

# CT7.1 2024-06 capacity building Lithuania

**25-26 April 2024, day 2**

**Ministry of Agriculture, Vilnius**



# Our agenda, day 2, 26 April 2024

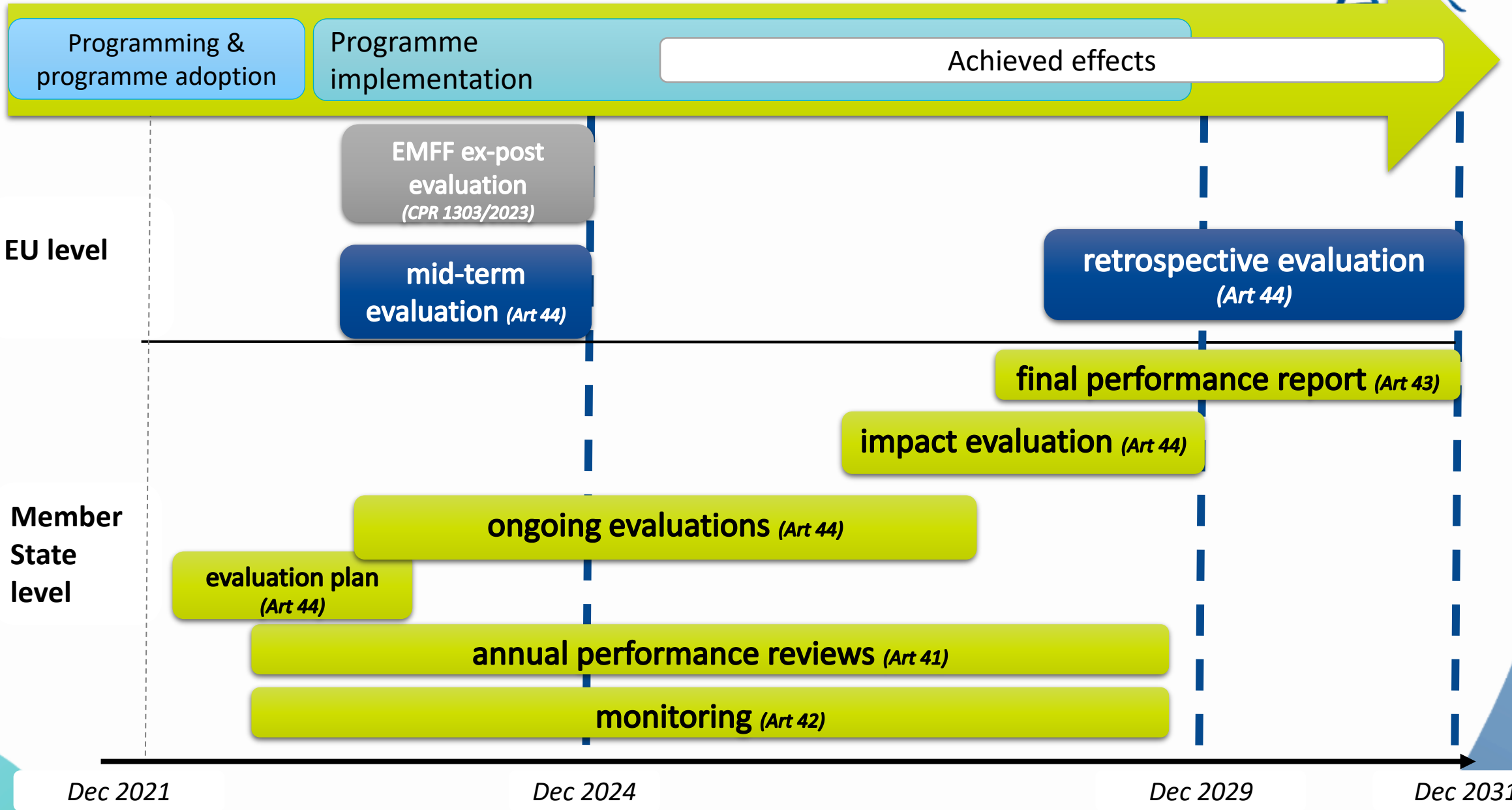
EMFAF reporting in  
Infosys and CPR Article  
42

Assessment of project  
applications, innovation  
and blue economy

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# EMFAF MEF, reporting in Infosys and CPR Article 42



