



Temporary support for
fisheries sector
for financial difficulties caused by
the coronavirus epidemic





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Temporary support for fisheries sector is supported by undertakings whose financial situation has deteriorated as a result of market and production disruptions caused by the coronavirus epidemic.

The purpose of the support is to facilitate the adaptation of undertakings to the exceptional situation caused by the coronavirus and to encourage continued activity.






For whom?

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Companies in fisheries, aquaculture, fish trade and fish processing, whatever their size, are eligible for support.

In the case of commercial fishermen, commercial group I fishermen in Mainland Finland and full-time commercial fishermen in Åland are granted.

Support may be granted to undertakings whose financial situation has deteriorated as a result of coronavirus but which are in a position to operate profitably.



Group I include natural persons or associations whose average turnover of the sale of fish caught by the fisherman himself or of processed fishery products of such fish during the last three accounting periods exceeds EUR 10 000.

They may also be natural persons or associations which, during the year of registration or in the year preceding this, have started or are beginning to engage in commercial fishing and which submit a plan approved by ELY-keskus for the manner in which the turnover of the sale of fish or processed fishery products by the third accounting period after registration will exceed EUR 10 000



For what purpose?

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Support may be granted for expenditure necessary to continue the activity.

Approved costs include:

1. expenditure on the use of external services and experts;
2. Salaries and personnel costs.
3. rental and real estate costs, as well as
4. other equivalent expenditure deemed necessary to ensure continued business activity.

The conditions of subsistence for sole traders may also be taken into account when determining the amount of the support if the entrepreneur is not entitled to temporary unemployment benefit for self-employed persons.





Support is not suitable

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- Support may not be used for the purposes set out in Article 1 (a) to (k) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 717/2014 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to aid of minor importance.
 - ▶ [EU Regulation 717/2014\(op.europa.eu\)](https://op.europa.eu/en/legislation/regulations/eu-717-2014)
- Investment measures eligible for financing under the operational program of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.





Support amount

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- Up to 80 % of the necessary economic adjustment needs assessed by ELY-keskus
- The amount of the support may be between EUR 3 000 and EUR 10 000.
- The amount of the support will be considered taking into account other support received by the company to deal with the effects of the corona virus epidemic.
- The support is paid in advance.
- Support may be granted for a period not earlier than 19 March 2020 for a maximum period of six months.





Application

Support is sought from the ELY-keskus in Pohjois-Savo, Lappi or Varsinais-Suomi
The support is paid by ELY-keskusten sekä TE-toimistojen kehittämis- ja hallintokeskus (KEHA-keskus)

Application instructions and application form: <https://www.keha-keskus.fi/emergency-financing/temporary-support-fisheries-sector/>

For e-services, you need a strong authentication tool, such as bank code, a certificate card, or a mobile ID.

For the application form, you will need the following information:

- Information on the company's financial situation prior to the outbreak, an explanation of the deterioration of the company's financial situation as a result of the epidemic and a plan for economic stabilisation and an assessment of the company's business conditions in 2021
- Information on other public aid requested and/or received by the company to alleviate the situation of the coronavirus epidemic
- Financial statements or, in the case of a sole trader, a tax return of the two preceding financial years
- Company's accounting records at the beginning of 2020 or, in the case of a sole trader, another corresponding statement
- Information on competitive procurement of projects, if the project purchases external services at a cost of more than EUR 2500.



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