



DEVCO **Environment and Climate Week 2020**

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Brussels, Belgium

DEVCO & Fisheries and aquaculture

Approach since 2014:

- Promoting regional approaches (Pacific, African Union, Western Africa, Indian Ocean)
- Supporting initiatives at national levels (Myanmar, Cambodia, Liberia, Uganda, etc.)
- Developing knowledge and technical expertise (studies, VCAs, expert network on aquaculture)
- Improving inter-service dialogue (MARE/RTD/SANTE/EEAS)

Leading to:

- Active portfolio of €390 million, 40 projects, 25% in aquaculture
- A SDG 14 approach, closely interlinked with many SDGs (2, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15)

Fisheries and aquaculture value chains

- The fishing sector is a source of nutritious and cheap food, as well as of social safety nets through (subsistence) revenues and jobs
- Fisheries and aquaculture identified by many EU Delegations in the 'Jobs and Growth Compacts' analyses
- Value chain development v/s equity and sustainability issues (fish stocks, pollution and plastics, acidification, etc.) accentuated by climate change

Fisheries and aquaculture value chains

- Many opportunities and risks (incl. reputational)
- Calling for :
 - Developing and using data, analyses and knowledge for action
 - Applying a 3-pillar sustainability approach (economic, social and environmental)
 - Fostering policy coherence for development (international agreements or conventions, and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements)



Tools



- Informing policy dialogue & investment operations
 - Understanding to what extent the value chain allows for inclusive growth and whether it is both socially and environmentally sustainable
- > Cambodia & Zambia (aquaculture) – completed
- > Gambia and Mali (fisheries) – in progress



Tools



Unlocking the
potential of
sustainable fisheries
and aquaculture
in Africa, the
Caribbean and the
Pacific



Key Issues

- Fish trade for food security and economic development
- Fish for dietary diversity, and for employment and income
- Despite large potential, contribution to GDP less than 5%
- Low ACP exports of fisheries products and slow growth
- Missing opportunities:
 - quality, market access, product diversification, value adding (jobs)
- Low investment in the sector
- Realizing 2030 Agenda, especially SDG 14.7

- **Thematic**

- Value chain productivity (public & private)
- Policy and regulatory coherence
- Market access and competitiveness

- **Beneficiaries**

- Value chain actors
- Public sector
- Financial Institutions/investors
- Regional Economic Commissions

- **Geographic**

- 3 ACP areas; 6 regions & 78 countries



Value	40 million EUR
Time	5 years – 2020-2024
How many VCs	10 value chains across ACP
Phases	Year 1: VCA and upgrading plan Years 2-5: upgrade the VC

Seed fund, knowledge sharing, capacity building, partnerships

FISH4ACP Project Components

1

Upgrading plans for 10 value chains

2

Increase **economic performance** of MSMEs in fisheries and aquaculture value chains

3

More inclusive and **socially sustainable** value chains

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Environmentally sustainable value chains

