Spearhead cluster recognition
- blue strategy
- financial support for innovative projects
- streamlining multisectoral collaboration
- etc.
- Economic importance today:
  - 26 billion turnover
  - Almost 6% AV, 47K direct jobs
- Economic potential
  - *Extra* added value of 750 million
  - Up to 10K new jobs
- Other strategic assets
  - High skilled technological and scientific competence
  - Involvement of industry, policy and scientists
  - Blue strategy is lacking, no similar initiatives today
  - Long term initiative with large support from industry
- European Investment Bank
  - Need for large scale infrastructure => investment
  - e.g. PCI ‘i-Land’ (n° 1.18 on Juncker list)
- EFRO
  - Intersectoral projects
- PMV
  - as financial instrument for large scale blue projects
  - ‘win-win loan’ for SMEs
- EMFF
  - Exclusively as grants: moving towards support for innovative aquaculture projects (10 MIO)
  - Reinforcement for use for innovative blue projects will be needed in the future
Financial instruments

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Blue innovation projects → Demonstration projects → Full scale projects

Valorisation

Funding/grants/cofinancing → Investments
THANK YOU!

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