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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

on the financing of operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2021

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Work Programme for 2021 for Operational Technical Assistance in the framework of the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)

1. LEGAL BASIS

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (EMFF) – in the form approved by political agreement from 3 December 2020.

2. BUDGET LINE: 08 04 03

3. OBJECTIVES PURSUED:

To facilitate the implementation of operational programmes.

4. EXPECTED RESULTS:

To contribute to a more simple and transparent implementation of the EMFAF by Member States.

5. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts related to operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in 2021 is EUR 4 589 290.

5.1. FAME-NET: Fisheries and aquaculture monitoring, evaluation and local network support, a Support Unit established under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) 2021-2027

General description of the contracts envisaged	<p>DG MARE wishes to award a contract through an open call procedure to obtain support services that will replace the current FARNET and FAME Support Units.</p> <p>The overall aim of FAME-NET Support Unit is to assist and support with implementation of two pillars:</p> <p>(a) Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the EMFAF and providing the Commission with regular updates and analysis of the state of play of the implementation of the EMFAF. Support capacity building across the Member States and in the Commission, on evaluation and monitoring methodologies, indicators and good practices will be provided.</p> <p>(b) Community-Led Local Development (hereafter CLLD) in fisheries areas. Considering that CLLD can be supported by three ESI Funds and the possibility for multi-funded strategies, fisheries areas may benefit from funds other than the EMFAF. Activities within this pillar will help ensure synergies and</p>
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	<p>coordination with other ESI Funds.</p> <p>(c) Support the Member States and the Commission on activities carried out in the framework of the INFORM EU network.</p>
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.

5.2. INFORM EU network

General description of the contracts envisaged	From 2021 onwards, INFORM EU will be the umbrella for all stakeholders involved in the communication of EU programmes under shared management. The cooperation and exchanges will happen on a digital cooperation platform, which will allow high frequency interactions between different regions in Europe and can accommodate large audiences of up to 1000 group members.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE and DG REGIO through a co-delegation Type II.

5.3. IT services and supplies

General description of the contracts envisaged	Development, maintenance and hosting of IT applications, hardware and services to support the implementation of the EMFAF. The action will cover as well corporate IT charges.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE or through a co-delegation Type II to DG DIGIT, DG EMPL, DG REGIO and DG FISMA.

5.4. Training of the Managing, Certifying and Audit Authorities of the Member States

General description of the contracts envisaged	Training seminars for the Managing, Certifying and Audit Authorities of the Member States, on EMFAF Management and control systems to be provided using a relevant Framework Contract, on Commission premises in Brussels.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE and DG REGIO through a co-delegation Type II.