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ANNEX 1

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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

amending Decision C(2015) 8729 of 11 December 2015 concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2016 and the financing decision for the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

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Amendment n° 1 to work programme 2016 EMFF

1.1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives set out in the Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund this amendment to work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2016 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2)
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.3)

1.2. GRANTS

1.2.1. Budget Heading 11 06 61

FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION'S INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY (IMP)

Legal basis:

- Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and in particular Articles 81, 82, and 83 thereof.

1.2.1.6. Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Point 1.2.1.6 is modified as follows:

Type	Action grants following a call for proposals
Budget	€ 5.960.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The objective of these grants is to support the work of the Member States in implementing the Directive establishing a framework for MSP.</p> <p>They will support the launch and development of cross-border MSP cooperation initiatives between Member States in the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Black Sea and Outermost Regions and Overseas Territories. The Commission reserves the right to modify the geographical scope of the projects.</p> <p>The projects will involve concrete actions in Member States helping to build capacity for the implementation of the Directive, and will provide support for the establishment of lasting mechanisms for cross-border cooperation. They will build on prior experience from past MSP projects.</p> <p>The Commission estimates that up to 4 projects may be supported under this action.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Applicants must be public authorities or bodies in charge of maritime spatial planning of those coastal Member States which are responsible for MSP in the selected area.</p>

	<p>Other public bodies shall be considered eligible provided that they are endorsed by the public authorities or bodies in charge of maritime spatial planning of the relevant coastal Member States.</p> <p>Applicants from at least two Member States must be involved in each proposal, except where applications concern cooperation initiatives in Outermost Regions and Overseas Territories.</p> <p>Selection criteria:</p> <p>Applicants must have the financial capacity and the professional competencies and qualifications required to implement and complete the proposed project.</p> <p>Award criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the action, notably in terms of connection to national MSP processes and added value compared to these existing processes. • Quality of the partnership, in terms of composition and capacity to involve and promote dialogue and cooperation with relevant stakeholders, and in terms of number of participating Member States bordering the selected area.. • Added value of the project in terms of implementing Directive 2014/89 and degree to which other EU instruments (CFP, MSFD, INSPIRE, Natura 2000) or results of EU programmes (ETC, LIFE, RTD framework programmes, EMODNet) are taken into account. • Appropriate and clear methodology ensuring that the project implementation is coherent, realistic and feasible in terms of actions and timetable. Effectiveness of the proposed project organisation and management of resources. • Dissemination, sustainability and transferability of the expected results.
Implementation	The action will be implemented by EASME.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Call for proposals to be launched in the 3 rd quarter of 2016.

1.2.3. **Budget Heading 11 06 62 03**

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Legal basis:

- Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and in particular Articles 85 (c) and 88.
- Article 190 (1) (c) of the rules of application for the Financial Regulation. (RFMOs and international organisations have the monopoly for the implementation of the actions)

1.2.3.2. International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

Accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33)

(d) Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna

Point 1.2.3.2. (d) is modified as follows:

(d) Strengthening the scientific basis for decision-making in ICCAT

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 1.250.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>ICCAT is the sole organisation with the competence to undertake the actions required for the research programme and management of tunas and tuna-like fishes in the Atlantic. The sound management of these fishes requires best available science.</p> <p>In line with Article 28 (2) of the CFP "the Union shall actively support and contribute to the development of scientific knowledge and advice".</p> <p>The objective of this action is to improve the scientific basis for decision making in ICCAT by supporting different activities included in the Work programme of the Standing Committee for Statistics and Research (SCRS) and the 2015-2020 Science Strategic Plan, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic-wide research programme for Bluefin Tuna (GBYP) • Sharks research and data collection programme • Small tunas year research programme (SMTYP) • ICCAT scientific Working Groups activities
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%.
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2016.

(f) ICCAT – Annual meeting

A new action 1.2.3.2. (f) is added

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 700.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and	The main objective is to support ICCAT in the organisation of its Annual Meeting to be held in Portugal (EU) in November 2016.

expected results	The EU has a leading and pivotal role in ICCAT, which is the most strategic RFMO for the EU as a whole and for several EU Member States that are active in ICCAT fisheries. In line with this role, the EU has the intention to table this year several proposals for conservation, management and enforcement measures to this meeting with a view to improve the state of stocks under the provision of ICCAT.
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%.
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2016.

