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ANALYSIS PER MEMBER STATE

Austria

The Austrian Operational Programme (OP) includes Burgenland as a convergence region and the rest of the country as non-convergence regions.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 10 393 753. The EFF allocation amounts to EUR 5 260 000, EUR 187 326 for the convergence region and EUR 5 071 992 for the non-convergence regions.

The programme aims at supporting sustainable development of aquaculture, inland fishing, processing and marketing and at supporting productive investment under axis 2.

The pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 368 152 was transferred to Austria on 27 December 2007. Austria did not request a 2nd pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation¹ and did not apply such Regulation.

For axis 2 in non-convergence regions an amount of EUR 706 570 was committed².

Belgium

The Belgian OP includes Hainaut as a convergence region and the rest of the country as non-convergence region.

The total public contribution for the Belgian OP amounts to EUR 52 523 296, out of which the EFF allocation amounts to EUR 26 261 648.

The Belgian OP aims at sustainable fisheries enhanced via diversification and innovation, resulting in a viable sector in economic, environmental and social terms. The main objective is to reach an optimal balance between the fleet capacity and the available fishing resources by reducing the overcapacity. The 1st pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 1 838 315 was transferred to Belgium on 8 December 2008 and the 2nd pre-financing payment on 25 March 2009. There were no commitments made in 2008.

Bulgaria

The Bulgarian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a convergence region.

The total public contribution for the Bulgarian OP amounts to EUR 106 679 611, with EU assistance through the EFF amounting to EUR 80 009 708.

The OP objective is to consolidate the preconditions for a viable fisheries and aquaculture sector, while also taking account of other aspects such as environmental protection, the demands of consumers and the food industry.

The pre-financing payment, amounting 5 600 680 EUR, was made on 27 December 2007. A second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation for the same amount was transferred on 28 April 2009. There were no commitments done by Bulgaria in 2008.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) N° 744/2008 of 24 July 2008 instituting a temporary specific action to promote the restructuring of the European Community fishing fleets affected by the economic crisis, OJ L 202, 31.7.2008, p. 1

² In this Staff Working Document all financial commitments refer only to the national level (and not to commitments by the Commission).

Cyprus

The Cypriot OP covers the whole territory of the country which is designated as a non-convergence region.

The total public contribution amounts to EUR 39 448 836, out of which EFF assistance is EUR 19 724 418.

The OP objective is to consolidate the conditions for a viable fisheries and aquaculture sector. The first pre-financing of 7%, i.e. EUR 1 380 709, was transferred to Cyprus on January 2008 and a 2nd pre-financing payment (EUR 1 380 709) on November 2008, under the Restructuring Regulation.

For axis 1, an amount of EUR 94 021 was committed. For axis 2 and axis 4 no commitments were made. For Axis 3 an amount of EUR 4 367 488 was committed and paid. For axis 5 an amount of EUR 35 267 was committed and paid.

Czech Republic

The Czech OP covers the convergence regions (all regions except the Prague region which is designated as a non-convergence region).

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 36 142 234, with the EFF assistance of EUR 27 106 675. The entire amount is allocated to the convergence regions.

The allocation between priority axes: 44 % for axis 2, 51 % for axis 3 and 5 % for axis 5.

The OP aims to promote a sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture sector that respects the environment and meets the fish demand. It also seeks to support the modernisation of production using innovative methods and technologies, to increase fish consumption, to upgrade scientific knowledge and to protect and develop aquatic organisms. The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 1 897 467 was transferred to the Czech Republic on 18/12/2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 8/12/2008.

For axis 2, an amount of EUR 2 156 000 was committed. For axis 3, an amount of EUR 7 324 000 was committed. No commitments were made under technical assistance (axis 5).

Germany

The German OP covers the entire territory of the Federal Republic of Germany with the exception of Saarland and Baden: Brandenburg – Nordost, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Chemnitz, Dessau, Magdeburg, Thüringen, Bandenburg-Südwest, Lüneburg, Dresden, Leipzig and Halle as convergence regions, and the rest of the country as non-convergence regions. Out of 16 Länder, 14 are participating in the programme.

