which can be taken must be implemented.

9. Conditionality and sequencing

- Appointment of counterpart personnel by the beneficiary before the launch of the call of proposal and guaranteeing the continuity of the appointed and trained staff;
- Allocation of working space and facilities by the final beneficiary within the premises of the final beneficiaries before contract signature;
- Participation by the beneficiary in the selection process as per EU regulations;
- Organisation, selection and appointment of members of working groups, steering and coordination committees, seminars by the beneficiaries;
- Use and application of project outputs.

There are no special conditions that need to be met in order for the project implementation to commence.

The MS TWL Partner will propose the most effective possible sequence of activities (to their best knowledge and experience) while taking into account the following constraints:

10. Indicators for performance measurement

Component 1: EU Alignment of the national fisheries policy

Result 1.1: Legal acts for Fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards and consumer information prepared

Indicators for Result 1.1:

- 1.1.1 Rulebook(s) on fishery products and aquaculture marketing standards prepared;
- 1.1.2 Revision of the Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20);
- 1.1.3 List of commercial designations and scientific names of relevant fish species prepared;
- 1.1.4 Rulebook on origin for fisheries and aquaculture products prepared.

Result 1.2: Rules for recognition of producer organisations and inter branch organizations in accordance with EU requirements established;

Indicators for Result 1.2:

- 1.2.1 Rulebook for producer organizations (rules for recognitions of PO, conditions...) prepared;
- 1.2.2 Monitoring and control framework of producers organisations prepared;
- 1.2.3 Guidelines on the set-up of producer organisations prepared.

Result 1.3: Prepared new legal act(s) for structural support and state aid and implementation capacity assessed.

1.3.1 The new legal act(s) for structural support and state aid prepared;

1.3.2 Institutional capacity to further implement the new legislation for structural support and state aid assessed.

Component 2: Capacity buildings of administration and control staff

Result 2.1: Relevant staff knowledge on market policy, structural activities and state aid enhanced

Indicators for Result 2.1:

2.1.1 Training Needs Assessment and Training plan in the market policy and in the structural activities and state aid prepared;

2.1.2 Number of relevant staff and stakeholders trained on the subject of marketing standards and consumer information;

2.1.3 Number of relevant staff trained for implementation of marketing standards, control methods and consumer information;

2.1.4 Number of Relevant Staff trained on the subject of control methods, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of rules, conditions for recognitions, role of PO;

2.1.5 Number of Relevant staff trained on the subject of implementation of structural measures and state aid;

2.1.6 Number of Relevant staff trained regarding the preparation and implementation of structural measures and state aid.

Result 2.2: Control of placing on market of fishery products and traceability strengthened (at least 2 on-spot training and 1 workshop)

Indicators for Result 2.2:

2.2.1 Control procedures of placing on market of fishery products revised;

2.2.2 Number of Check lists for control of placing on market of fishery products drafted;

2.2.3 Number of on the spot trainings for the Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors related to their respective roles in the future control system performed.

2.2.4 Number of relevant staff trained on the subject of control methods.

11. Facilities available

MAFWE will dedicate all necessary human and institutional resources in order to guarantee an effective implementation of the respective project. In particular, the Beneficiary institution will ensure the availability of the following provisions:

- Adequately equipped office space for the PL, and short-term experts for the entire duration of their secondment with a level of equipment at least comparable to that in use in the final beneficiary administration;
- Adequate conditions for the STEs to perform their work while on mission to the BC;
- Training and conference venues as well as presentation and interpretation equipment.

ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

Annex 1: C1b Simplified Logical Framework

Annex 2: List of relevant Laws and Regulations

Annex 3: Organogram of the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Economy

Annex C1b: Simplified Logical Framework

	Description	Indicators (with relevant baseline and target data)	Sources of verification	Risks	Assumptions (external to project)
Overall Objective	To improve a national policy in the area of market policy, structural activities and state aid in accordance with EU acquis for Fisheries and Aquaculture sector in North Macedonia.		Project Final Report EC Progress Report		

