

Highland & Moray FLAG - Danish Co-operation Project Proposal

There is a small pot of funding available through the European Maritime & Fisheries Fund to encourage co-operation on a regional and international level. A co-operation project would typically identify a theme to bring together several partners who wish to share ideas and work towards a common goal.

There has been a proposal put forward through the Highland & Moray Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) to visit the Jammerbugt FLAG and the Guild of Thorupstrand Coastal Fishermen in Northern Denmark to learn more about their sustainable fishing initiatives and how small fishing communities have adapted to industry changes to safeguard the industry in their area.



Pic 1. Jammerbugt area, Northern Denmark



Pic 2. Thorupstrand fishing fleet

The fishing community in Thorupstrand, in northern Jutland, is one of the few examples of small-scale fishing still surviving in Denmark. The area has faced similar industry challenges to Highland and Moray in terms of lack of young fishermen coming into the industry, decommissioning impact, difficulties accessing quota, and changing markets. We also share common ground in living and working in small, often remote, coastal communities which offers its own unique challenges.

The visit will focus around the 'Jammerbugt in Balance' project that brings together and develops knowledge about the environmental impacts of fishing and organisational structures in coastal fishing and its communities, with the aim of creating an example of sustainable fishing through economic investment and environmental research.

Through this project and co-operative working, the Fishermen's Guild and the Jammerbugt FLAG have taken steps to protect the industry, including attracting young people into the industry, community owned quota, sustainable gear adaptations, boat building, and their own seafood branding initiatives.

If you are interested to find out more about the event and to register an interest in attending, please complete the following survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8CBJSVY>

All travel and accommodation costs will be covered. Selection of attendees will be based on the answers provided so please provide a detailed response to each. To be eligible to attend, either you or your organisation must be representative of the Highland or Moray area.



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Links to further information:

Guild of Thorupstrand Coastal Fishermen:

<http://www.eurofishmagazine.com/component/k2/item/421-fishermen-s-guild-is-critical-to-the-local-community>

Jammerbugt FLAG

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/on-the-ground/flag-factsheets/jammerbugt_en