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**concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2014 and the financing decision for
the implementation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**

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Work programme 2014 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 work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2014 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2)
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.3)
- for other actions (implemented under direct management) (1.4)

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.

1.2.1.1. Support to Coast Guard functions cooperation in Europe

Type	Grant agreement for an action without a call for proposals
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 Article 82(a) and RAP art 190 (1) (f)
Budget	€ 640 000
Description	The Member States have agreed to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of national coast guard authorities through increased co-operation between national coast guard functions (European Coast Guard Functions Forum). They have also agreed to establish a permanent secretariat in 2014 to fulfil the actions of that forum. Pending the creation of the secretariat as a legal entity, the Finnish Border Guard (Ministry of Interior), as chair of the secretariat from mid-2014 to mid-2015 is, given its high degree of specialisation and its administrative position, the only organization able to effectively coordinate this action, and will receive the grant for this purpose. The grant is for 1 year and the action will be implemented in close liaison with the Coast Guard Academy Network which is being set up by the permanent secretariat.
Objectives and expected results	The main objective is to support the Coast Guard Academy Network in aligning the education programmes for coast guards in the EU. Expected results are : Recommendations for aligning education programs and curricula of different Coast Guard activity areas from basic training up to post-graduate studies. Extension of the Web Portal of the European Coast Guard Functions Forum to disseminate those recommendations.

Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance: The application should demonstrate that the actions will be properly coordinated. Added value and innovation: The application should demonstrate the added value of aligned education programs for coast guards authorities between Member States, in particular on cost saving and on the efficiency of maritime surveillance (e.g. through research). Methodology: The application should demonstrate how timely and successful implementation of the project will be achieved. The applicant should demonstrate how it intends to work together with competent EU Agencies, Academies, Scientific institutions and Training Centres. Project Management: the application should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and respect the budget.
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3rd quarter of 2014. This action will be implemented by the European Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises (EASME).

1.2.1.2. Integrated Maritime Surveillance (IMS) related IT improvements in Member States

Type	Grant agreement for an action following a call for proposals
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 Article 82(b)
Budget	€ 2 650 000 (from 5 to 10 grants of up to € 500 000 for each single grant)
Description	Award of grants for actions aiming at supporting the modernisation of IT tools to enhance cross-sector information exchange in Member States or between Member States. A maximum of two projects per Member State will be awarded.
Objectives and expected results	The objective is to support Integrated-Maritime-Surveillance-related IT improvements in Member States at national and cross- border levels. The projects shall seek to improve interoperability of maritime surveillance IT systems creating preconditions for CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment).
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Eligibility and Selection criteria	Applicants must be public authorities of Member States involved in maritime surveillance. Proposals should relate to IT systems improvements and should have a relevant cross-sector information exchange dimension. The applicants should demonstrate technical and professional capacity to implement and complete the proposed action. The financial capacity will not be verified as applications are restricted to public bodies. The project should not be linked to IT developments derived from existing legal obligations or funded in other projects.
Award criteria	Relevance: Projects should have a cross-sector information exchange goal. This includes development of national cross-sector IT systems,

	which could become service providers and/or service consumers in the CISE environment (Service Oriented Architecture). Coherence: To ensure coherence at EU level, IT improvements shall seek to reuse the results of the Cooperation Project Maritime Surveillance (including the Common Data Model and the services). If the Common Data Model does not support the envisaged information exchange, coordination with JRC shall be ensured to extend the Common Data Model. Added value and innovation: Projects aiming at defining new information services built on information from several sectors will be favoured. Projects with a cross-border dimension will be favoured. Methodology: The applicant should demonstrate how timely and successful implementation of the project will be achieved. In particular applicants should demonstrate that the proposed means of implementation of the project are cost-effective. Project Management: Applicants should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and respect the budget.
Approximate timetable	Call for proposals to be published in the 3rd quarter of 2014. Grant agreements to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2014. This action will be implemented by EASME.

