



## Call for proposals 2018

# Challenges for the future of EU fisheries

Opening date

**February 1st, 2018**

Deadline for pre-projects submission

**May 18th, 2018 (3 pm)**

Deadline for full projects submission

**September 14th, 2018 (3 pm)**

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# I. Context

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France Filière Pêche, an association subject to the provisions of the law of 1 July 1901, aims to support and promote, directly or indirectly, the sustainable and responsible practices of the fishing industry's operators, in particular those aimed at:

- ensuring the sustainability of marine fishery resources;
- reducing pollution caused by fishing activities;
- reducing ships's energy consumption;
- promoting experimental and research actions in innovative techniques and solutions that the Association can disseminate;
- collecting, disseminating and pooling knowledge and experiences in the technical, scientific and commercial fields;
- setting up training and technical support actions;
- improve the quality, traceability, identification and knowledge of French fishery products;

In 2017 the association decided to launch a new type of call for projects aiming at supporting projects interested in future issues for the sector. The aim is to support medium-long-term projects (3-5 years) on themes that are more upstream of the current challenges facing fishing operators in order to better prepare the tomorrow's fishing activities.

The research objectives pursued in these projects should lead to decision support tools for better management of marine fisheries resources in consultation with the professional organizations involved in the project.

The projects must be supported by French scientific institutes with at least one French professional partner, but the possibilities of partnerships are broad and may concern public institutes, private companies, French and foreign professional representatives. Collaborations with foreign research institutes are encouraged.



## II. Thematic axes

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The sustainable management of fisheries and the economic sustainability of fleets are a priority for the French industry. Thus, France Filière Pêche selected the following three themes:

**Theme 1 (optional): to develop and strengthen scientific knowledge on population dynamics and stock assessments**

**Theme 2 (optional): to understand ecosystems functioning and the impact of global change**

**Theme 3 (mandatory): to develop tools and recommendations for fishery management**

The projects should all develop tools and recommendations for fishery management (see mandatory thematic axis 3) and will have the possibility develop and strengthen scientific knowledge on population dynamics and stock assessments (see optional theme 1) and / or to understand ecosystems functioning and the impact of global change (see optional theme 2).

### 2.1 Theme 1: to develop and strengthen scientific knowledge on population dynamics and stock assessments

The main stocks exploited in the North East Atlantic and in the Mediterranean are monitored and analysed by scientists gathered in various international scientific bodies such as the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in charge of the FAO 27 area (North East Atlantic) or the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) in charge of FAO Area 37 (Mediterranean, Black Sea), and regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) such as the International Commission for the Conservation of Tunas Atlantic (ICCAT). Scientists working with these international bodies provide expertise on the main stocks exploited based on of the data transmitted by each State. Data collection can be driven directly by the State or by professionals through their participation in collective scientific projects. Much of the exploited stocks are still poorly known and data poor.

The objectives of this optional theme are to support projects aimed at the development of innovative methods for data poor stocks' assessments. This theme also aims at the development of innovative data monitoring devices and data on the main exploited species classified as data limited stocks. The purpose of projects would be to improve the quality of the expertise and advice provided by scientists in national and international bodies.

Projects tackling theme 1 will have to address at least one of the two subthemes described below.



**a. Development of innovative methods for stocks' assessments**

This subtheme offers the opportunity to develop new approaches and methods to understand population dynamics and / or limited data stocks, fast-evolving species and / or short-lived species. This research field must focus on the exploration of innovative methods that are alternatives to conventional analytical assessment methods (genetics, video, etc.).

The purpose of developing these new approaches is to be able to provide expertise and assessment on these data-poor stocks. Projects should focus on exploited commercial species of proven economic importance to the French metropolitan fleet.

**b. Development of data acquisition means**

The lack of available data is often the main reason for the unreliability of some scientific advices. Thus, there is a crucial need to develop and / or test innovative data acquisition methods, transferable and adaptable to the monitoring of many species. The evolution of available technologies should help to acquire data on exploited species by limiting costs and promoting accessibility for all operators (scientists, technicians, fishermen, etc.). These new data will be dependent or independent of fishing activities and will allow the development of new stock indicators and assessment

The means of data acquisition systems developed in the framework of these projects will have to be tested and deployed on exploited commercial species of major economic importance and for which the lack of available data is established.

