



End of an era: FARNET ends, FAME-NET begins

31 December 2021 marked the formal end of the FARNET Support Unit which, since 2009, has been instrumental in supporting the successful introduction of community-led local development (CLLD) to fishing and aquaculture areas. On 1 January 2022, FARNET joined forces with the organisation responsible for supporting monitoring and evaluation of the [EMFF](#), known as FAME, to create a new network called FAME-NET.

The new support unit will carry on much of the work started by FARNET, including transnational seminars for Fisheries Local Action Groups ([FLAGs](#)), meetings for managing authorities and national networks and animation of the network of fisheries areas.

FARNET closed the period with a [live project exhibition](#) in Italy, showcasing 16 of the most innovative FLAG projects of the 2014-2020 period. The exhibition focused on projects that had contributed to the social, economic and environmental resilience of coastal communities, demonstrating that local action has a role to play in tackling different local, as well as global, challenges. [Projects](#) ranged from proactive solutions to difficulties emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, to initiatives to safeguard natural resources, diversify local economies and strengthen social capital.

The resources produced by FARNET over the years will still be available online. From the first programming period of local development in fisheries areas (Axis 4 of the EFF, 2007-2013), there are many [examples of successful projects](#) that can still serve as inspiration.

From the EMFF period 2014-2020, as well as the project examples found under [Good Practices](#), there are various [Reports](#) on a wide range of topics that remain relevant for implementing CLLD in fisheries and aquaculture across the EU.

Lastly, don't forget the 23 practical [Guides](#) on a wide range of topics, ranging from [circular economy](#) to [FLAG tasks](#), to the recently-published, "[Resilient coastal communities](#)".