The total public contribution to the programme amounts to EUR 247 156 670 with EU assistance through the EFF amounting to EUR 155 865 417, with the convergence regions receiving EUR 96 861 240 and the non-convergence regions EUR 59 004 177.

The OP aims at further consolidation of the framework for a viable fisheries and aquaculture sector that respects the environment and meets the demands of consumers and the food industry.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 10 910 579 was paid on 18/12/2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 22/01/2009.

For axis 1 an amount of EUR 28 963 was committed by Germany in the non-convergence region and EUR 22 899 in the convergence region. For axis 2 an amount of EUR 1 084 319 was committed in the non-convergence region and EUR 4 750 484 in the convergence region.

Denmark

The Danish OP covers the whole of Denmark as a non-convergence region.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 267 350 338 and the EFF assistance amounts to EUR 133 675 169.

The programme aims at supporting sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector economically, socially and environmentally.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 9 357 261 was paid on 20 December 2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 2 February 2009. For axis 1 an amount of EUR 2 539 747 was committed. For axis 2 an amount of EUR 12 403 314 was committed. For axis 3 an amount of EUR 15 428 855 was committed and for axis 4 an amount of EUR 1 235 097 was committed.

Estonia

The Estonian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

Total public contribution of the OP amounts to EUR 112 757 386, out of which the EFF allocation amounts to EUR 84 568 039.

The overall objective of the OP is to develop the fisheries sector in order to secure stable and sustainable management in the fisheries sector and to guarantee an increase in the income of people engaged in fisheries.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 5 919 762 was made on 27.12.2007. Estonia did not request the second pre-financing.

Commitments were made under axis 3 (EUR 262 636), axis 4 (EUR 443 214) and axis 5 (EUR 12 681). For axis 3 an amount of EUR 259 158 was paid out. For axis 4 an amount of EUR 24 838 was paid out. For technical assistance (axis 5) an amount EUR 10 026 was paid out.

Spain

The Spanish OP covers Galicia, Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura, Andalucia, Principado e Asturias, Region de Murcia, Ciudades autonomas de Ceuta y Melilla as convergence regions and the rest of the country as a non-convergence region.

The total public contribution to the programme is 2 088 280 559. With the EFF allocation of EUR 1 131 890 912 (of which EUR 945 700 000 are for convergence and EUR 186 200 000 for non-convergence regions), the Spanish OP receives the largest share of the total EFF budget. The OP encompasses all the measures eligible for support under the EFF.

The first pre-financing payment, of EUR 79 232 363 was transferred to Spain on 21.12.2007. A second pre-financing payment, under the Restructuring Regulation, of 7% (EUR 79 232 363) was transferred on 16.12.2008.

For convergence regions, total EFF commitments for all five axes amounted to EUR 67 700 000 while for non-convergence regions, total EFF commitments for all five axes amounted to EUR 33 400 000.

Finland

The Finnish OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a non-convergence region. It also includes support for the Åland Islands.

The total public contribution to the programme amounts to EUR 91 848 827, with the EFF assistance amounting to EUR 39 448 827.

The OP aims to further consolidate the preconditions for a viable fisheries and aquaculture sector that respects nature and meets the demands of consumers and the food industry. For axis 1 an amount of EUR 346 807 was committed. For axis 2 the commitments amount to EUR 2 812 280, for axis 3 to EUR 3 632 545 and for axis 4 to EUR 77 363. For technical assistance (axis 5) an amount of EUR 155 174 was committed.

France

The French OP includes 4 convergence regions (Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique and Réunion (the DOM's)) and the rest of the country as a non-convergence region.

The total public contribution of the programme amounts to EUR 390 605 482, with the EFF allocation of EUR 216 000 000 (of which EUR 34 000 000 are for convergence and EUR 182 000 000 for non-convergence regions).

The OP implements all 5 priority axis of the EFF. It aims at adapting the French fleet to attain the maximum sustainable yield and to improve its energy efficiency, at increasing the traceability of products, at enhancing management and control, at preserving the socio-economic fabric of fishing communities and at developing the aquaculture sector.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% (EUR 15 123 715) was transferred to France on the 04.01.2008 and the second one, foreseen by the Restructuring Regulation, also of 7% (EUR 15 123 715), on the 21.11.2008.

