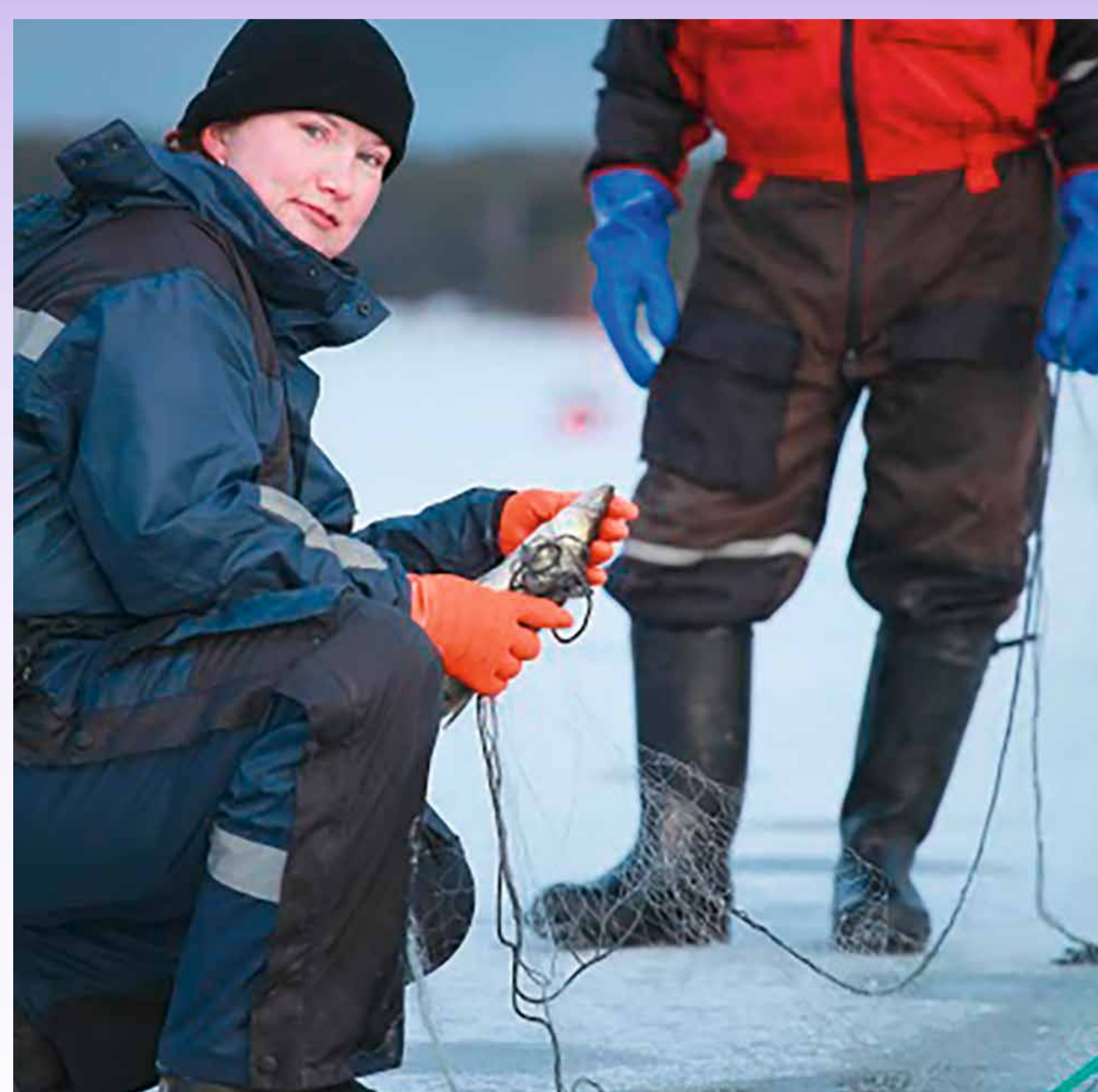


Supporting fishing start-ups for the young



Master-Apprentice Programme

Thanks to the combination of an apprenticeship for young fishers and financial support to improve a local fishing business, 33 year old Tanja from Finland is now a successful fisherwoman, selling her fresh and processed produce directly to consumers.

In the South Finland FLAG area, despite healthy stocks, supply is far from meeting local demand for fish. Moreover, two thirds of fishermen are due to retire in the coming year. In this context, attracting young people to professional fishing is a priority for the FLAG.

A FLAG “Master-Apprentice” project offered practical training to 6 young people to learn from a network of more experienced fishermen. Thanks to the programme and financial support from the FLAG, Tanja Åkerfelt subsequently took over her father’s fishing business to become a successful fisherwomen and entrepreneur. The training allowed her to learn:

- > fishing & processing techniques
- > how to identify specific development needs for her father’s fishing company
- > about funding opportunities to develop fishing-related companies

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RESULTS FOR ONE PARTICIPANT (AFTER 18 MONTHS):

- > 1 fishing business maintained and run by a young person
- > Processing and direct sales activities developed, increasing company turnover by 50%
- > 2 FTEs created (1 young fisherwoman, plus 2 part-time positions in processing and sales)

SUCCESS FACTORS:

- > Combination of practical training & financial support

TOTAL PROJECT COST (TRAINING COURSE FOR 6 YOUNG FISHERS): €49 000

- > EFF Axis 4: €18 963
- > National co-financing: €25 137
- > Regional Fishing Union, “Nylands Fiskarförbund” & individual fishermen: €4 900

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