<p>Specific (Project) Objective(s)</p>	<p>To strengthen the capacities of MAFWE and other stakeholders to align the legal framework in the market policy, structural activities and state aid in the fisheries sector and strengthen the institutions to implement the legal reforms.</p>	<p>Baseline: Partly aligned</p> <p>Target: further alignment with the EU acquis</p>	<p>Project Report, EC Progress Report</p> <p>Official Gazette</p>	<p>Final</p> <p>Adoption of legislation by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia; BC institutions staff actively participate in project activities; Availability of all necessary data; Dedication of high-ranking officials to support the project implementation; Good cooperation between all participants in the project</p>
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<p>Mandatory results/outputs by components</p>	<p>Component 1: EU Alignment of the national fisheries policy</p>	<p>Result 1.1: Legal acts for Fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards and consumer information prepared Indicators for Result 1.1: 1.1.1. Rulebook(s) on fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards prepared 1.1.2. Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20) revised; 1.1.3 List of commercial designations and scientific names of relevant fish species drafted; 1.1.4. Rulebook on origin for fisheries and aquaculture products prepared</p>	<p>Project reports Official Gazette</p>	<p>Insufficient human and technical resources for work with Twinning partner</p>	<p>Adoption of legislation by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia</p>
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	<p>Component2:Capacity buildings of administration and control staff</p>	<p>Result 1.2: Rules for recognition of producer organisations and inter branch organizations in accordance with EU requirements established;</p> <p>Indicators for Result 1.2:</p> <p>1.2.1 Rulebook for producer organizations (rules for recognitions of PO, conditions etc) prepared;</p> <p>1.2.2 Monitoring and control framework of producers organisations prepared;</p> <p>1.2.3 Guidelines on the set-up of producer organisations prepared.</p> <p>Result 1.3: New legal act(s) for structural support and state aid</p>	<p>Project reports</p> <p>Official Gazette</p>		
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		<p>prepared and implementation capacity assessed.</p> <p>1.3.1 The new legal act(s) for structural support and state aid prepared;</p> <p>1.3.2 Institutional capacity to further implement the new legislation for structural support and state aid assessed.</p> <p>Result 2.1: Relevant staff knowledge on market policy, structural activities and state aid enhanced</p> <p>Indicators for Result 2.1:</p> <p>2.1.1 Training Needs Assessment and Training plan in the market policy and in</p>	<p>Project reports</p> <p>Submitted new law to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia</p> <p>Project reports</p> <p>Attendance list</p>		
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		<p>the structural activities and state aid prepared;</p> <p>2.1.2 Number of relevant staff and stakeholders trained on the subject of marketing standards and consumer information;</p> <p>2.1.3 Number of relevant staff trained for implementation of marketing standards, control methods and consumer information;</p> <p>2.1.4 Number of Relevant Staff trained on the subject of control methods, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of rules, conditions for recognitions, role of PO;</p> <p>2.1.5 Number of Relevant staff trained on the subject of</p>			
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		<p>implementation of structural measures and state aid;</p> <p>2.1.6 Number of Relevant staff trained regarding the preparation and implementation of structural measures and state aid.</p> <p>Result 2.2.: Control of placing on market of fishery products and traceability strengthened (at least 2 on-spot training and 1 workshop)</p> <p>Indicators for Result 2.2:</p> <p>2.2.1 2.2.1 Control procedures of placing on market of fishery products revised;</p> <p>2.2.2 Number of Check lists for control</p>	<p>Project reports</p> <p>Attendance list</p>		
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		<p>of placing on market of fishery products drafted;</p> <p>2.2.3 Number of on the spot trainings for the Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors related to their respective roles in the future control system performed.</p> <p>2.2.4 Number of relevant staff trained on the subject of control methods.</p>			
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<p>Activities</p>	<p>Activities related to result 1.1:</p> <p>1.1.1 Preparation of Rulebook(s) on fishery and aquaculture products marketing standards.</p> <p>1.1.2 Revision of the Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20).</p> <p>1.1.3 Drafting of a List of commercial designations and scientific names of relevant fish species.</p> <p>1.1.4 Preparation of a Rulebook on origin for fisheries and aquaculture products.</p> <p>Activities related to result 1.2:</p> <p>1.2.1 Preparation of Rulebook for producer organizations (rules for recognitions of PO, conditions, etc.).</p> <p>1.2.2 Preparation of the monitoring and control</p>			<p>Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner</p>	<p>Adoption of legislation by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia</p>
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	<p>framework of producers organisations.</p> <p>1.2.3 Preparation of Guidelines on the set-up of producer organisations.</p> <p>Activities related to result 1.3:</p> <p>1.3.1 Drafting of new legal act(s) for structural support and state aid.</p> <p>1.3.2 Assessment of institutional capacity to further implement the new legislation for structural measures and state aid.</p> <p>Activities related to Component 2 Result 2.1:</p> <p>.</p> <p>2.1.1 Development of Training Needs Assessment and Training Plan for MAFWE, Food and Veterinary Agency, Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, Agency for financial support in agriculture and rural development (AFSARD) and</p>				
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	<p>relevant stakeholders that will take part in the market policy and in the structural activities and state aid;</p> <p>2.1.2 Workshops, for Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, , staff from competent MAFWE and FVA departments, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of marketing standards and consumer information.</p> <p>2.1.3 Study visits from Beneficiary (Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, staff from MAFWE, Unit for fisheries and aquaculture, staff from FVA) to a MS country with view to obtaining relevant up to date knowledge regarding the implementation of marketing standards, control methods and consumer information.</p> <p>2.1.4 Workshops for staff of Unit for fisheries and aquaculture (MAFWE),</p>				
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	<p>Agricultural inspectors on the subject of control methods, and relevant stakeholders on the subject of rules, conditions for recognitions, role of producer organisations.</p> <p>2.1.5 Workshops for (staff from competent MAFWE departments, AFSARD) on the subject of implementation of structural support and state aid.</p> <p>2.1.6. Study visit from MAFWE and ASSARD to a MS country with view to obtaining relevant up to date knowledge regarding the preparation and implementation of structural measures and state aid.</p> <p>Activities related to Result 2.2:</p> <p>2.2.1 Revision of the control procedures for placing on market of fishery products;</p>				
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	<p>2.2.2 Drafting of the Check list(s) for control of placing on market of fishery products;</p> <p>2.2.3 On-the spot training(s) for Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, related to their respective roles in the future control and traceability system;</p> <p>2.2.4 At least 1 one day workshop, Agricultural and Veterinary inspectors, staff of the relevant stakeholders, staff from Unit for fisheries and aquaculture) on the subject of control methods and traceability.</p>				
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Annex 2 - Legal Framework