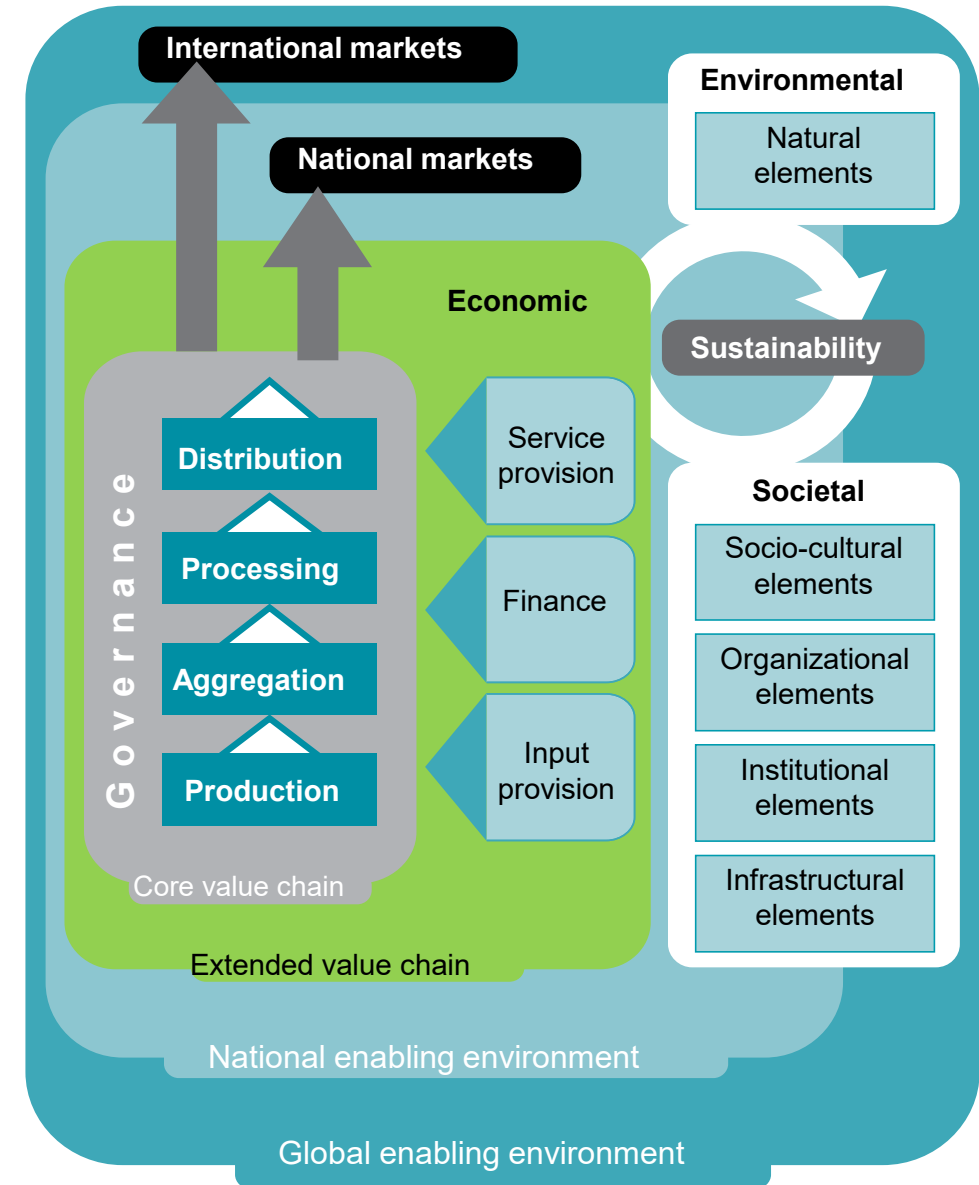
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MSMEs with improved **access to finance and investment**

Component 1

Upgrading plans for 10 value chains

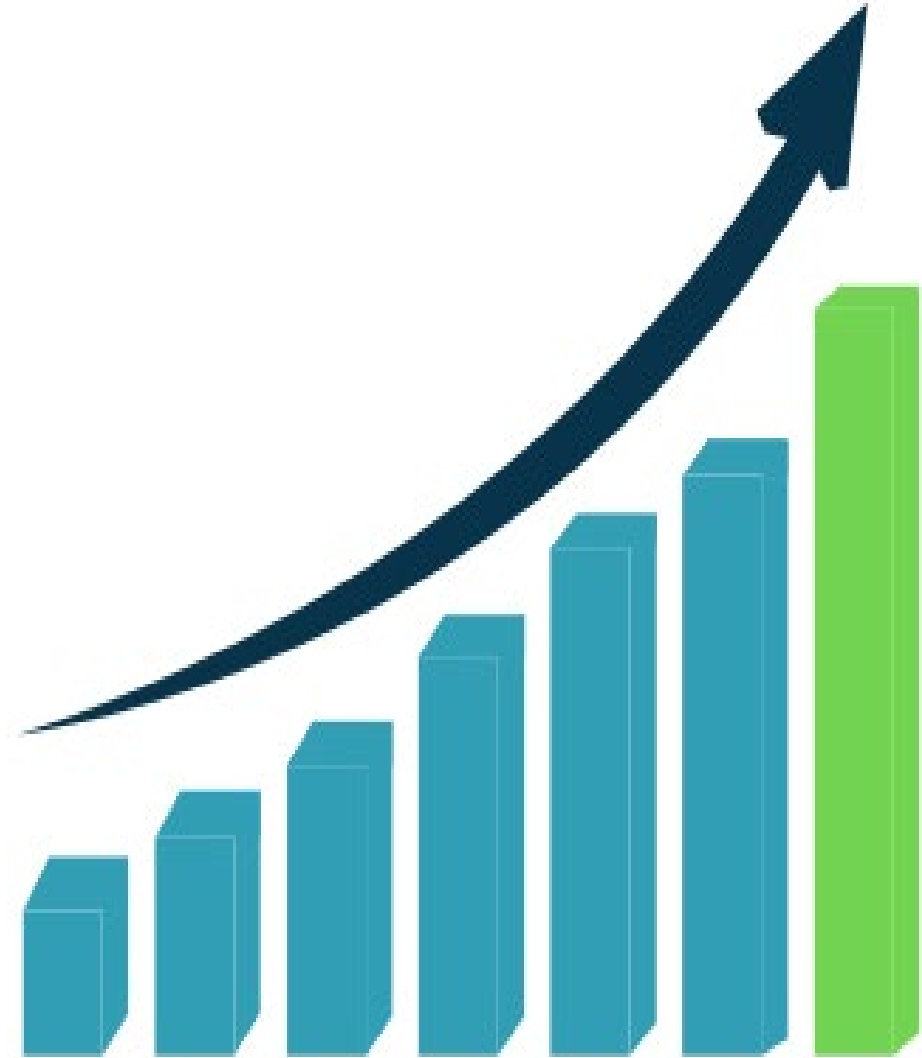
1. Value chain analyses (VCA)
2. Action plan and upgrading strategy development