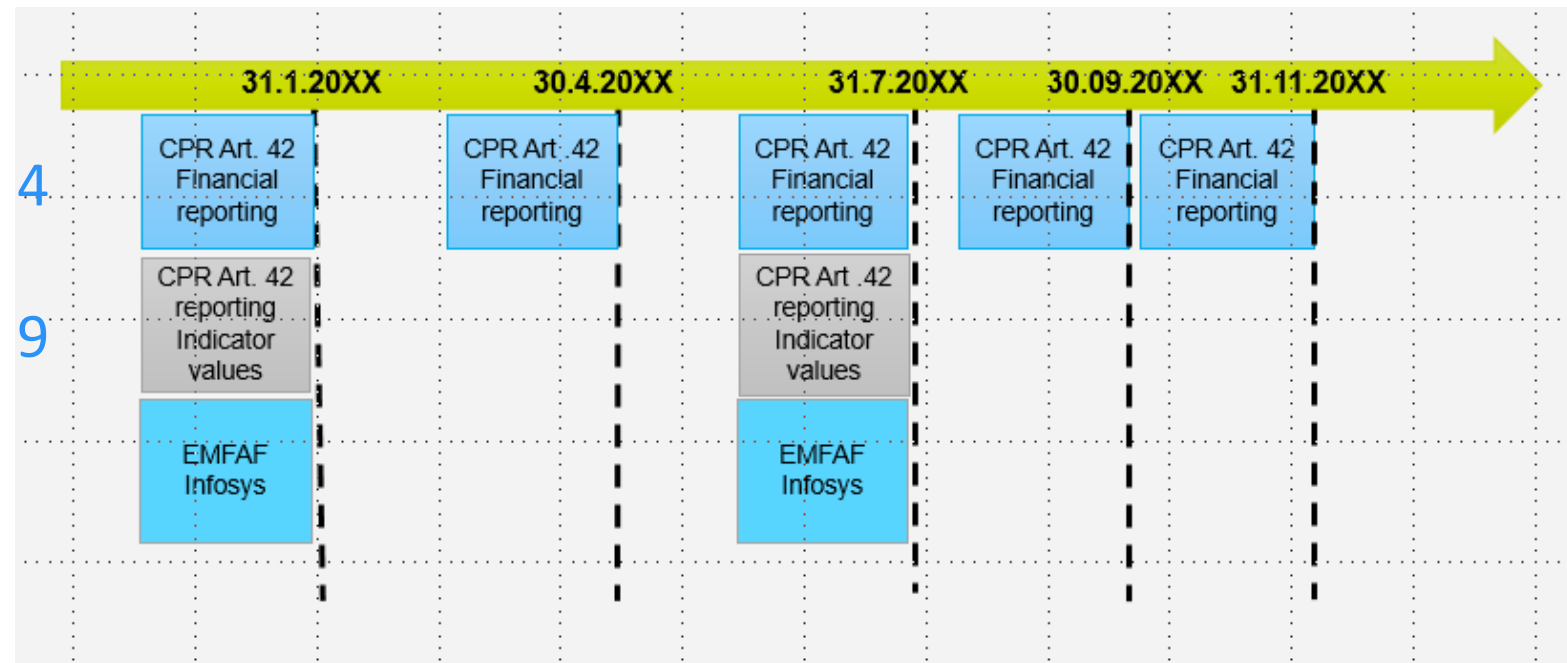


# EMFAF reporting

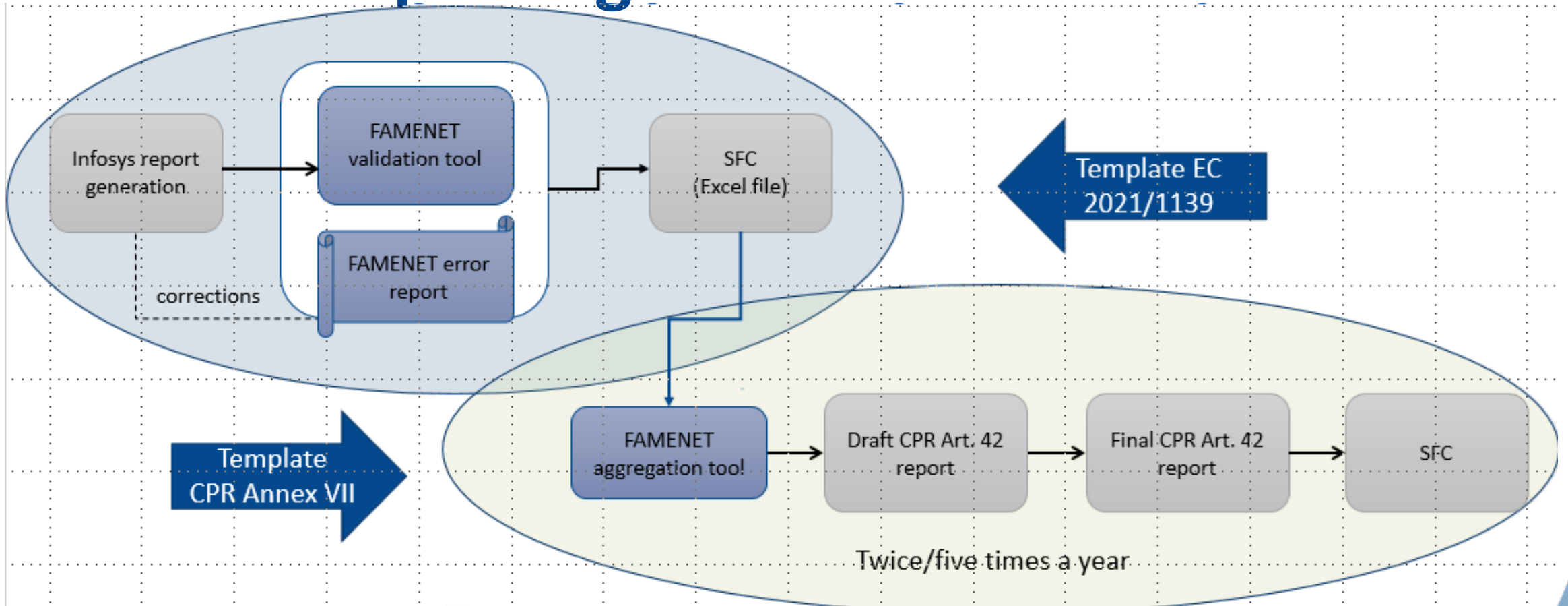
- EMFAF Article 46 reporting (new Infosys)
- CPR Article 42 reporting
- No AIR
- **ARMs**

Tables 1 and 4

Tables 5 and 9



# EMFAF reporting workflow



# EMFAF Infosys reporting (1)

- **CIR (EU) 2022/79**
- **Data at the level of each operation**
- **Simplified compared to EMFF Infosys reporting**
- **Direct management included**
- **Due 2 times a year on 31 January and 31 July**
- **Submission in SFC 2021 as an excel file**
- **Excel templates provided to MS**

# EMFAF Infosys reporting (2)

- No formal acceptance process envisaged
- **FAMENET:**
  - ! assists MAs with the validation of Infosys reports prior to formal submission
  - ! checks formally submitted (in SFC2021) Infosys reports
  - ! sends an email to MA with DG MARE programme manager in cc regarding validation results