## **2.2 Theme 2: to understand ecosystems functioning and the impact of global change**

Marine ecosystems worldwide are under severe pressure due to global changes resulting from environmental or anthropogenic pressures. These different pressures can induce rapid changes in the state of ecosystems characterized by significant changes in habitats and associated biodiversity. As a result, the sustainability of ecosystem goods and services produced by these marine and vital ecosystems is no longer assured. This results in obvious economic and social disturbances for activities and populations that directly or indirectly depend on this marine biodiversity.

Regardless of the marine ecosystems, studies on the distribution and condition of species and community structure have led to the identification of habitat as a major environmental filter. The projects related to this theme should aim to improve knowledge on the role of habitats to predict the ability of individuals and populations to maintain themselves in an environment subject to cumulative natural and / or anthropic pressures.



The projects supported in this thematic area will have to focus on major habitats for fish productivity and will have to rely on one or more case studies that include commercial species of proven importance for French fishing fleets.

The projects will have to improve the knowledge of the impacts of different anthropogenic activities on habitat productivity. Projects may focus on interactions between individuals or between individuals and habitats that can be altered by natural factors (river flow, ocean acidification,, surface temperature...) in order to quantify and weight the origin and impacts of habitat functionality changes and / or the reduction of habitat capacity and therefore the potential repercussions on fishing activities.

### **2.3 Theme 3: to develop tools and recommendations for fishery management**

This theme has to be addressed in every submitted project. This theme can constitute a project in its own or can be associated to theme 1 and/or 2.

Fisheries management strategies are numerous and potentially complex (Quotas, licences, fishing gear restrictions, spatial management...). The multiplication of implemented management strategies makes it difficult to have a long-term vision on fishing activities profitability or on the environmental effectiveness of a single management action.

Since fishing is not the only maritime activity, it becomes necessary to consider the exploitation of marine fishery resources with regard to all maritime activities. In France, this dynamic materialized in 2016 with the adoption of the "blue economy" law proposal in favour of the competitiveness of maritime operations and the sustainable exploitation of marine resources. The implementation of blue growth will have to rely on innovative management tools that allow sustainable exploitation of marine ecosystems, correlated with a well-thought-out planning of associated uses.

**The objective of this thematic axis is to support projects proposing practical applications for the management of fisheries integrating all uses. Moreover, it is becoming urgent to capitalize on all the interdisciplinary knowledge acquired necessary for the future management of fisheries resources. In addition, it is essential to highlight the lack of knowledge and areas of skills and / or tools that need to be developed to be able to propose new models and management scenarios for the future.**



## III. Projects selection and evaluation

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### 3.1 Criteria for the admissibility of pre-projects

Criteria for admissibility have been retained for 2018 pre-projects:

- The pre-project proposal must be submitted on time, in the requested format (see pre-project submission file - 2018 call for projects)
- Theme 3 "to develop tools and recommendations for fishery management" must be at least one component of the project
- The pre-project must be the result of a collective work that necessarily involves at least one French professional fishing representation structure (Producers' organization, fisheries committees, etc.)
- The project leader must be a French scientific research institute based in France (mainland)
- The pre-project should focus on French fleets registered in France (mainland)
- The duration of the projects must be at least 3 years and not exceed 5 years
- The pre-project budget should include a budget range per committed partner, a maximum project amount and a desired amount of FFP funding
- The FFP funding may not exceed the maximum amount of € 1,000,000.

Important: Before deciding on the selection of the pre-project, substantial changes to pre-projects submitted may be requested by FFP, including groupings of similar pre-projects.

### 3.2 Criteria for the admissibility of projects

- To receive a pre-project selection notification by FFP
- The project proposal must be submitted on time, in the requested format (see project submission file - 2018 call for projects)
- The project's actions will have to start in the first half of 2019
- Provide a commitment certificate for leading the project, signed by the competent authority



- Provide a project participation attestation by partner and signed by the respective directorates
- Provide a full budget, specifying all the sources of financing (self-financing, Regions, State, Europe, private financing and FFP application)
- The overall budget of the project must be greater than 300 000 €
- The FFP funding may not exceed in any case the maximum amount of € 1 000 000 and must not exceed 60% of the total amount of the project

### 3.3 Criteria for project selection

Les propositions recevables feront l'objet d'une évaluation par un comité d'experts indépendants puis d'un avis du Comité Production de FFP selon les critères de sélection suivants :

