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# Better use of public money: the end of fuel subsidies for the EU fishing industry

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# The end of fuel tax exemption for the EU fleet

- Unsustainable subsidies in fisheries are widespread
- EU fleet is exempted from paying fuel taxes, tax exemption is a form of subsidy
- EC is now proposing to change the Energy Transition Directive to include a fuel tax
- Here we:
  - Estimate lost revenue from fuel taxation in EU fleet & case studies (3 scenarios of taxation),
  - Compute alternative subsidies that help environment & society & economy

# EU fleet fuel subsidies in 2019

- **Large scale fleet: 71 million Euros** in the lowest tax scenario (EC proposal of 36 cents Euro per litre),
  - **653 million** at 0.33 Euro per litre and **1.3 billion** at 0.67 Euro per litre
- Small scale fleet: 2.8 million Euros, 28 million and 57 million**

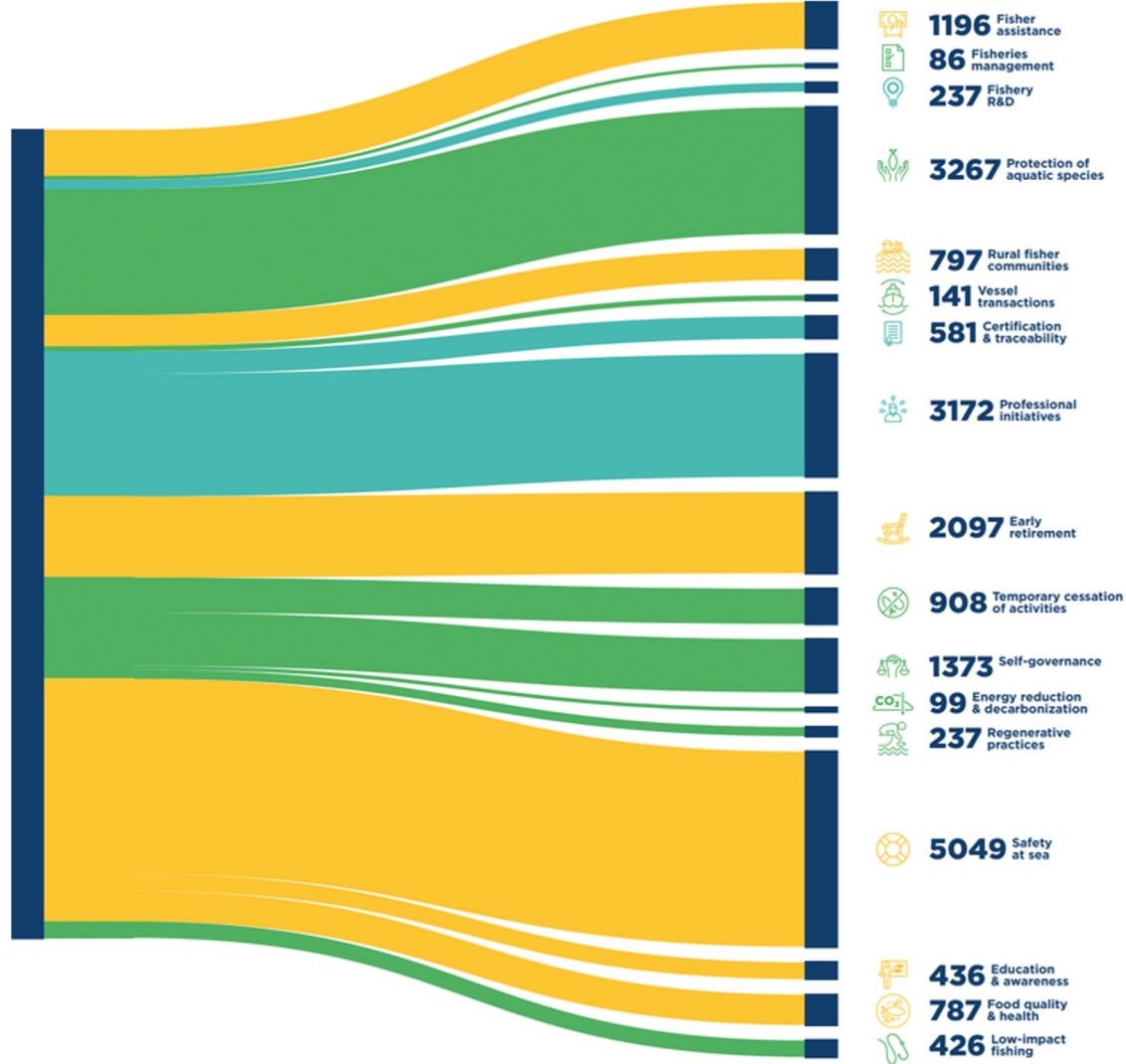
Estimated CO2 emissions, 5 million tonne in 2019 LSF, 230 thousand tonne SSF