**Walk-through the FAMENET working paper on the EMFAF MEF and Infosys**

**questions and answers for specific fields and common result indicators**

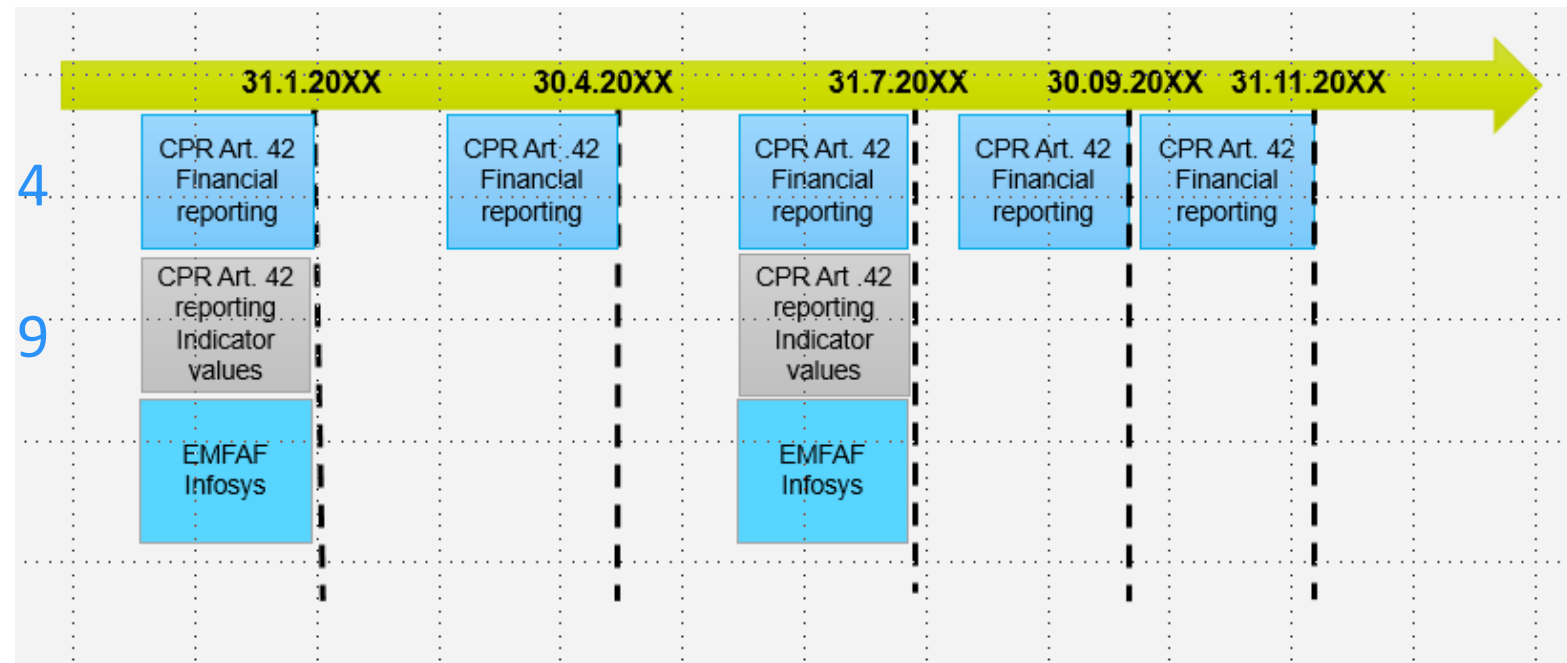


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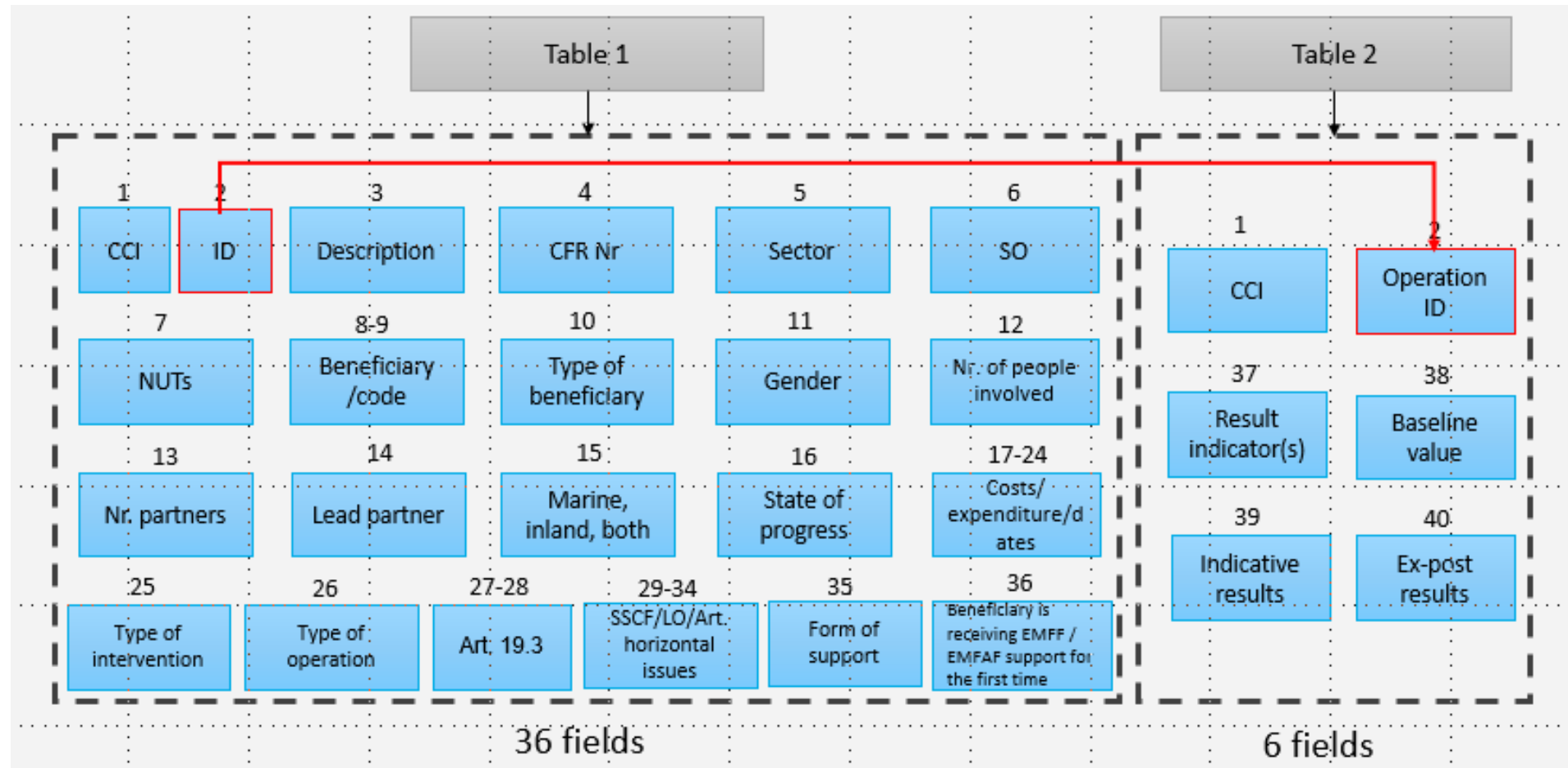
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# EMFAF Infosys fields



# Infosys, important fields

- Specific objective
- Sector
- NUTS code, Beneficiary code and type of beneficiary, gender, CFR number
- State of progress
- Financial (commitment and expenditure)
- Type of intervention
- Type of operation
- Article 19 operations
- Horizontal issues (yes/no)
- First time?
- And of course result indicators...

# EMFAF aggregated reporting

- **CPR Article 42 reports**
  - Table 1 - Financial information at priority and programme level
  - Table 4 - Financial data by type of intervention
  - Table 5 - Output indicators
  - Table 9 – Result indicators
  - Table 12 – Financial instruments
- **Inserted manually\* in SFC2021**
- **Ideally - aggregated CPR reports should always be based on Infosys reports**

# FAMENET support

- Working paper EMFAF MEF 2021-2027, see FAMENET ([europa.eu](http://europa.eu))
- Continuous support via responses to methodology ad-hoc requests
- Workshops
- FAMENET EMFAF Infosys validation tool
- FAMENET EMFAF CPR Article 42 aggregation tool