1.2.1.3. Forum of Coast Guard functions of Mediterranean States (MedCGF)

Type	Grant agreement for an action without a call for proposals
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 Article 82 (a) and RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 140 000
Description	International cooperation is a key element to meet the challenges arising from the management of sea basins shared by several Member States. In 2009 a Forum was been created among the relevant public bodies of the Member States and Third Countries of the Mediterranean Sea. Annual sessions of the Forum have taken place every year, and for 2014 Portugal offered to host the meeting. The Portuguese Navy (Marinha/Armada Portuguesa) will receive a grant to co-finance the organisation of the event.
Objectives and expected results	The main objective of the grant is to set up a framework of cooperation between the public authorities executing maritime surveillance tasks. Expected result is to improve the governance in the Mediterranean Sea basin on issues related to the function of the national Coast Guard so as to ensure an enhanced protection and management of the maritime areas.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Quality of the organisational and methodological approach proposed for the Annual session of the Forum.
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3rd quarter of 2014. This action will be implemented by EASME.

1.2.1.4. Forum of European Coast Guard Functions (ECGFF)

Type	Grant agreement for an action without a call for proposals
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 article 82(a) and RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 140 000
Description	The launch of the European Coast Guard Functions Forum was agreed in 2009. Representatives of the EU Member States and associated countries approved the development of inter-agency cooperation, coordination and multifunctional performance for the joint approach to the future challenges in the fields of border control, maritime safety and security, maritime customs activities, fisheries control and marine environment protection and general law enforcement. In 2014 the Forum will be hosted by Italy, and the Italian Coast Guard, will receive a grant to co-finance the organisation of the event.
Objectives and expected results	The objective of the action is to support the European Coast Guards Functions Forum (ECGFF) annual high level conference in order to enhance sectorial and cross-sectorial cooperation, exchange best practices and promote dialogue at international, national and regional level, and enhance collaboration between authorities to manage threats and better implement the maritime "acquis".
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Quality of the organisational and methodological approach proposed for the annual session of the Forum.
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. This action will be implemented by EASME.

1.2.1.5. Project on Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Type	Grant agreements for an action following a call for proposals
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 Article 82(b)
Budget	€ 6 370 000 (divided in 3 projects)
Description	Increased competition for space makes ordinated management necessary. Efforts to establish MSP have already been undertaken, however they have not led to effective implementation of MSP in all areas, or to proper cross-border cooperation. For instance, no work has been undertaken by Bulgaria and Romania. In order to support EU Member States in this direction, projects to implement MSP will be financed in Member States where it is less developed. 3 grants will be awarded for a duration of 2 years each.
Objectives and expected results	The objective of the action is to co-finance through grants the development and implementation of several cross-border planning projects involving authorities from different Member States. The beneficiaries will be public authorities in charge of maritime planning.

	The aim is to accelerate the implementation of MSP in all European sea basins. The grants will be awarded to the beneficiaries who will implement MSP in line with the objectives of the Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning (proposal (COM(2013) 133 final of 12.3.2013) once adopted.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Eligibility and Selection criteria	Proposals must be submitted and implemented by Partners who are public authorities or bodies in charge of maritime planning of at least two coastal Member States, with the greatest possible involvement of relevant authorities responsible for MSP in the selected area(s). Applicants must demonstrate to have the operational and financial capacity to implement and complete the proposed project.
Award criteria	Technical coherence: proposal should be clear, detailed, coherent, realistic and feasible in terms of actions and timetable; Financial coherence and quality of the proposed budget: consistency with the technical proposal and cost-efficiency; Contribution to the general objectives of the action and especially to implement concrete, cross-border MSP initiatives in cooperation among European countries in one or more cross-border sea areas characterised by multiple and cross-border maritime uses (existing or potential). Projects should also identify potential barriers and formulate recommendations on the application of MSP in cross-border areas; EU added value in terms of coherence between MS, demonstration, potential for transferability to other regions and sustainability/continuation after the end of the preparatory action.
Approximate timetable	Call for proposals to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Grant agreements to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014. This action will be implemented by EASME.

