

## SLOVAK REPUBLIC

In Slovakia Fisheries sector is a part of Priority “Support of sustainable rural development” of the Sectoral Operational Programme which involves investments for the period of 2004 – 2006. Two measures are applicable for Fisheries sector: *Fish processing and promotion of fisheries products* and *Aquaculture*.

### **1. Fish Processing and Promotion of Fishery Products**

#### ***Objectives***

*Overall Objective:* To increase the competitiveness and quality of processed fishery products while reducing adverse impacts on the environment

#### *Specific Objectives*

- To decrease production costs and improve working conditions;
- To increase the quality of products;
- To improve hygienic conditions;
- To reduce negative impacts on the environment.

#### ***Forms of support***

Grant aid (non-repayable financial contribution)

#### ***Category of transfer***

Cost reducing transfers

#### ***Cost recovery or offsetting charges***

There are no programs in place, which are designed to cover some or all of the costs associated with the programme.

#### ***Recipient fishery, fisheries or sector***

The transfers are generally available to the fisheries sector (aquaculture and processing)

#### ***Rules and conditions***

Potential receivers are natural persons and legal entities involved in fish processing and production of fishery products. To qualify for grant aid under this measure there are some general mandatory requirements which must be met.

***Budget and expenditure***

**Table 1. Financial Plan Fish Processing**

(EUR)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>
2004	488 742
2005	697 818
2006	903 798
2004-2006	2 090 358

***Duration***

The grant aid for this measure is over the period of 2004-2006, which is the duration of the Sectoral Operational Programme.

***Number of recipients***

For the period of 2004, there are 6 applications

**2. Aquaculture**

***Objectives***

*Overall Objective:* To increase the effectiveness, competitiveness and quality of fish-farming facilities while adhering to the environmental protection.

*Specific Objectives*

- To reduce the production costs and increase the labour productivity;
- To introduce new environmentally-friendly technologies;
- To preserve specific genetic attributes of the local farmed lines and original lines and species;
- To expand fish breeding in freshwater aquaculture;
- To offer new employment opportunities.

***Forms of support***

Grant aid (non-repayable financial contribution)

***Category of transfer***

Cost reducing transfers

***Cost recovery or offsetting charges***

There are no programs in place, which are designed to cover some or all of the costs associated with the programme.

***Recipient fishery, fisheries or sector***

The transfers are generally available to the aquaculture sector

***Rules and conditions***

Potential receivers are natural persons and legal entities involved in the production of fish, ova, fry, fingerlings and other water organisms.

To qualify for grant aid under this measure there are some general mandatory requirements which must be met.

***Budget and expenditure***

**Table 2. Financial Plan Aquaculture**

(EUR)

Year	Total expenditure
2004	733 120
2005	1 046 728
2006	1 355 694
2004-2006	3 135 542

***Duration***

The grant aid for this measure is over the period of 2004-2006, which is the duration of the Sectoral Operational Programme.

***Number of recipients***

For the period of 2004 there are 4 applications