# EMFAF data tools

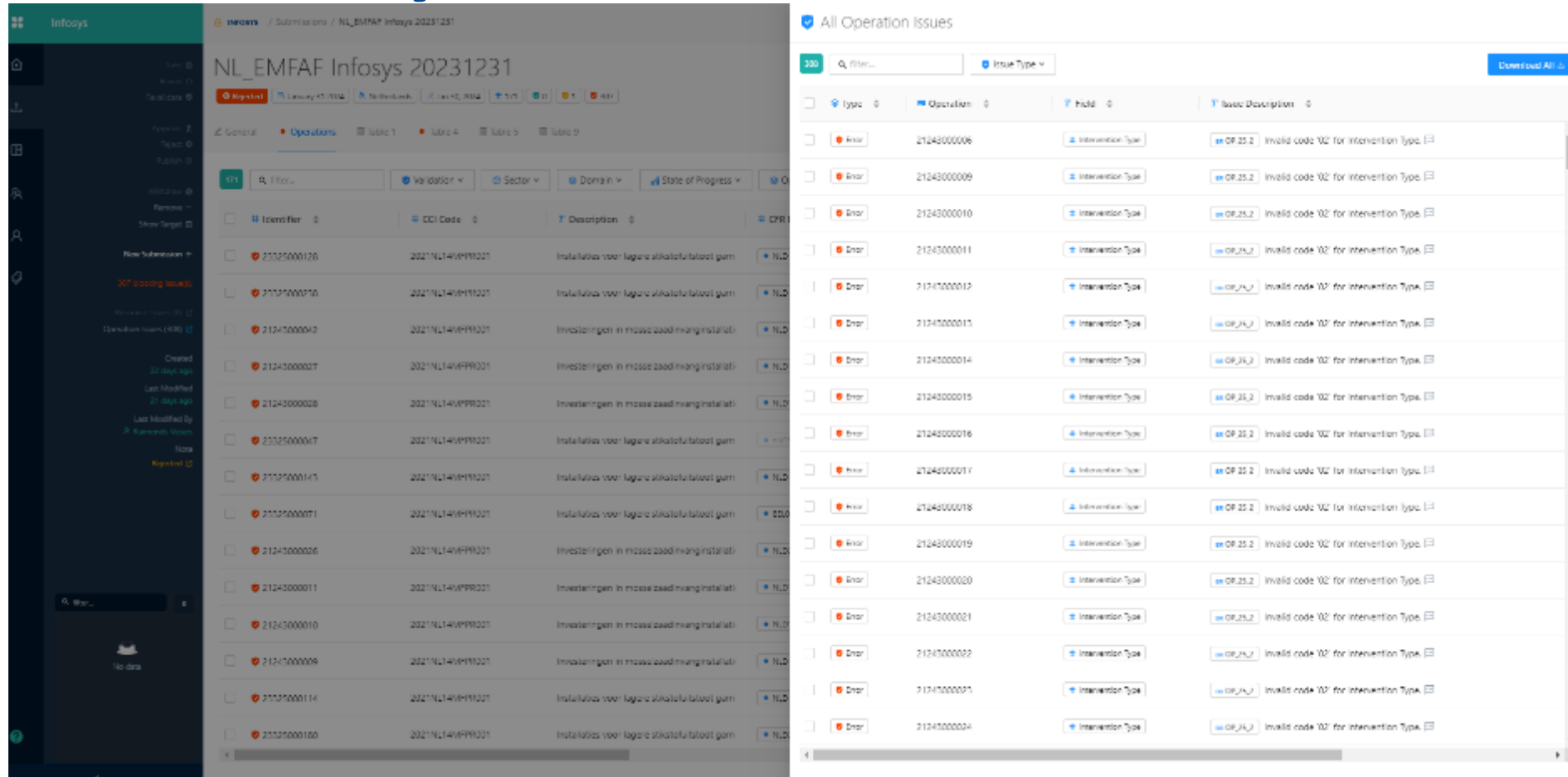
# FAMENET EMFAF Infosys tool

- **The first stage – upload and validation of EMFAF Infosys reports**
  - Delivered in July 2023
- **The second stage – database and standard reports**
  - Provide the basic implementation data at EU and MS levels
  - Split per priority, per specific objective, per type of intervention, etc.
  - CR values
  - The first version delivered in Q1 2024
- **The third stage – data visualisations**
  - 2024 onwards - to be discussed

# EMFAF Infosys validation tool

- **Follows well performing approach applied for EMFF**
- **One online platform**
- **Formal errors – checking requirements set in CIR (EU) 2022/79**
  - Data structure, data formats, etc.
- **Potential plausibility issues\* - comparison of CR values with financial data**
  - For example, can EUR 1 000 of total eligible cost create one new job?
- **Validation tool was provided to MS in July 2023**

# EMFAF Infosys validation tool - demonstration



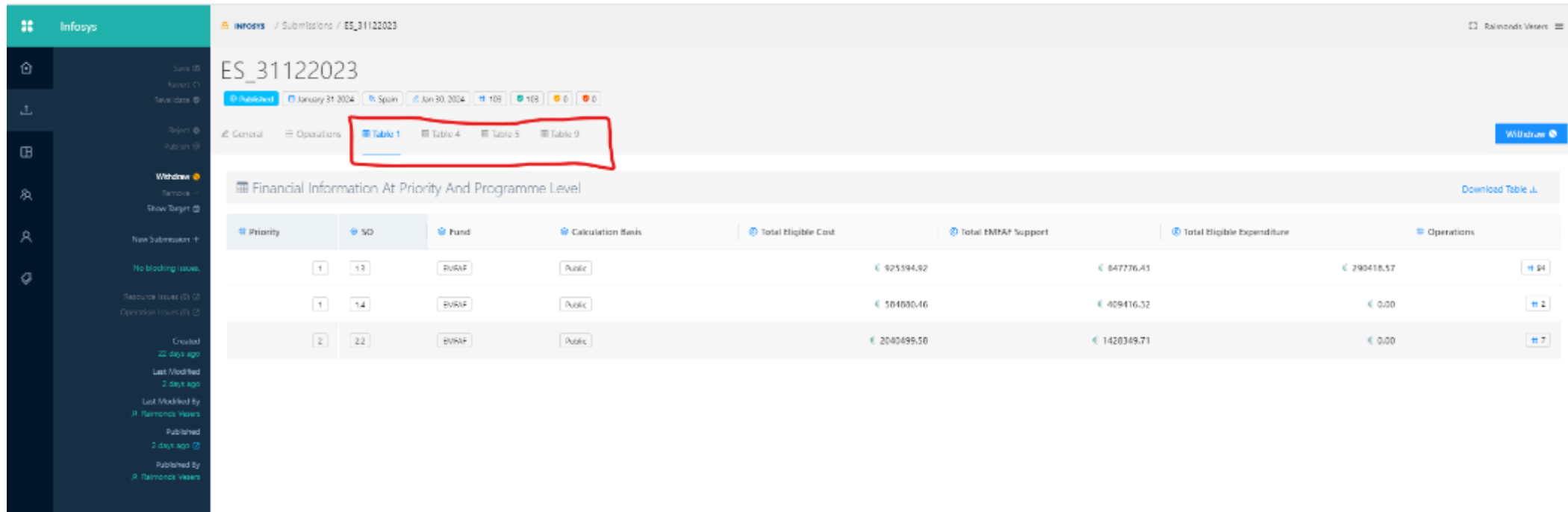
The screenshot displays the EMFAF Infosys validation tool interface. The left sidebar shows navigation options like 'Home', 'New Submissions', and 'Created'. The main area shows a list of operations for 'NL\_EMFAF Infosys 20231231'. The right panel shows a detailed view of 'All Operation Issues' with a table of error messages.