1.2.1.6. Best practices for action plans to develop integrated, regional monitoring programmes coordinated programmes of measures and addressing data and knowledge gaps in coastal and marine waters

Type	Grant agreements for an action following a call for proposals
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 Article 82(d)
Budget	€ 2 460 000
Description	In February 2014, the Commission has published a report (COM(2014) 97 and SWP (2014) 49) on the basis of Article 12 of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) ¹ , which identifies a number of shortcomings in the implementation. It also makes a number of recommendations to Member States in relation to the establishment of monitoring programmes for their marine waters and the preparation for their programme of measures. In particular, the

¹ OJ L 164, 25.6.2008, p. 16.

	Commission calls for action plans to be developed at (sub-)regional level to overcome the shortcomings identified and improve implementation in the next steps. In particular, there is a need to cooperate between Member States, ensure synergies and fill the identified gaps with targeted actions which can be related to the (financial) planning and implementation of the programmes of monitoring and measures as well as the related integration of data management. This call for proposals will assist Member States in the coordinated preparation of such action plans. To support the above needs 2 to 5 grants will be awarded for co-financing the selected actions. The action will be implemented by DG ENV C/2 through a co-delegation.
Objectives and expected results	To support the development and demonstration of (sub-) regional action plans and best practices for integrated monitoring programmes, coordinated programmes of measures and filling of data gaps for coastal and marine waters.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Eligibility and Selection criteria	Eligibility criteria: - Applicants and their partners (potential co-beneficiaries of the grant) must be public or private bodies, and must be: - registered in an EU Member State or be an International organisation, including Regional Sea Conventions. - Partners from Third Countries being contracting party to one of the four regional sea conventions can be associated to the action on a no cost basis or at a maximum of 5-10% of the total cost for the action, if this is valuable for the contents of the action. Selection criteria: Operational capacity of the applicant and partners: professional competencies, qualifications and requirements needed to implement the project; Financial capacity: stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout the period during which the proposal is being carried out and to participate in its funding.
Award criteria	Technical coherence: proposal should be clear, detailed, coherent, realistic and feasible in terms of actions and timetable; Financial coherence and quality of the proposed budget: consistency with the technical proposal and cost-efficiency; Contribution to the general objectives of the action: scope of the project, involvement of different stakeholders, including the regional sea conventions, expected results, methodology and proposed assessment mechanisms; EU added value in terms of stimulation of best-practice, innovation, demonstration, potential for transferability to other sub-regions and sustainability; Geographical scope and potential outreach to Third Countries in particular those being contracting parties of one of the four regional

	sea conventions.
Approximate timetable	Call for proposals to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Grant agreements to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.2.2. **Budget Heading 11 06 62 01**

SCIENTIFIC ADVICE AND KNOWLEDGE

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 (a), and 86.

1.2.2.1. Strengthening regional cooperation in the area of fisheries data collection

Type	Grant agreements for an action following a call for proposals
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 Article 86.(2) (f)
Budget	€ 800 000 (2 grants for a maximum amount of € 400 000 each)
Description	The EU support will serve to co-finance 2 grants, each grant covering 4 actions such as: a) conducting inter-sessional work by Member States between Regional Coordination Meetings b) further developing regional and EU-wide databases and transmission process for DCF data c) developing and testing an operational framework for establishing and coordinating statistically-sound sampling programmes at a regional scale d) trial the collection of new variables that may be proposed for inclusion in the revised DCF The two grants will have to be awarded to two different regions.
Objectives and expected results	These grants aim to strengthen regional coordination in the field of fisheries data collection, as a transition from Regional Coordination meetings towards the establishment of Regional Coordination Groups that are foreseen under the revised Data Collection Framework. The regions concerned are: the Baltic, the North Sea & Eastern Arctic, the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean & Black Sea and long-distance fisheries (beyond EU waters).
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 90%
Eligibility and Selection criteria	Eligibility criteria: a) Legal entities established in the EU Member States: non-profit organisation (private or public), public authorities (national, regional, local), international organisations, universities, educational institutions, research centres, companies, natural persons. b) Proposals must be submitted and implemented by Partners who are public authorities or bodies of at least three coastal Member States in one of the following 5 regions (Baltic Sea, North Sea & Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea & Black Sea, long-distance fisheries beyond EU waters). c) Proposals should involve relevant authorities at the appropriate level (international, national and/or regional) engaged in marine

