

EU funded yachtrecycling

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Yachtrecycling and EU programmes.

With the new [recreational craft directive](#), programmes specific for EU funded yachtrecycling are likely to come up as a logical next step. So in terms of funding opportunities and until recreational craft specific programmes will appear:

Which grant and funding programmes are interesting, in 2014?

One is the [Cohesion Policy 2014-2020](#), Quote / extract: “Under the EU’s 2014-2020 budget, Cohesion Policy will invest €325 billion in Europe’s Member States, their regions and cities to deliver the EU-wide goals of growth and jobs, as well as tackling climate change, energy dependence and social exclusion. Taking into account the national contribution of member states, and the leverage effect of financial instruments, the overall impact is likely to be more than €500 billion....Investments under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) will be concentrated on 4 key priorities: innovation and research, the digital agenda, support for small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) and the low-carbon economy, depending on the category of region .” Read the [full text here](#).

There also is the [The European fisheries fund \(EFF\)](#) which “...provides funding to the fishing industry and coastal communities to help them adapt to changing conditions in the sector and become economically resilient and ecologically sustainable.” Yacht recycling fits in here – at second sight. No doubt, it would be a totally different work than fishing. Yet considering upcoming catch restrictions: Big part of yacht dismantling would take place near the water, in coastal regions. Big part of dismantling, extraction and materials / components sorting work can be done by people with lower technical education. In simpler words: If practised safely and sustainably, yachtrecycling might offer some viable, decent job alternatives to those in coastal regions who currently rely mainly on fishing for their subsistence but might not be able to do so for the next decades at least.

More generally speaking, here is an overview over current [89 environment-specific EU grant programmes](#). A closer look on some of these does make sense, too: Sustainable yacht recycling deserving that term will tackle various environmental problems among which pollution, natural resource depletion (water!), emissions. The [Eco-Innovation programme](#) for instance thus comes very close to yacht recycling. It is part of the The [Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme \(CIP\)](#).

For completeness, here is the overview over [all EU grant program areas](#).

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