Type	Operation	Field	Issue Description
Error	21243000006	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000009	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000010	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000011	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000012	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000015	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
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Error	21243000023	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type
Error	21243000024	Intervention Type	Invalid code '02' for intervention Type

# EMFAF Infosys aggregation tool

- **CPR Article 42 reporting**
  - 2 times a year, output, result and financial – can be extracted from EMFAF Article 46 Infosys reports
  - Additional 3 times a year, only financial - ideally from the same source
- **A simple one button push can produce draft reports for tables 1, 4, 5 and 9 of CPR Article 42 Annex VII**
- **Data aggregation workflow for MS:**
  - Export aggregated data as excel files
  - Check possible issues (for example, double counting)
  - Insert data **manually** in SFC2021

# EMFAF Infosys aggregation tool - demonstration



The screenshot displays the Infosys EMFAF aggregation tool interface. The top navigation bar shows the submission ID 'ES\_31122023' and various filters for 'Priority', 'SD', 'Fund', and 'Calculation Items'. A red box highlights the 'Table 1' tab in the navigation menu. Below the navigation, the main content area displays 'Financial Information At Priority And Programme Level' with a table of data. The table has columns for Priority, SD, Fund, Calculation Items, Total Eligible Cost, Total EMFAF Support, Total Eligible Expenditure, and Operations. The data is as follows:

Priority	SD	Fund	Calculation Items	Total Eligible Cost	Total EMFAF Support	Total Eligible Expenditure	Operations
1	13	ERDF	Public	€ 925394.92	€ 847776.41	€ 290418.57	14
1	14	ERDF	Public	€ 504000.46	€ 409416.32	€ 0.00	2
2	22	ERDF	Public	€ 2040499.50	€ 1420349.71	€ 0.00	7

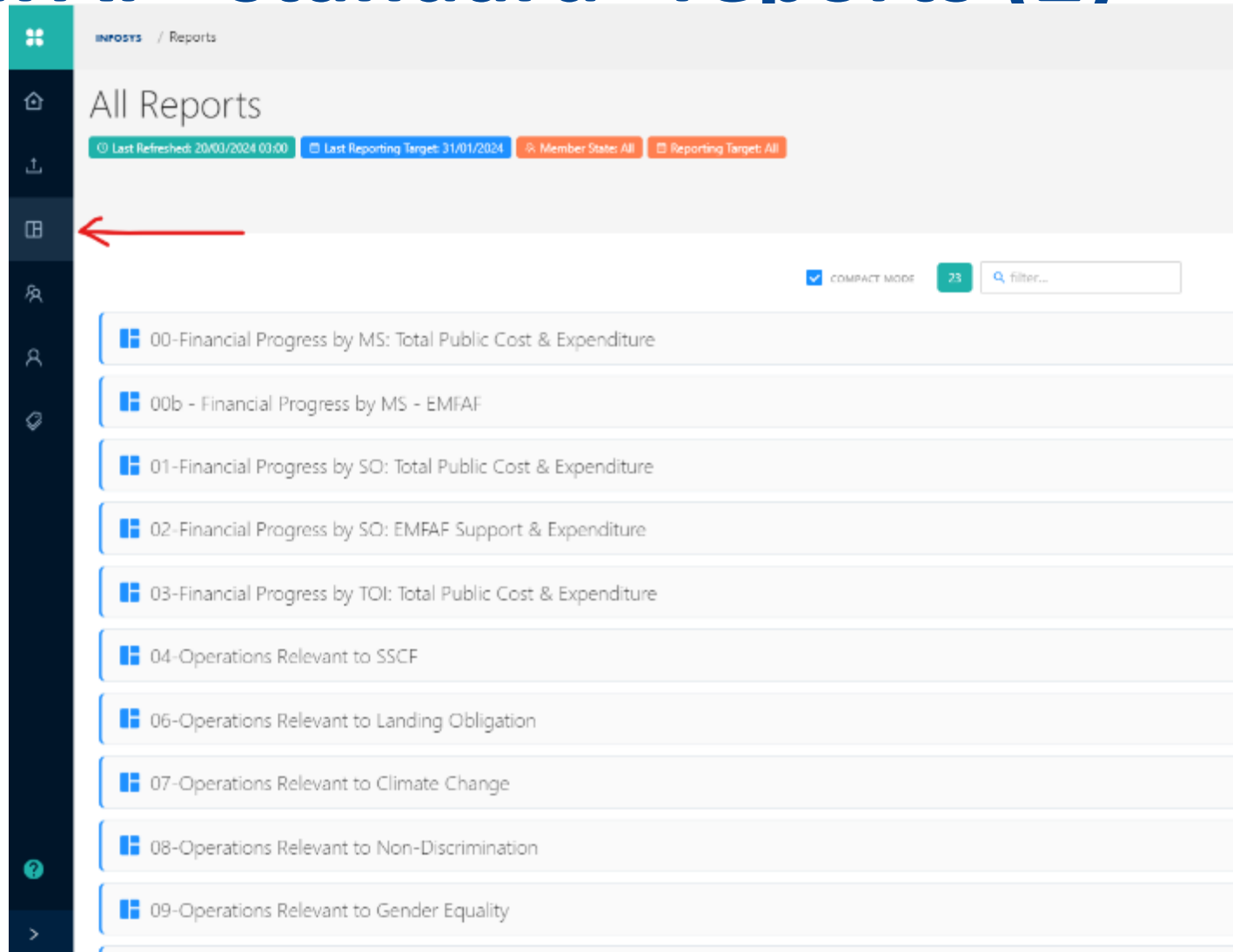
# CPR Article 42 data quality check

- **Comparison with aggregated reports based on Infosys data – 2 x year**
  - If discrepancies observed – contact FAMENET
- **Comparison to previous report - always**
- **Comparison between the tables (1, 4, 5 and 9) - always**
- **Quality judgement – do data in the report correspond to current state of implementation progress?**

# EMFAF “standard” reports (1)

- **EMFAF overview** – EU/MS level; basic aggregations
- **EMFAF implementation report** – similar to EMFF implementation report
  - The first report provided in October 2023 (implementation as of 30.06.2023)
- **Learning by doing** – the content of reports can be adjusted when more implementation data are available

# EMFAF “standard” reports (2)



The screenshot displays the 'All Reports' page in the INPOSTS system. The page title is 'All Reports' and it includes several status indicators: 'Last Refreshed: 20/00/2024 03:00', 'Last Reporting Target: 31/01/2024', 'Member States: All', and 'Reporting Target: All'. A red arrow points to a grid icon in the left-hand navigation menu. The main content area shows a list of reports in compact mode, with 23 items and a search filter. The reports listed are:

- 00-Financial Progress by MS: Total Public Cost & Expenditure
- 00b - Financial Progress by MS - EMFAF
- 01-Financial Progress by SO: Total Public Cost & Expenditure
- 02- Financial Progress by SO: EMFAF Support & Expenditure
- 03-Financial Progress by TOI: Total Public Cost & Expenditure
- 04-Operations Relevant to SSCF
- 06-Operations Relevant to Landing Obligation
- 07-Operations Relevant to Climate Change
- 08-Operations Relevant to Non-Discrimination
- 09-Operations Relevant to Gender Equality

# EMFAF “standard” reports (3)

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## 00-Financial Progress by MS: Total Public Cost & Expenditure

Standard | Last Refreshed: 20/03/2024 03:00 | Last Reporting Target: 31/01/2024 | Member State: All | Reporting Target: All

Global | Shared | MS

Reporting Target: 2024/01/31 | Display Mode: Show Totals

Member State	Public Contribution in Programme (EUR)	Eligible Public Cost (EUR)	Progress (Eligible Cost)	Eligible Public Expenditure (EUR)	Progress (Eligible Expenditure)	Number of Operations
<b>Totals</b>	8,790,677,114.04	776,061,060.52	8.83%	148,851,157.25	1.69%	3,876
Austria	15,000,000.00	2,389,246.43	15.93%	587,613.36	3.92%	30
Belgium	68,223,171.01	4,010,211.49	5.88%	0.00	0.00%	5
Cyprus	54,724,746.00	1,656,004.90	3.03%	1,205,716.25	2.20%	308
Czechia	42,864,645.00	5,750,720.53	13.42%	333,967.82	0.78%	176
Germany	302,508,120.99	70,229,764.06	23.21%	13,853,394.55	4.36%	306
Denmark	287,099,012.99	89,930,401.65	31.33%	10,166,800.86	3.54%	210
Estonia	139,130,086.99	251,340.00	0.18%	-	-	5
Greece	519,637,180.00	16,433,399.15	3.16%	0.00	0.00%	8
Spain	1,574,231,319.99	3,550,774.96	0.23%	290,418.57	0.02%	103