	activities that involve DCF data collection planning, implementing, managing, processing, analysing or transmitting, in the selected sea area(s). d) Proposals should demonstrate the cross-border nature of the proposed project, inter alia through the proposed Partnership composition and the selected sea area(s) which must be characterised by multiple and cross-border activities (existing or potential). Selection criteria: Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed projects.
Award criteria	Relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the call. Added value and innovation. Proposed working methodology to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the projects. Adequacy of the resources (personnel, equipment, vessels where relevant, financial etc.). Adequacy of the organisation and management structure proposed for the projects. Adequacy of the dissemination plan.
Approximate timetable	Call for proposals to be published in the 3rd quarter of 2014. Grant agreements to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2014.

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.

1.2.3.1. International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), Annual Meeting

Type	Grant agreement for an action without a call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 86/238/EEC of 9 June 1986 on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as amended by the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984 (OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 736 494
Description	Organisation of the 2014 annual meeting of ICCAT, including some of the preparatory meetings.
Objectives and expected results	To support ICCAT in the organisation of its 2014 Annual Meeting leading to decisions that will provide enhanced conservation, management and enforcement for the species covered by the ICCAT Convention.

Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.2. ICCAT- Atlantic Wide Research Programme for Blufin Tuna

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 86/238/EEC of 9 June 1986 on the accession of the Community to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, as amended by the Protocol annexed to the Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Paris on 10 July 1984 (OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 1 700 000
Description	Atlantic-wide Research programme for the Bluefin Tuna (BFT). The 2014 actions are related to the coordination of the programme, to further data mining and aerial surveys, as well as research to facilitate the Bluefin Tuna stock assessments. 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.
Objectives and expected results	Bluefin tuna is a priority species for ICCAT. This action aims at developing a wide and complete research programme that should enable the ICCAT Scientific Committee to improve knowledge of Bluefin tuna, biology and migrations and undertake accurate evaluation of this key species. This will enhance fisheries management decisions in the future.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.3. Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) - Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) - Assistance for developing countries

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (OJ L 236, 5.10.1995, p.24) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 120 000

Description	The grant in favour of the FAO-IOTC will co-finance the provision of technical assistance to developing countries, notably as regards improved implementation of IOTC rules for control and enforcement activities. It will also co-finance the costs for the attendance of developing countries representatives to scientific and other meetings to enable them to participate in the activities of the IOTC.
Objectives and expected results	To improve implementation of IOTC's rules and to enhance participation in the activities of this RFMO by developing countries. To increase the level of compliance and scientific knowledge within the IOTC.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.4. FAO-IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Population Structure and Pilot Tagging Activities (Neritics)

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (OJ L 236, 5.10.1995, p.24) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 1 300 000
Description	The project will seek to describe the population structure and connectivity of the most valuable tuna and tuna-like species within the Indian Ocean and outline the key stock assessment and management implications. Collaboration with regional partners will be sought to reduce costs and enhance the capacity for future monitoring and analysis within IOTC CPCs. The grant in favour of IOTC will co-finance the actions under this project.
Objectives and expected results	To reinforce assessment and management advice with a basic understanding of Tropical tunas population structure and connectivity among populations within the Indian Ocean (and potentially with adjacent populations in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans). Moreover, the Working Party on Neritic Tunas agreed that research on stock structure should take two separate approaches: (i) genetic research to determine the connectivity of neritic tunas throughout their distributions (such studies should be developed at the sub-regional level) and, (ii) tagging research to better understand and estimate exploitation rates, the movement dynamics, possible spawning locations, natural mortality, fishing mortality, and post-release mortality of neritic tunas from various fisheries in the Indian Ocean.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives.
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.5. Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) - General Science Capacity Special Fund