The submitted proposals will be evaluated by a committee of independent experts and then selected by the FFP Production Committee according to the following selection criteria:

#### ***I. Relevance to the themes of the call***

- Quality of the project description

#### ***II. Scientific interest of the project***

- Innovative aspect and development of new protocols, working methods, tools ...
- Transferability of the scientific method or protocol to other case studies
- Scientific and technical feasibility
- Bibliographical references on the subject and summary of projects carried out at European level

#### ***III. Economic and possible regulatory issues***

- Description of fleets concerned by the project (number of vessels, turnover, landed volume ...)
- For projects on optional themes 1 and 2:
  - economic importance of the species / stock within the fleet concerned by the project (turnover generated by the species,% in the overall turnover of the fleet ...)
  - innovative character of the method used or developed



- Justification of the choice of ecosystem studied with regard to the economic issues related to fishing

#### ***IV. Putting the project into perspective***

- Description of the expected results
- Description of project interests in the medium and long term

#### ***V. Quality of the approach and structuring of the project***

- Representativeness and involvement of the professional partner (s) and areas of expertise of the project's scientific partners
- Relevance of the means implemented for project management and implementation
- Structuring the project, rigor in defining the final results (deliverables)
- Adequacy between the planned actions and the timetable presented

#### ***VI. Quality of the construction of the budget and the financial model***

- Adaptation and justification of the amount of aid requested (taking into account other available sources of funding)
- Compliance with the eligibility conditions set out in Annex 2
- Evaluation of the amount of all items of expenditure (operation, purchase, investment, missions ...)
- Justification of the means in personnel (justification of the amounts, the creations of posts ...)

#### ***VII. Valorization of the project with the sector, the scientific community and possibly the general public***

- Choice of the proposed supports (video, website, paper support ...) and restitution meetings



### 3.4 Project selection procedure

Après examen de la recevabilité des projets par FFP (critère de recevabilité au point 3.2), les propositions recevables feront l'objet d'une évaluation par un comité d'experts indépendants qui remettront un avis sur chaque projet.

Les porteurs de projet auront la possibilité de répondre à l'avis des experts puis les projets seront soumis au Comité Production de FFP pour avis avant sélection finale en Conseil d'Administration.

After examination of the admissibility of the projects by FFP (criterion of admissibility in point 3.2), the admissible proposals will be evaluated by a committee of independent experts who will give an opinion on each project.

Project promoters will have the opportunity to respond to the experts' opinion and the projects will be submitted to the FFP Production Committee for the selection.

## IV. Timetable

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Publication date of the call for projects	February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Deadline for receiving pre-projects	May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 (3:00 pm)
Pre-selection of pre-projects	June 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Submission of the full projects	September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 (3:00 pm)
Evaluation and selection of projects	November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018

## V. Project filing rules

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No pre-project deposit will be accepted after **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (3:00pm)**.

The pre-projects will have to meet all the criteria for pre-project admissibility (see 3.1 Criteria for the admissibility of pre-projects).

No project deposit will be accepted after **September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (3:00pm)**.

Full projects must meet all the eligibility criteria (see 3.2 project eligibility criteria).



## VI. Engagement of the project leader

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After the pre-project submission, FFP will select the pre-projects at the June 2018 Board meeting.

Project pre-selection responses will be returned to the project sponsors no later than June 25, 2018. If the project is selected by FFP's Board of Directors, the project sponsor will have until September 14 to submit the full project to FFP (see VIII Transmission of projects to FFP).

If the project is selected by FFP's Board in November 2018, the project leader will receive a letter from FFP indicating that his project has been selected. It will then have 2 months to present all the elements necessary for contracting an agreement (see Annex 2). After this period, and having been selected, he will no longer be able to claim any funding for this project.

An agreement will be established between FFP and the project leader to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each party as well as the timing of the FFP payments (amount of the payment at the beginning, the middle and the end of the project). This agreement will specify, for example, the procedures for controlling the actual operation of the project, the conditions for the payment of FFP's financial contribution, as well as the dissemination of results, the regular information of FFP on the progress of operations, the possible involvement of FFP in the workflow and publicity of FFP's involvement in the communication around the project.

