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**Stakeholders in a successful
DFG retrieval project**

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Different types of project stakeholders

- **Project stakeholders** = parties who may have a direct impact on/interest in the success of the project
- At least 5 types of (potential) project stakeholders:
 1. Project participants: project manager and team members, engaged by the host organisations.
 2. Suppliers: providing equipment, goods or services for a fee
 3. Project sponsors: financial or in-kind contribution
 4. Policy makers: project sponsoring and/or policy measures
 5. Non-governmental organisations: environmental NGOs, trade associations,...
 6. Other?
 - an organisation can belong to more than one category.
- Other Baltic countries may become interested in the DFG problem in the course of the project.

Project participants

- A lead organisation
- Appoints a Project Manager, responsible for ensuring that the project is completed in budget, on schedule, and within scope
 - Development of the project plan
 - Securing financing and acceptance of deliverables from the project sponsors and other stakeholders
 - Communication, including monitoring and reporting on progress towards meeting the objectives and the spending of the financial means

Project participants

- The Project Team Members:
 - responsible for executing tasks, as outlined in the Project Plan directed by the Project Manager, at whatever level of effort or participation has been defined for them.
- Team members will include:
 - **Fishermen** (and their associations):
 - to carry out the actual retrieval of the DFG
 - to provide information on locations with DFG (“hot spots”)
 - **Divers** (and their associations):
 - to support the DFG retrieval actions, by cleaning ship wrecks
 - Other?
- Motivation of fishermen to participate:
 - “Custodians of the sea”
 - Public recognition of their efforts and good reputation
 - Economic cost of DFG
 - Tangible improvements: fishermen often fish on the same fishing grounds, which gradually become cleaner if DFG is avoided and/or retrieved.

Project suppliers

Suppliers of equipment/ goods/services against a fee:

- **Port authorities**

- Provision of adequate, affordable, accessible onshore port reception/collection facilities
- Move the DFG to central storage facilities or areas in the port
- Organise the transport of the DFG to treatment and recycling facilities.

- **Waste management companies (public or private)**

- Transfer of the DFG from the port to treatment facilities
- Treatment and/or recycling of DFG

Project suppliers

- **Scientific institutions**
 - Provision of information
 - Support of monitoring and reporting
- **Equipment manufacturers**
 - Provision of equipment to retrieve DFG (could be gear manufacturers)
 - Development of “smart” FG
 - Recycling of DFG
- **Other?**

Project sponsors

– Governmental organisations:

- European Commission: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF); Interreg Baltic Sea Region, LIFE+ etc.
- National authorities
 - motivation: a better marine environment
- Local authorities:
 - motivation: several operate fishing ports.

– Scientific institutions:

- motivation: can use the information that is gathered under DFG projects.

– Private companies: project suppliers, that provide an in-kind contribution

- Gear manufacturers
- Waste management companies
- Other?

- motivation: recognition of their efforts for a better marine environment.

Policy makers

- **International** organisations: UNEP, European Commission, HELCOM, BS AC etc.
- **National** authorities
 - international & regional cooperation is vital
 - design and implementation of prevention, mitigation and remediation measures
 - e.g. legal measures, economic measures/incentives, the introduction of systems to report lost gear etc.
- **Local** authorities:
 - Responsible for waste management. DFG management could be included the local waste management plan
 - Some are operating a fishing port: DFG management could be included in the port waste management plan

Non-governmental organisations

- Environmental **NGOs**:
 - Raising awareness on the issue of DFG;
 - Proposing policy measures
- **Trade associations** of industry sectors: gear manufacturers, ports, shipping, tourism, plastic industry, etc.
 - Provision of information/knowledge
 - Project sponsoring
 - Development and implementation of measures