**Time for a break!**

# Project application assessment, principles



# Project application assessment steps

- Call, notice of opportunities (how often, how precise, how many items predefined, supporting materials)
- Support while call is open, point of contact, supporting materials, FAQs, modalities
- Application components (forms, guides, FAQs, submitting modalities)
- Registration of applications
- Eligibility checks
- Completeness checks
- Evaluation, cut-off criteria and ranking
- Decision
- Announcement and handling of appeals
- Final decision and grant award

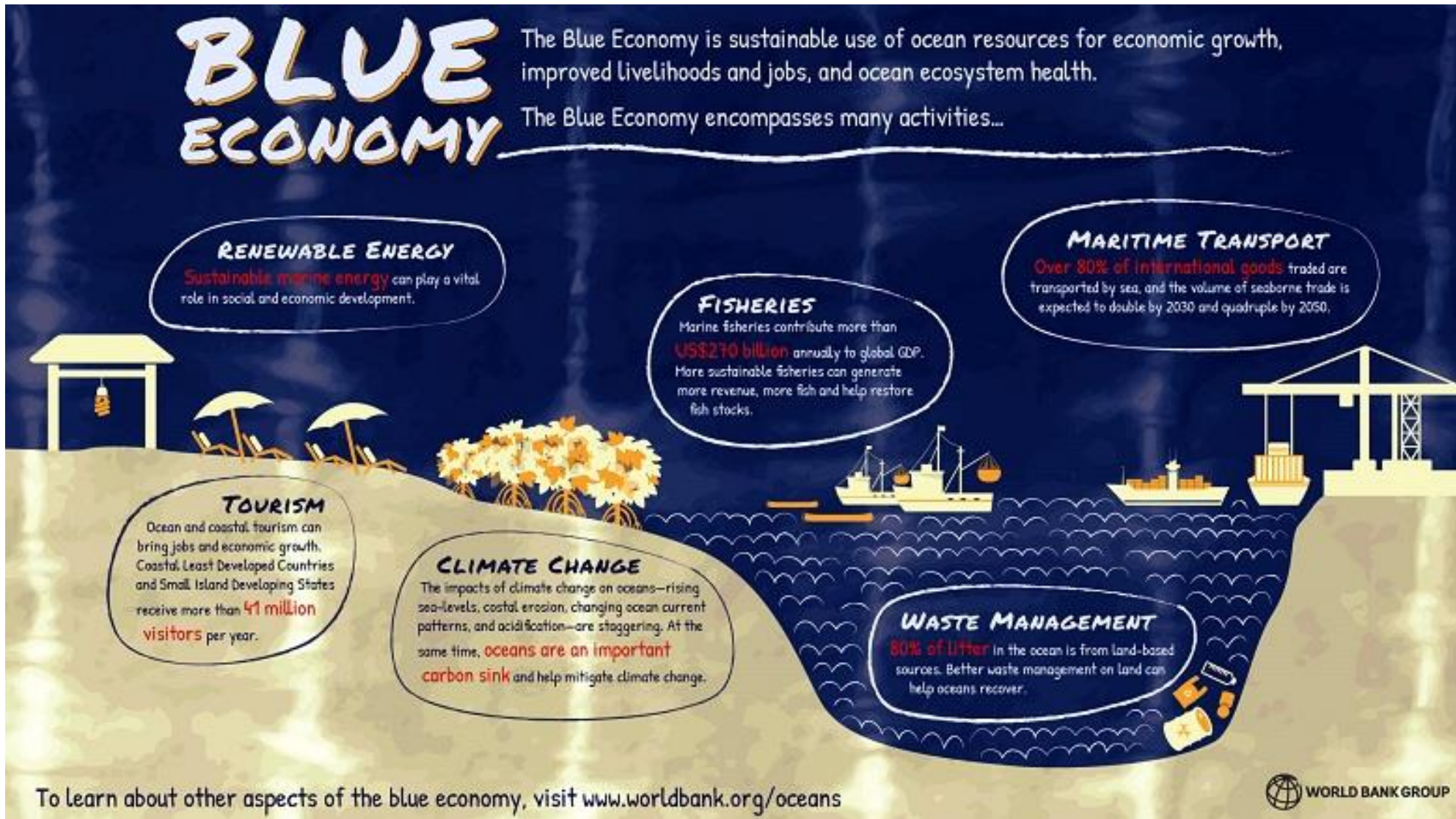
# Project application assessment questions

- Competitive calls or non-competitive calls?
- Support to applicants, when is the line to conflict of interest crossed?
- Using result indicators values as award criteria, pros and cons?
- Accommodating risks especially in innovation projects?
- Approval upon conditions? Which conditions can that be? When is competition distorted?
- Project amendments and grant contract amendments
- Complications when using SCOs (lump sums, draft budgets)
- Seed capital, yes or no?

# Project application assessment, blue economy



# Blue economy




## BLUE ECONOMY

The Blue Economy is sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods and jobs, and ocean ecosystem health.

The Blue Economy encompasses many activities...

- RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
Sustainable marine energy can play a vital role in social and economic development.
- FISHERIES**  
Marine fisheries contribute more than **US\$270 billion** annually to global GDP. More sustainable fisheries can generate more revenue, more fish and help restore fish stocks.
- MARITIME TRANSPORT**  
Over **80% of international goods** traded are transported by sea, and the volume of seaborne trade is expected to double by 2030 and quadruple by 2050.
- TOURISM**  
Ocean and coastal tourism can bring jobs and economic growth. Coastal, Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States receive more than **41 million visitors** per year.
- CLIMATE CHANGE**  
The impacts of climate change on oceans—rising sea-levels, coastal erosion, changing ocean current patterns, and acidification—are staggering. At the same time, **oceans are an important carbon sink** and help mitigate climate change.
- WASTE MANAGEMENT**  
**80% of litter** in the ocean is from land-based sources. Better waste management on land can help oceans recover.