## VII. Transmission of projects to FFP

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Pre-projects and projects must be sent electronically (PDF format) to the following email addresses:

- [mramonet@francefilierepeche.fr](mailto:mramonet@francefilierepeche.fr)

- [pleenhardt@francefilierepeche.fr](mailto:pleenhardt@francefilierepeche.fr)

An acknowledgment of receipt will be sent to the issuer within one week



# Annex 1: Attachments within 2 months for selected projects

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Bank details,

Copy of the publication in the OJ or the receipt of declaration to the prefecture, statutes or constitutive agreement (for associations and companies),

Kbis extract, registration in the register or directory concerned or any document of equivalent probative value (for companies),

Certification of the competent body approving the project and the projected financing plan,

Certification of tax services not subject to VAT (bodies not recovering VAT),

Copy of the publication, the decree of approval of the constitutive agreement, and constitutive agreement (for the GIP),

Last complete tax package. For the associations and the GIPs: last balance sheet and income statement approved by the general assembly and the report of the auditor if there is one,

Letter (or proof) of approval from project partners, including financial (in the case of multi-partner projects),

Authorizing authority for the signatory (if applicable)



# Annex 2: Financial eligibility conditions

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This appendix specifies the different maximum costs supported by FFP funding

**Reminder: the FFP financial support cannot in any case exceed 60% of the total amount of the project.**

**All beneficiaries are eligible for FFP funding whether they are French or foreign, public or private as long as the role and justification of their implications in the project is demonstrated.**

## 1. Staff costs

Only the personnel costs directly related to the operation are covered on the following scales:

- Official or equivalent: no support possible by FFP, but staff costs will be integrated into the total amount of the project and valued in self-financing
- Employee of a public company (except official or assimilated) or private: 50% of the personnel costs calculated by the company
- Fixed-term or temporary employee: 100% of personnel costs related to the operation
- Thesis and post-doctorate: half-funding only

## 2. Facility costs or indirect costs

These expenses are fixed to a maximum of 15% of the personnel costs directly related to the operation.

## 3. Mission expenses

Mission expenses directly related to the operation can be paid up to 100%, subject to not exceeding the official rules set by the holders / partners concerned. The payment schedules of the bearer and partners will be provided to FFP.

## 4. Purchases and operating expenses

Purchases and operating expenses (communication, use of test facilities, etc.) relate to project expenses for which the unit price is less than € 500, or non-depreciable purchase expenses greater than € 500.

Purchases and operating expenses can be supported up to 100%.



## 5. Investments

The investments concern all depreciable unit purchases over € 500. The assumption of the investments can go up to 100% of the amortization. The depreciation schedule for the various investments must be provided by the holder or partner concerned by these expenses.

Ex: purchase of a probe at € 5,000, depreciation period set at 5 years; duration of the project of 3 years so a maximum support of  $5000/5 * 3 = 3000$  € euros

## 6. Private expertise

Expenses for private expertise are limited to 10% of the total amount of the project.

## 7. Compensation for testing on professional vessels

Tests that generate turnover losses or mobilize additional time of seafarers can be offset by the following scale:

- Basis of the average turnover of the vessel on the trade concerned by the tests, and deduction of the proceeds from the sale of the fishery.
- A minimum compensation threshold may be awarded to the vessel in the event of minimal loss of turnover and to compensate for seafarers' overtime, which must not exceed 10% of the ship's turnover.

### Example 1

Tests on a bottom trawler targeting nephrons:

Reference turnover: Within 10 days to 1 month before the experiment on the targeted species and for the ship concerned by the tests.

Turnover: 2000 € / day

Duration of tests: 10 days

Sales records of the 10 days of tests:  $10 * 1500 = 15\ 000$  €

Compensation =  $10 * 2,000 - (10 * 1,500) = 5,000$  €

### Example 2

Tests on a gillnetter targeting sole:

Reference turnover: 2 200 €

Duration of tests: 5 days

Sales records of the 5 days of tests:  $2\ 100 € * 5 = 10\ 500$  €

Compensation:  $5 * 2.200 - (5 * 2.100) = 500$  €

This compensation may be increased up to 10% of turnover, i.e. up to EUR 1 100, provided that seafarers have provided additional work on board.

During the liquidation of the project, the turnover of the vessel certified by the accountant or the management group of the company will be requested as well as the sales sheets corresponding to the days of the tests.