Fisher assistance, Fisheries management, Protection of aquatic species, Vessel transactions, Temporary cessation of activities, Self-governance, **Energy reduction & decarbonisation**, Rural fisher communities, Early retirement, Safety at sea, Education & awareness, Food quality & health, Fishery R&D, Certification & traceability, Professional initiatives, Regenerative practices, **Low-impact practices**

Subsidy category	Impact Scores			
	Environmental	Social	Economic	Total
Fuel subsidies	1	2	1	4
Energy reduction & decarbonisation	2	2	2	6
Low-impact fishing	3	2	3	8

150%  
better

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## TOP FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES

# Spain alternative uses for exempted tax payments

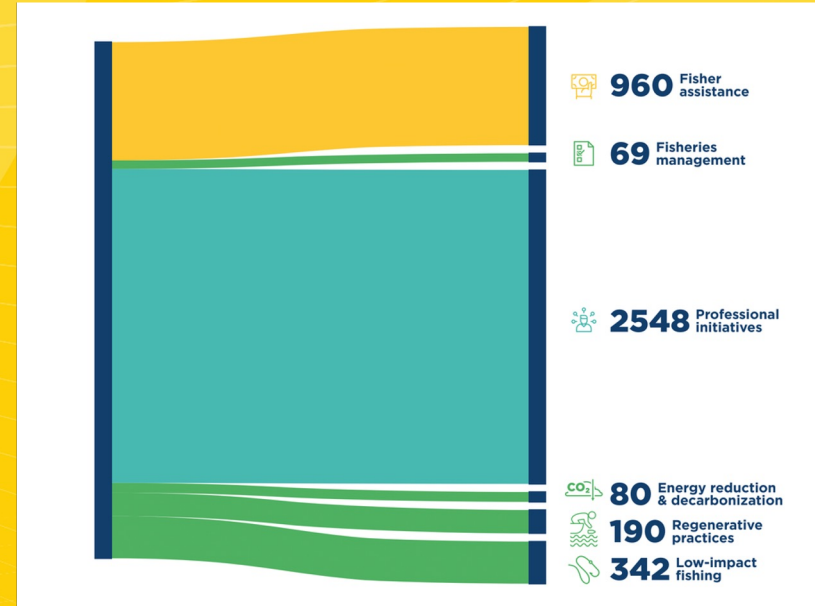
2019 generated revenue for €0.33 in tax per litre: **€193 million**

= 3% salary of all employed fishers & 9% of all fishers trained

= invested in decarbonization, regenerative practices, and low-impact fishing measures for 1% - 4% of fleet