EUR 33 200 000 was committed by the MS for non-convergence regions (2/3 of this on axis 1) while EUR 380 000 was committed for convergence regions. A first payment request of an amount of EUR 4 697 478 (for non-convergence region) was received on the 02.12.2008.

Greece

The Greek OP includes Sterea Ellada and Notio Aigaio as non-convergence regions and the rest of the country as a convergence region.

Total public contribution to Greek OP amounts to 274 105 143 out of which the EFF contribution amounts to EUR 207 832 237, (EUR 176 836 728 for 11 convergence regions and EUR 30 995 509 for 2 non-convergence regions).

The OP objective is to consolidate the conditions for a viable fisheries and aquaculture sector taking also into account other aspects such as the demands of consumers and the food industry.

The first pre-financing payment of EUR 14 548 257 was made on 12 December 2007. The second pre-financing payment, for the same amount (EUR 14 548 257) was transferred to Greece on 11 November 2008 on the basis of the Restructuring Regulation.

There are no commitments or payments for 2008 because the OP was still in a preparatory phase.

Hungary

The Hungarian OP includes Közép-Magyarország as a non-convergence region and the rest of the country as a convergence region.

The total OP public contribution amounts to EUR 46 840 816, with EU assistance through the EFF of EUR 34 850 860. The convergence regions will be allocated EUR 34 291 357 and the non-convergence regions EUR 559 503.

The allocation between priority axes: 69,3 % for axis 2, 25,6 % for axis 3 and 5 % for axis 5. The OP aims promotes a sustainable and competitive aquaculture sector that respects the

environment and meets the fish demand. At the same time, its goal is to enhance natural aquatic habitats and to reduce the overpopulation of invasive fish species; to encourage partnership in the fisheries sector; and to promote fisheries and aquaculture products on the Hungarian market.

The first pre-financing payment of 7 %, i.e. EUR 2 439 560, was transferred to Hungary on 24/10/2008 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation of the same amount (EUR 2 439 560),, on 23/07/2009.

As the OP was only adopted on 9/09/2008, no physical implementation activity took place and no amounts have yet been committed by Hungary in 2008.

Ireland

The Irish OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a non-convergence region.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 65 555 603. The total EFF contribution to Irish OP is EUR 42 266 603.

The programme aims at achieving a balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 2 958 662, was transferred to Ireland on 04.12.2008.

For axis 1 an amount of EUR 15 700 000 was committed. For axis 3 and 4 no amounts were committed in 2008.

Italy

The Italian OP includes Sicilia, Puglia, Campania, Basilicata and Calabria as a convergence region and the rest of the country as a non convergence region.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 848 685 708 EFF allocations amounts to EUR 424 342 854 (EUR 318 281 864 for convergence and EUR 106 060 990 for non-convergence regions).

The programme aims mainly at improving the level of conservation of resources and environment, particularly through adjustment of fishing effort reducing socio-economic impacts and enhancing competitiveness of the sector.

The first pre-financing payment of EUR 29 703 999 was transferred on 21 December 2007. In 2008 a second pre-financing, equally of EUR 29 703 999 was paid under the Restructuring Regulation.

Commitments have only been made for axis 1 (EUR 1 787 985 of which EUR 1 695 236 for convergence regions and EUR 92 749 for the rest), and axis 5 (EUR 3 165 540 of which EUR 2 216 090 for convergence regions and EUR 949 449 for non-convergence regions).

Lithuania

The Lithuanian OP covers the whole territory of the country which is designated as a convergence region.

The total public contribution amounts to EUR 71 256 575, with EFF assistance of EUR 54 713 408. . The allocation between priority axes is 23 % for axis 1, 42 % for axis 2, 17 % for axis 3, 13 % for axis 4 and 5 % for axis 5.