1.3. PROCUREMENT

1.3.1. Budget heading 11 06 61

FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION'S INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY (IMP)

Legal basis:

- Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and in particular Articles 81, 82 and 83 thereof.

1.3.1.8. Support and collaboration within and between the different maritime regions of the EU (North East Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic and Black Sea) implementing the ecosystem approach and exchange with other marine regions

Point 1.3.1.8. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	The implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) requires coherent approaches within and between marine regions. This is particularly important for Member States which share marine waters in different regions. Therefore coordination mechanisms, administrative and technical support for regional and inter-regional cooperation in relation to assessment, target setting and monitoring and measures implementation of marine waters are useful and will include e.g. regular workshops, exchange of best practices, alignment of reporting or knowledge exchange, progress towards good environmental status building on existing collaboration. In addition actions could be foreseen to ensure coherent implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other environmental policies such as the EU Biodiversity strategy (and in particular work on Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystem and their Services - MAES, with focus on needed work on marine ecosystems). Moreover, dissemination of results and communication, including the
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	<p>production and dissemination of information and promotional material and awareness raising campaigns will be developed, as appropriate. Finally, development of a cross-regional information exchange platform as a building block for WISE-Marine will be further explored in close collaboration with the European Environment Agency.</p> <p>The actions in 2016 will continue and further develop past actions, support the preparation of the 2018 milestone in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive as well as to improve communication and dissemination of the work under the environmental pillar of the Integrated Maritime Policy, e.g. through conferences, meetings, organisation of workshops, engaging authorities, experts and stakeholders.</p>
Type of contract	6 specific contracts will be concluded as part of the existing Framework Contract. ENV.D2/2012/0017 or the new FWC that will replace it (as the current one ends in September 2016), and /or any other appropriate FWC and/or contracts resulting from procurement procedures (open calls).
Indicative Budget	€ 700.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented in co-delegation by DG ENV.
Indicative timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded throughout 2016.

1.3.1.11. Inter-institutional service framework contract for maritime security and surveillance expertise

A new action 1.3.1.11. is added:

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	<p>Member States have adopted the European Union Maritime Strategy (EUMSS) on 24 June 2014 and a related action plan on 16 December 2014. To implement the action plan, a framework contract needs to be established in order to bring in the necessary expertise to put it into operation.</p> <p>The main objective of the framework contract is to have service providers that can ensure the necessary preparatory work to implement the EUMSS action plan by providing the necessary studies and other preparatory actions.</p> <p>The contract will be awarded to contractors that can demonstrate long standing expertise in providing advice on maritime surveillance issues. Specific expertise in both civilian and military surveillance operations will be required.</p>
Type of contract	Inter-institutional service framework contract
Indicative Budget	€ -
Implementation	The action will be implemented by EASME.

Indicative timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter 2016.
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1.3.4. Budget heading 11 06 62.04

ACCOMPANYING MEASURES FOR THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY AND THE INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY - GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

Legal basis:

- Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and in particular Articles 85(f) and 91 thereof.

1.3.4.3. Inter-institutional service framework contract for Better Regulation related activities in Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), excluding its international dimension and Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP)

A new action 1.3.4.3. is added:

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	<p>The Framework Contract for Better Regulation related activities will cover the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lot 1: Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), excluding its international dimension; - Lot 2: Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP). <p>The general objective is to facilitate procurement and assist DG MARE and possibly other Commission departments in carrying out Better regulation related activities in these areas. The services covered consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - retrospective evaluations, including fitness checks; - prospective evaluations including impact assessments; - stakeholder consultations, and - assessment of costs and benefits associated with existing and future policies and/or regulatory measures in particular regard to administrative burdens.
Type of contract	Inter-institutional service framework contract
Indicative Budget	€ -
Implementation	The action will be implemented by EASME.
Indicative timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter 2016.