= 69 Fisheries management projects

+ 191% impact score improvement



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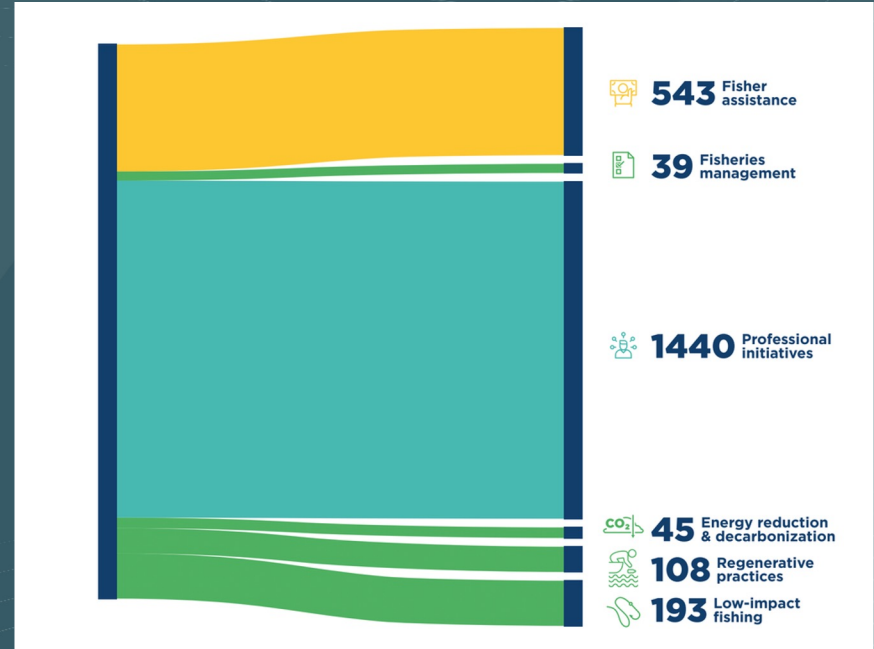
# France alternative uses for exempted tax payments

2019 generated revenue for €0.33 in tax per litre: **€109 million**

= 7% salary of all employed fishers & 19% of all fishers trained

= invested in decarbonization, regenerative practices, and low-impact fishing measures for 1% - 3% of fleet

+ 39 Fisheries management projects



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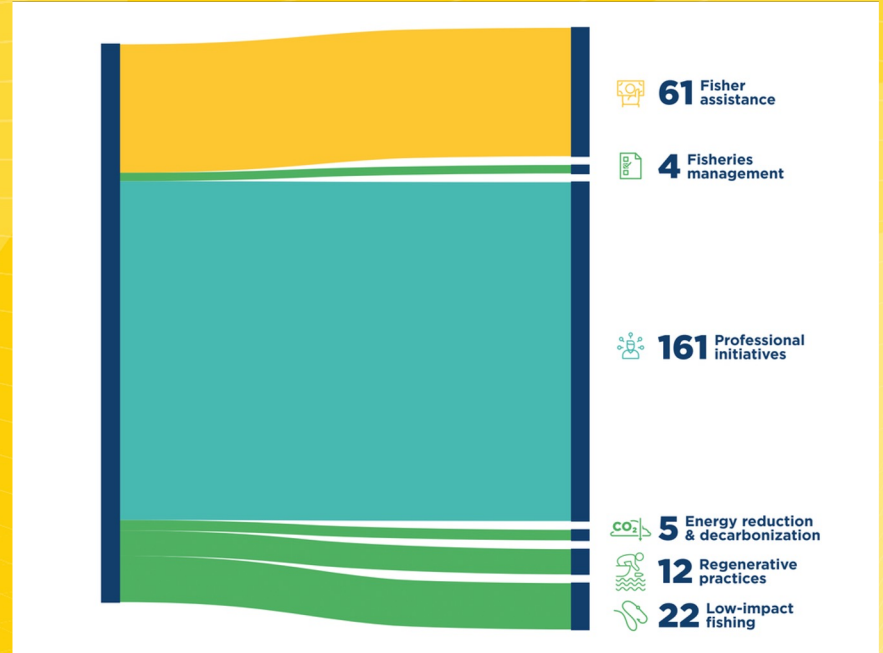
# Germany alternative uses for exempted tax payments

2019 generated revenue for €0.33 in tax per litre: **€12 million**

= 6% salary of all employed fishers & 16% of all fishers trained

= invested in decarbonization, regenerative practices, and low-impact fishing measures for 1% - 2% of fleet

+ 4 Fisheries management projects



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# Conclusions Our Fish report

- Major loss in EU fuel taxes & revenues for beneficial subsidies
- Fuel subsidies support the big CO<sub>2</sub> emitters and the small-scale fleet is more resilient to increasing taxes
- Redirect money to improve the environmental, social, and economic performance of EU subsidies by 188%
- Invest in a just transition to low-impact and low-carbon EU fisheries