The OP promotes the economic, environmental and social sustainability of the Lithuanian fisheries sector by, inter alia, protecting and, where necessary, restoring fish resources. It also aims to develop sustainable aquaculture and fish processing sectors. Special focus is placed on the promotion of fish consumption, diversification of income possibilities, development of tourism and training for fisheries workers.

The first pre-financing payment of 7 %, i.e. EUR 3 829 938 was transferred to Lithuania on 27/12/2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 2/02/2009.

For axis 2, an amount of EUR 2 171 933 was committed. For technical assistance, EUR 1 151 819 was committed.

Latvia

The Latvian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

Total eligible public contribution of the OP amounts to EUR 166 687,419, out of which EFF allocation amounts to EUR 125 015 563.

The programme aims at the creation and maintenance of performing fisheries industry and integrated and sustainable development of areas and human resources depending on the fisheries sector.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 8 751 089 was transferred to Latvia on 3 January 2008. The second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation of similar value was transferred on 9 February 2009.

Commitments have been made under axis 1 (EUR 8 444 467), axis 2 (EUR 9 105 406), axis 3 (EUR 4 442 044) and axis 5 (EUR 138 014). No funds were committed under axis 4.

Malta

The Maltese OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 11 163 105 out of which the EFF funding is EUR 8 372 329 . The OP includes Axes 1 to 3, as well as the technical assistance measure.

The OP aims at the reduction of catching capacity for migratory species, modernisation of fishing vessels through engine replacement, retraining of fishers, and sustainable development of aquaculture. It also includes measures aiming at the modernisation of processing and marketing, upgrading of fisheries infrastructure and relocation of fish markets.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 586 063, was transferred to Malta on 23/12/2008. The second pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 586 063, was transferred to Malta on 23/07/2009.

No commitments were made, as the implementation of OP had not started yet in 2008. The technical assistance budget was not used either.

The Netherlands

The Dutch OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a non-convergence region.

The total eligible public contribution to the Dutch OP amounts to EUR 120 578 417 with the EFF allocation of EUR 48 578 417.

The EFF programme will contribute to the sustainable development of the Dutch fishing industry by pursuing the following objectives: stimulation of innovation and collaboration in the fisheries cluster, bringing fishing capacity further in line with fishing opportunities, reinforcing the socio-economic and socio-cultural position of fishing communities.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 3 400 489 was transferred to the Netherlands on 27 December 2008 and there was no second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation.

For axis 1 an amount of EUR 8 328 816 was committed. For axis 3 an amount of EUR 151 612 was committed. For technical assistance no commitments were made.

Poland

The Polish OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

The total eligible public expenditure amounts to EUR 978 790 099, out of which the EFF allocation amounts to EUR 734 092 574. The overall objective of the OP is to achieve competitive, modern and dynamic fisheries sector through a sustainable exploitation of resources.

The first pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 51 386 480 was transferred to Poland on 8.12.2008 and the second pre-financing payment of 7% (EUR 51 386 480) under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 27.7.2009.

Within axis 1 an amount of around 13 400 000 EUR was committed by Poland in 2008 (aid for temporary cessation of fishing activities).

Portugal

The Portuguese OP includes Lisboa and the Região Autónoma da Madeira as a non-convergence regions and the rest of the country as a convergence region.

Total public contribution amounts to EUR 325 013 154, out of which the EFF allocation is EUR 246 485 249 (EUR 224 000 000 for convergence and EUR 22 500 000 for non-convergence regions).

The OP aims at the supporting sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector economically, socially and environmentally.

The first pre-financing of 7% (EUR 17 253 967) was transferred to Portugal on 2 December 2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation of 7%, (EUR 17 253 967) was transferred, on 12.11.2008.

In addition to the temporary measures in the framework of the Restructuring Regulation, an amount of EUR 1 000 000 was committed for axis 3. For technical assistance (axis 5) an amount of EUR 600 000 was committed. .

Romania

The Romanian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

The total public contribution of the programme is EUR 307 618 942, with the EFF assistance amounting to EUR 230 714 207.

