ANNEX

to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

on the financing of operational technical assistance in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2019
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Work Programme for 2019 for Operational Technical Assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

1. **INTRODUCTION**

On the basis of the objectives related to the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission given in Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 and Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2019 as follows:

1.1. **Legal basis:**


1.2. **Budget line: 11 06 63 01**

1.3. **Objectives pursued:**

To facilitate the implementation of operational programmes.

1.4. **Expected results:**

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

2. **PROCUREMENT**

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts related to operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in 2019 is EUR 3,900,000.

2.1. **Fisheries and Aquaculture Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME): Help Desk for the EMFF monitoring and evaluation network**

| General description of the contracts envisaged | The European Structural and Investment funds are underpinned by a stronger "result-orientation". In the case of the EMFF, this has been fostered by the establishment of a new Common Monitoring and Evaluation System, which will require new evaluations functions and tasks to be undertaken by the |

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Commission and the Member States (MS). This will require a long-term effort to progressively build the capacity to effectively address this challenge. This effort should be undertaken collectively with the MS in order to foster a reinforced evaluation culture in both DG MARE and the MS.

The renewal of the existing service contract foresees the provision of support services to help the Commission undertake a set of tasks linked to this new monitoring and evaluation system and fulfil the new obligations included in the Common Provisions Regulation.

| Implementation | This action will be implemented by DG MARE. |

### 2.2. Support Unit for the European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET II)

| General description of the contracts envisaged | Renewal of the existing service contract for the Support Unit for the European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET II) This Support Unit is in charge of supporting the implementation of community-led local development in fisheries areas. Its task will be to provide capacity building to FLAGs and managing authorities, to disseminate information, exchange experience and good practice and to support cooperation between the local partnerships. The network will cooperate with the networking and technical support bodies for local development set up for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) as regards their local development activities and transnational co-operation. |
| Implementation | This action will be implemented by DG MARE. |

### 2.3. IT services and supplies

| General description of the contracts envisaged | Development, maintenance and hosting of IT applications to support the implementation of the EMFF and supply of hardware to support these applications. |
| Implementation | Part of the appropriations will be subject to co-delegation granted to DG EMPL, DG REGIO and DIGIT. |