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 81/691/EEC of 4 September 1981 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources (OJ L 252, 5.9.1981, p. 26) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 50 000
Description	Support scientific development, particularly through the co-financing of the activities of early careers scientists, in the work of CCAMLR. The aim is to promote the development of young scientists in research in the Southern Ocean through the participation in the activities of CCAMLR that will receive the grant for this purpose.
Objectives and expected results	The main expected result will be an increased support to scientific development associated with the works of CCAMLR in the framework of the goals and activities developed by CCAMLR according to its Convention and the conservation measures in force. The implementation of the activities will be done through support schemes for young scientists involved in the CCAMLR research activities.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.6. South East Atlantic Fisheries (SEAFO) - Financial support for developing countries

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 2002/738/EC of 22 July 2002 on the conclusion by the European Community of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Fishery Resources in the South-East Atlantic Ocean (OJ L 234, 31.8.2002, p. 39). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 20 000
Description	The grant in favour of SEAFO will co-finance the attendance of developing countries to the SEAFO scientific and other meetings to enable them to participate in the activities of the Organisation and to implement the work and measures adopted by the Organisation. Support developing countries to fully comply with SEAFO Conservation and management Measures and to reinforce scientific capacities.
Objectives and expected results	Increased capacity of developing countries parties to the SEAFO in key areas such as effective exercise of flag State responsibilities, monitoring, control and surveillance, data collection and relevant

	scientific research.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.7. Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) - Matching cannery sales information to log book and trans-shipment reports in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) to validate the catch data used in tuna stock assessments.

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p.1). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 150 000
Description	The grant in favour of WCPFC will co-finance the development of a system and of a tool that allows to cross check cannery data with catch data provided in log books and the in sales information.
Objectives and expected results	The successful completion of this project will deliver a number of important outcomes; validation of reported catch data from the log sheets, improved stock assessments, a traceability and catch documentation for products from vessel to market and provide an estimate and possible explanation of any underreporting in the purse seine fleet (potential IUU).
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.8. WCPFC - Determining the level of shark-finning in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO), the transport lines and markets for WCPO shark-fin.

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p.1). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 140 000
Description	The grant in favour of WCPFC will co-finance the provision of adequate expertise in the pacific tuna industry and with a very good knowledge of the shark-fin trade to work with MCS practitioners to

	investigate the potential level of the shark-fin trade from the pacific in terms of volume. The action will be executed in close liaison with industry to determine the location, fleets and transport arrangements underpinning this trade.
Objectives and expected results	The outcome of this project should inform the WCPFC about the level and functioning of sharks fin trade. This will allow the Commission to implement appropriate Conservation and Management measures to restrict and if possible to eliminate shark finning trade in WCPO.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.9. WCPFC - Analysis of Observers and Transshipment data to inform WCPFC members

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p.1). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 130 000
Description	The grant in favour of WCPFC will co-finance the analysis and design reporting processes and the development of specific IT tools that will be used to inform the members of the trends and issues arising from the observers and transshipment programmes.
Objectives and expected results	This approach will allow the Commission members to take informed decisions which will lead to improvement in the Observers and Transshipment arrangements in the WCPFC, thus positively impacting the monitoring of compliance in the organisation. It will also increase transparency and accountability in the Organisation. This is in line with the EU priority to strengthen RFMOs capacity to monitor compliance with management measures.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.10. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO) - Potential Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems-Impacts of Deep-sea Fisheries. (NEREIDA Project)

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest

	Atlantic Fisheries (OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1) RAP Article 190.(1) (c)
Budget	€ 110 000
Description	Vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs) such as cold-water corals and sponges, seamounts and hydrothermal vents are vulnerable to the effects of bottom fishing. Sonar and seismic seabed mapping, seabed sampling and sampling of surface organisms as well camera surveys allow to identify areas with a larger concentration of such vulnerable species. The grant in favour of NAFO will co-finance these research activities on vulnerable ecosystems.
Objectives and expected results	The general objective is to identify where VMEs are known to occur or are likely to occur, and to close such areas to bottom fishing and ensure that such activities do not proceed unless conservation and management measures have been established to prevent serious adverse impacts on VMEs.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.11. South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) - Special Requirements Fund