The OP focuses on developing a competitive, modern and dynamic fisheries sector, based on sustainable fishing and aquaculture activities, while also taking account of other important aspects such as environmental protection, the demands of the consumers and the food industry.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 16 149 994, was transferred to Romania on 31 December 2007 (the first tranche - EUR 15 127 527) and on January 2008 (the second tranche - EUR 1 022 467) 2008 and the second pre-financing payment, under the Restructuring Regulation on 15 December 2008 of EUR 16 149 994.

No projects were submitted in 2008. Romania made no use of technical assistance.

Sweden

The Swedish OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a non-convergence region.

The total public contribution to the programme amounts to EUR 104 774 205 and the total EFF allocation amounts to EUR 54 664 803.

The programme aims at supporting measures which contribute to the sustainable development of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

The pre-financing payment of 7% i.e. EUR 3 826 536 was transferred to Sweden on 3 January 2008. Sweden did not request a second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation.

For axis 1 an amount of EUR 1 896 599 was committed. For axis 2 an amount of EUR 2 055 198 was committed. For axis 3 an amount of EUR 1 514 776 was committed. For axis 4 no funds were committed. For axis 5 (technical assistance) an amount of EUR 683 819 was committed.

Slovenia

The Slovenian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a whole as a convergence region.

The total public contribution to Slovenian OP is EUR 28 853 712 out of which the EFF funding amounts to EUR 21 640 283. The Slovenian OP includes all five axes.

Priorities are competitive and sustainable fisheries, competitive aquaculture reducing environmental impact and adopting new marketable species, a competitive and innovative processing industry, work safety for fishers, fishing ports, marketing facilities, safety at sea and one traditional coastal fisheries area.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 1 514 819, was transferred to Slovenia on 15/12/2008. The second pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 1 514 819, was transferred to Slovenia on 3/06/2009.

No legal commitments were made by Slovenia, as implementation had not started yet in 2008. The technical assistance budget was not used either.

Slovakia

The Slovakian OP covers the entire territory of the country which is designated as a convergence region, with the exception of Bratislavski region which is designated as a non-convergence region.

The total OP public contribution amounts to EUR 18 922 750, with the EFF assistance of EUR 13 688 528. The convergence regions will be allocated EUR 12 681 459 and the non-convergence regions EUR 1 007 069. The allocation between priority axes is 69,3 % for axis 2, 25,6 % for axis 3 and 5 % for axis 5.

The OP aims to promote a sustainable and competitive aquaculture sector that respects the environment and meets the fish demand. It encourages the modernisation, innovation and restructuring of aquaculture, and supports the development of markets in fisheries products.

The first pre-financing payment of 7 %, i.e. EUR 958 197, was transferred to Slovakia on 18/12/2007 and the second pre-financing payment under the Restructuring Regulation was transferred on 21/11/2008.

As the OP has not yet started its implementation, no amounts have been committed in 2008.

United Kingdom

The OP covers Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, West Wales and the valleys, Highlands and Islands as convergence regions and the rest of the UK as non-convergence region.

The total public contribution amounts to EUR 246 888 642. The total EFF contribution to the UK OP is EUR 138 000 000 of which one third (EUR 43 000 000) is foreseen for convergence and two thirds (EUR 95 000 000) for non-convergence regions.

To achieve the overall target of the programme, i.e. a fisheries industry that is sustainable, profitable, well managed, internationally competitive and helps support thriving, diverse and sustainable local communities, the UK is implementing all 5 priority axes of the EFF.

The first pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 9 600 000, was transferred to the UK on 21.11.2008. The second pre-financing payment of 7%, i.e. EUR 9 600 000, was transferred to on 23.07.2009.

For Axis 1 the amount of EUR 3 830 000 was committed. Under Axis 2 an amount of EUR 8 360 000 was committed and EUR 10 000 000 under Axis 3. For technical assistance under axis 5 an amount of EUR 120 000 was committed.

The programme was launched in England and Scotland. In Northern Ireland the launch of the programme is dependant on finalizing the business cases that are required by NIDARD³. In Wales the launch of the programme was delayed due to changes in the organisation structure of the Welsh Assembly Government.

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Northern Ireland Department for Agriculture and Regional Development