I Adopted legal acts – laws and rulebooks in terms of market policy

- Law on Fisheries and Aquaculture ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 7/08, 67/10, 47/11, 53/11, 95/12, 164/13, 116/14, 154/15, 193/15, 39/16 and 83/18)
- Rulebook for form, content and manner of keeping the register of producer organizations of and their exclusion from the register ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 7/09),
- Rulebook on the quality, size and weight and manner of declaration of the fish intended for trade ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 57/13)
- Rulebook on the form and contents of the template for origin of the fish and manner of issuance and fulfilling ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 117/10)
- Rulebook on the form and contents of the template for origin of the fish stock material and manner of issuance and fulfilling ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No.117/10) related to traceability.
- The Law on Food Safety ("Off. Gazette of MK" No. 57/10, 53/11, 1/12, 164/13, 187/13, 43/14, 72/15 and 84/15),
- Rulebook on the quality of fish, crabs, shellfish, sea urchins, frogs, turtles, snails and their products ("Off. Gazette of SFRY", No. 65/79) related to common marketing standards is still in force
- The Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20) related to consumer information.
- Rulebook for form, content and manner of keeping the register of producer organizations of and their exclusion from the register ("Off. Gazette of MK", No.7/09)

II Adopted legal acts – laws and rulebooks in terms of inspection and control

- Law on fisheries and aquaculture ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 7/08, 67/10, 47/11, 53/11, 95/12, 164/13, 116/14, 154/15, 193/15, 39/16 and 83/18)
- Law on Inspection Supervision ("Official Gazette" No. 102/19),
- Law on the State Agriculture Inspectorate ("Official Gazette" No. 20/09, 53/11, 164/13, 43/14, 33/15, 88/15, 149/15, 39/16, 172/16 and 83/18),
- Law on Misdemeanors ("Official Gazette" No 96/19) and the Criminal Code ("Official Gazette" No 37/96), as well as the accompanying regulations arising from these laws.
- Law on Food Safety ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 57/10, 53/11, 1/12, 164/13, 187/13, 43/14, 72/15 and 84/15)

- Rulebook on quality, size and weight, as well as the manner of declaring the fish that is intended for placing on market ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 57/13),
- Rulebook on the form and contents of the template for origin of the fish and manner of issuance and fulfilling ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 117/10).
- Rulebook on the form and contents of the template for origin of the fish stock material and manner of issuance and fulfilling ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 117/10),
- The Rulebook on quality of fish, crustaceans, shellfish, sea urchins, frogs, eel, snails and their products ("Off. Gazette of SFRY", No. 65/79),
- The Rulebook on information related to the food ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 150/15 and 241/20) regarding consumer information.

III Adopted legal acts – laws and rulebooks in terms structural policy

- Law on fisheries and aquaculture ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 7/08, 67/10, 47/11, 53/11, 95/12, 164/13, 116/14, 154/15, 193/15, 39/16 and 83/18);
- Law on the establishment of the agency for financial support of agriculture and rural development ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 72/07, 5/09, 43/14, 193/15, 39/16, 164/18 and 190/19);
- Program for fisheries and aquaculture development in the Republic of Macedonia for period 2013-2024 ("Off. Gazette of MK", No. 46/12)
- The Annual Program for Financial Support for Fisheries and Aquaculture
- National Programme for Development of Agriculture and Rural Development for the period 2018-2022 ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Macedonia" No. 32/2018)

Annex 3 - Organogram of the MAFWE