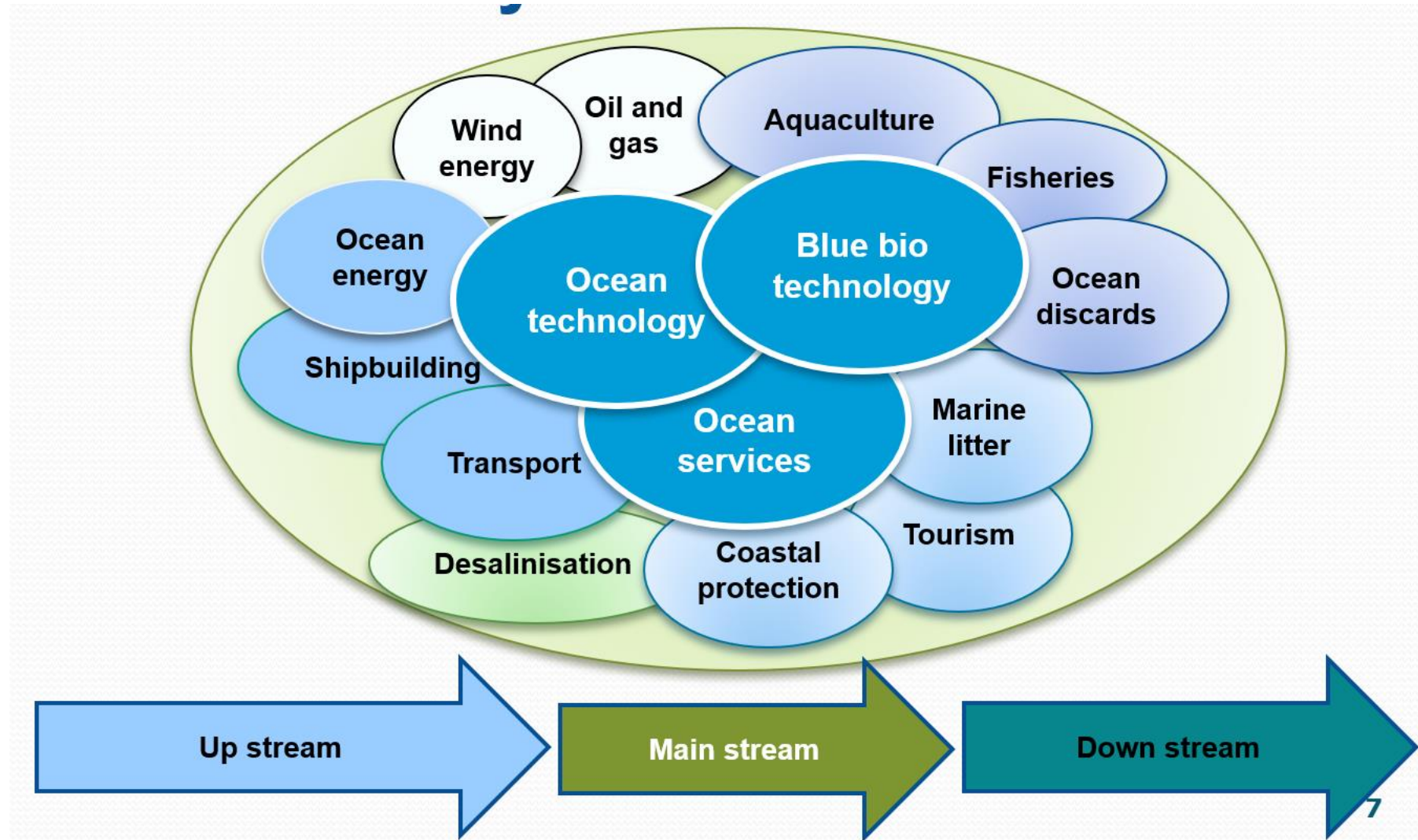
To learn about other aspects of the blue economy, visit [www.worldbank.org/oceans](http://www.worldbank.org/oceans)

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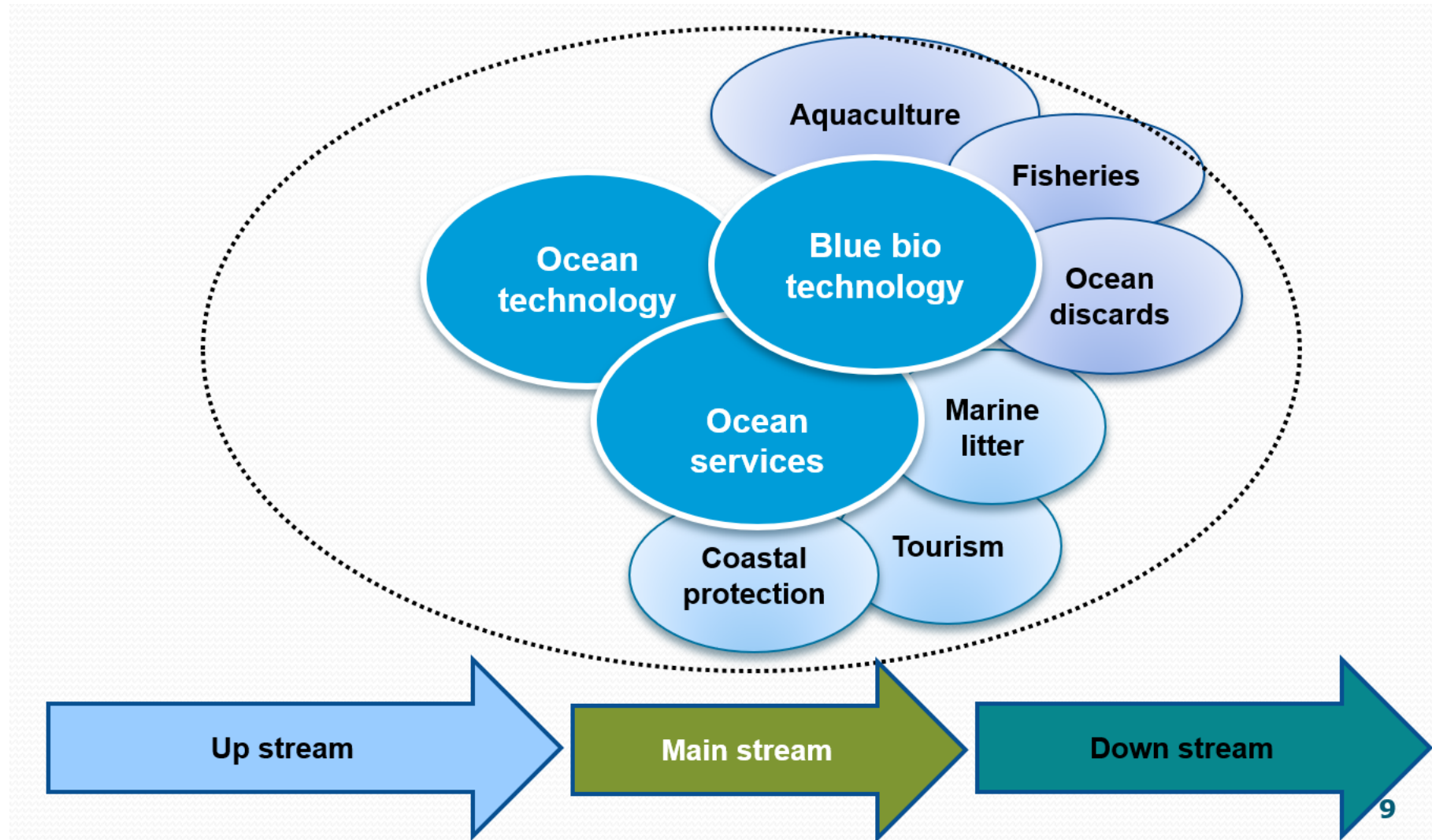
# Blue economy definition

- According to the World Bank, the blue economy is the "sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem."
- European Commission defines it as "All economic activities related to oceans, seas and coasts".
- This doesn't leave much uncovered....