Component 2

Economic Performance

1. Gathering and disseminating **market and trade data** and analyses
2. Introduction of improved **technologies/processes**
3. Improve awareness and capacity building to meet compliance requirements for **food safety and quality**, and to meet international standards
4. **Business skills** upgrading



Component 3

Social sustainability

1. Secure **access to resources** including tenure, where appropriate
2. Strengthening **fisher/farmer organizations** – focus on women and youth participation and empowerment
3. Improving **working conditions**
4. Potential **social services** – e.g. pension schemes
5. **Food security** and nutrition



Component 4

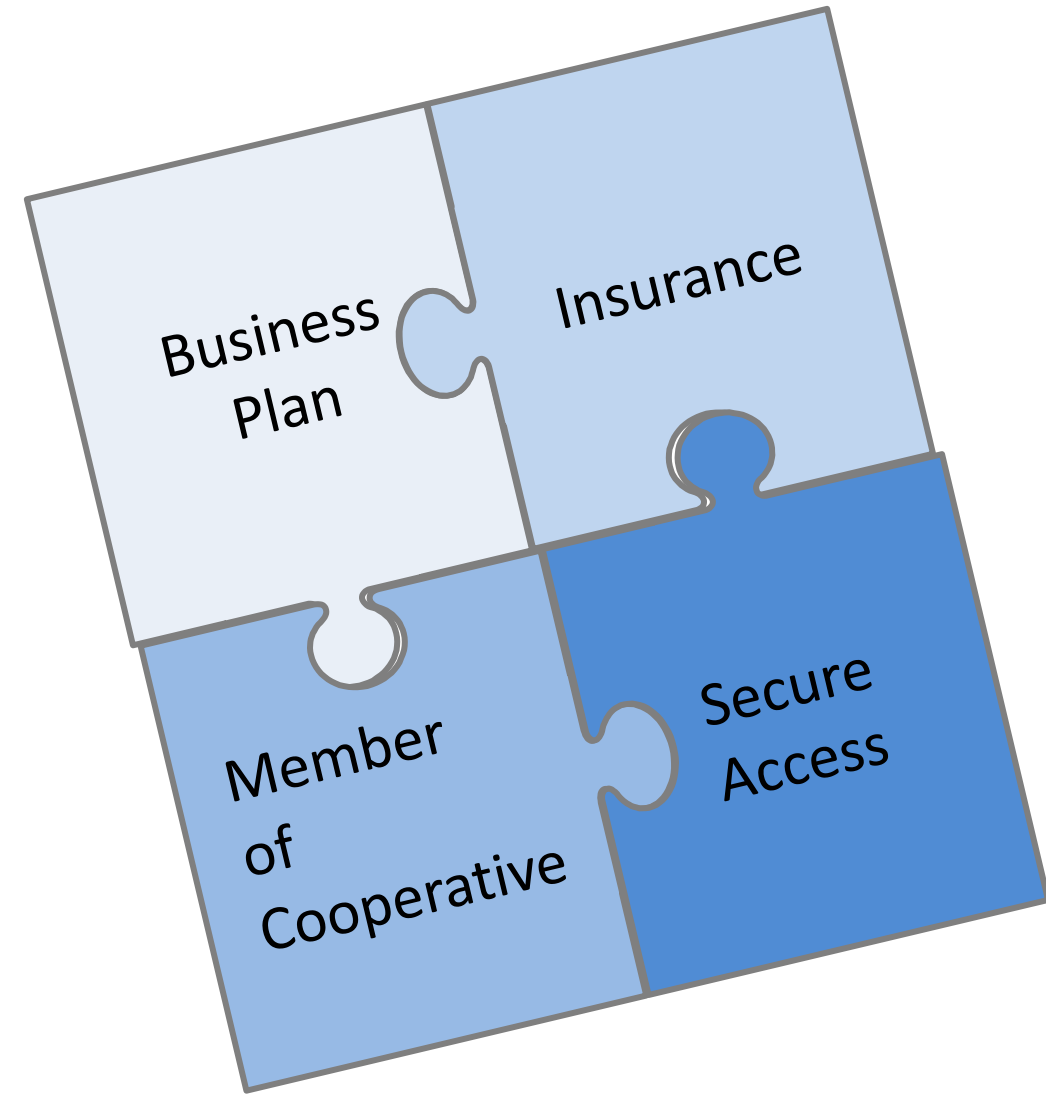
Environmental sustainability

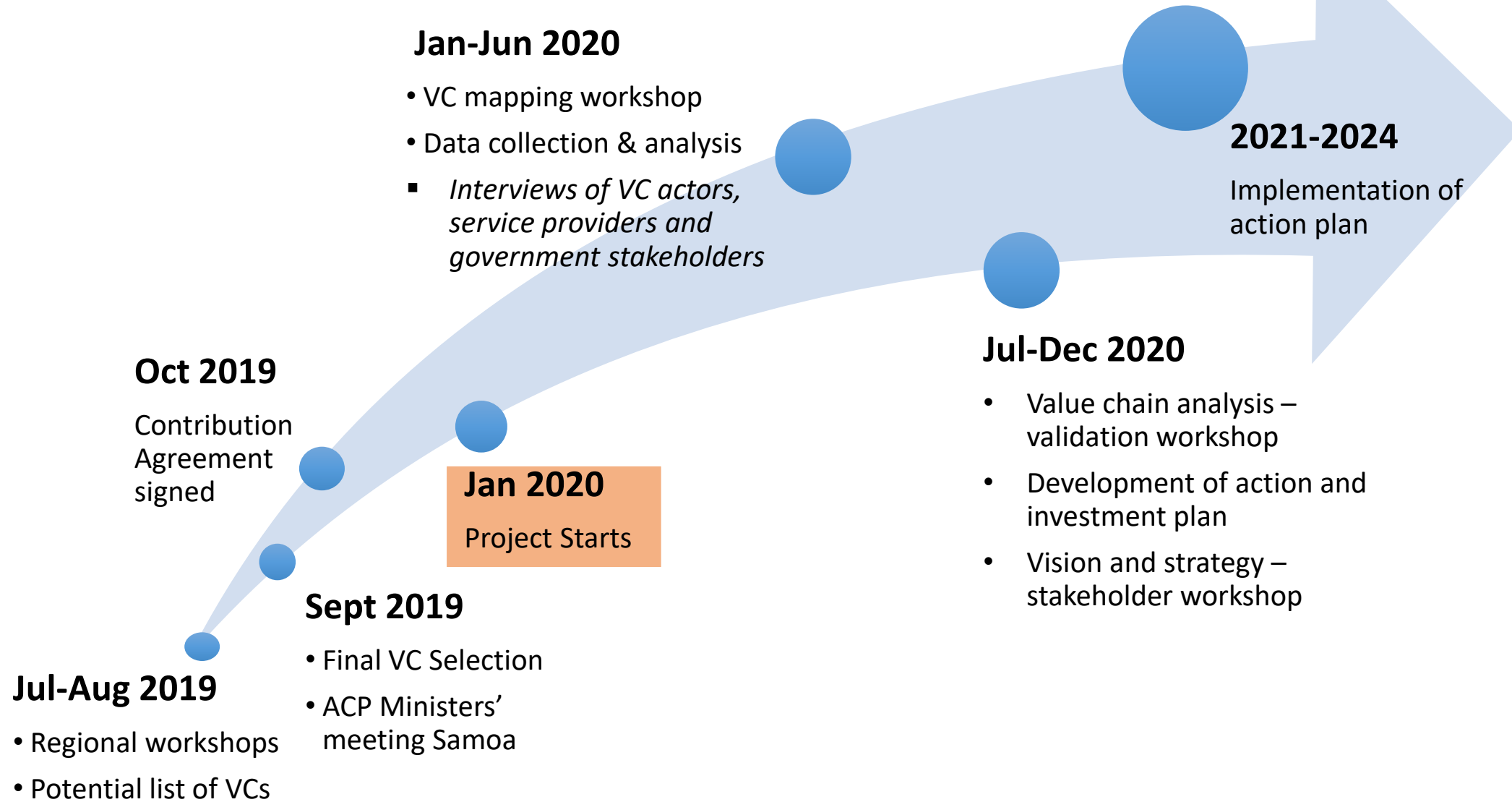
1. Support for **sustainable management** – reduce overfishing
2. **Climate change** resilience
3. Improve **regulatory frameworks** and/or compliance

Component 5

Access to finance and investment

1. Enterprise **business planning**
2. Working with financial and investment institutions to **manage risk**
3. Seed funding
4. Incubators for R&D





Thank you