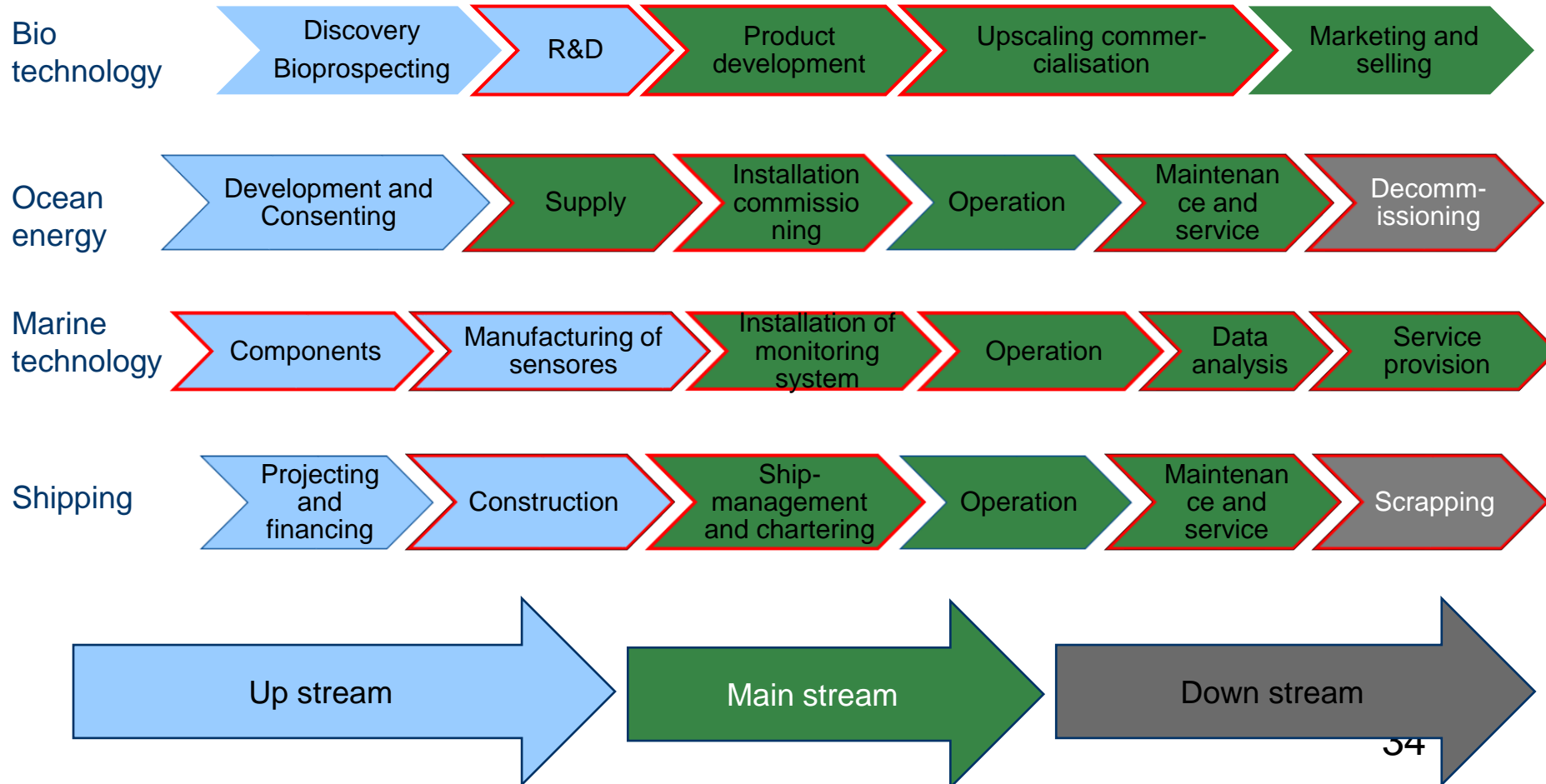
# Blue economy sectors



# Blue economy sectors most relevant to EMFAF



# Blue economy, value chain examples



# Blue economy, classical gaps

- Gaps in the value chain
- Lack of transformation of ideas into market entry
- No sufficient risk financing for SMEs
- Lack of coordination among stakeholders
- Gaps in the regulations
- No sufficient data and poor data exchange
- Outdated studies, data and information gaps
- Lack of research on environmental and social impacts

# Blue economy, what is relevant?

- What is relevant to the Lithuanian EMFAF programme?
- change the paradigm from the linear economy (produce, use, dispose) to a circular one that turn waste into resources?
- limiting the resources usage, minimizing the environmental impacts, and increasing efficiency of product usage during its entire life cycle from its production, through its consumption, to the management of the waste produced?
- increase sustainability, circularity and competitiveness
  - in the aquaculture and fisheries sectors by facing specific needs and challenges of these sectors?
  - By supporting specific solutions, products, tools, and services?
  - for climate change mitigation and marine ecosystems protection
  - through digitalization of those sectors within the Blue Economy scope?
  - by making enterprises citizens and tourists conscious about their impact in the ecosystem to change behaviour?
  - Addressing marine transport, fuel consumption, building, rebuilding and recycling of vessels?

# Blue economy, calls and assessment

- What call?
- What kind of support?
- Which sectors?
- Are there specific application components?
- Evaluation, cut-off criteria and ranking?
- Risks and amendments?
- Approval upon conditions?
- Follow-ups with the applicant?

# Project application assessment, innovation



# Innovation, definition

- ...the process of bringing about new ideas, methods, products, services, or solutions that have a significant positive impact and value. It involves transforming creative concepts into tangible outcomes that improve efficiency, and effectiveness, or address unmet needs...
- ...the practical implementation of ideas that result in the introduction of new goods or services or improvement in offering goods or services (ISO).

# Innovation, in EMFAF

- Sector related (fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, other)
- Technology related (energy, processing, marketing)
- Approach related (radical, incremental)
- Topic related (blue economy, circularity, competitiveness, sustainability)
- Target group related (sole operators, micro- and SME, large, research institute)

# Innovation, in the FAMENET WP MEF

- The OSLO manual defines:
- **business innovation** is a new or improved product or business process (or combination thereof) that differs significantly from the firm's previous products or business processes and that has been introduced on the market or brought into use by the firm.
- **product innovation** is a new or improved good or service that differs significantly from the firm's previous goods or services and that has been introduced on the market.
- **business process innovation** is a new or improved business process for one or more business functions that differs significantly from the firm's previous business processes and that has been brought into use by the firm.
- MEF contains three types of operation: marketing, process, product

# Innovation, a grid for the Lithuanian programme

	Fisheries	Aquaculture	Other
Marketing			
Process			
Product			

	Sole operator/micro	SME	Large enterprise
Marketing			
Process			
Product			

# Conclusions and evaluation



# FAMENET, upcoming events

- Survey on CLLD in EMFF and EMFAF, deadline 26 April 2024!
- FAQ webpage on [www.famenet.eu](http://www.famenet.eu) October 2023
- CLLD seminar Ireland, 04-06 June 2024
- FAMENET online channel on Infosys, July 2024
- FAMENET annual meeting, October 2024
- New working paper on Local Development Strategy evaluation, in autumn 2024
- Other events...

# Mentimeter: and some evaluation....

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