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision of 3 October 2011 on the approval on behalf of the European Union, of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (2012/130/EU) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 80 000
Description	The grant in favour of SPRFMO will co-finance the attendance of developing countries parties to the scientific work and other meetings of the SPRFMO and its subsidiary bodies to enable them to participate in the activities of the Organisation and to implement the work and measures adopted by the Organisation.
Objectives and expected results	The main expected result is capacity building for developing countries parties to SPRFMO in key areas such as effective exercise of flag state responsibilities, fights against IUU fishing, monitoring, control and surveillance, data collection and relevant scientific research.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.12.FAO – INDAM project (Indicators for Sustainable Development of Aquaculture and Guidelines for their use in the Mediterranean year 4), and ShoCMed project (Project in support to the GFCM CAQ Working Group on Site Selection and Carrying Capacity (WGSC) year 4)

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) among the dependent bodies of which are the Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF) and the Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 135 875
Description	This grant in favour of FAO will co-finance the actions of these two aquaculture projects for the Mediterranean.
Objectives and expected results	To support the sustainable development of aquaculture and the developing of siting and holding capacity guidelines for Mediterranean aquaculture in order to improve the ecosystem approach in selection of indicators and guidelines for their use by stakeholders in the Mediterranean and to improve site selection and holding capacity standards in the Mediterranean. Project INDAM: Indicators for Sustainable Development of Aquaculture and Guidelines for their use in the Mediterranean. Project SHOCMed: Developing site selection and carrying capacity guidelines for Mediterranean aquaculture within aquaculture appropriate areas.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.13.FAO - Regional Projects: contributions to the EASTMED, MEDSUDMED, ADRIAMED, COPEMED and other projects

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 700 000
Description	This grant in favour of FAO will co-finance the implementation of the EASTMED, ADRIAMED, COPEMED, MEDSUMED and other programmes, which are aimed at developing a common framework for cooperation between coastal states of the Mediterranean and Black

	Sea to enable the common management of fish stocks in these regions.
Objectives and expected results	The aims of these regional projects are to improve the provision and sharing of scientific work and data with non-EU partner countries and to contribute to enhancing their capacity to participate actively in the relevant regional frameworks for sustainable fisheries management. Expected results: contribution to establish a sound scientific basis for better-organised fishing in these regions and sustainable management of resources using an ecosystem approach.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 85%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.14.FAO - Contribution to the GFCM to support the work of the GFCM Task Force

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision 98/416/EC of 16 June 1998 on the accession of the European Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p.34). Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO). RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 400 000
Description	On the occasion of the 37th GFCM Session progress in the work of the Task Force charged with the GFCM Performance Review was presented, and a number of additional actions were outlined namely in the fields of data collection, monitoring and control as well as proper scientific advice for the establishment of management plans in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Regions. In this context, appropriate support should be provided to the organisation of specific meetings, workshops and seminars as a follow up of the work of the Task force. This grant in favour of FAO will co-finance these actions identified by the Task Force.
Objectives and expected results	To ensure the adequate continuation and follow up of the work of the Task Force in terms of actions to be implemented. In addition to the actions identified during the 37 Session, new actions should be defined during the SAC meeting in February 2014 and the GFCM extraordinary and annual sessions to be held during the first half of 2014.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.15.FAO - Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), among the dependent bodies of which are the Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF) and the Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 225 000
Description	The Global Record is one of the latest tools that are being developed to fight IUU fishing. This grant in favour of FAO will co-finance a 5 year project which will target the System Development component of the Global Record programme.
Objectives and expected results	The major strength of the Global Record is that it will make information available regarding the identification of fishing vessels and fishing activity associated with illegal activities. Specific results will be: a) Creation of an operational prototype as a proof of concept of the rules and requirements. b) Development and implementation of a fully-fledged system, accessible online, in line with Phase 1 of the Global Record following the feedback from COFI with regards to the prototype. c) Set up regular exchange of data with partners putting in practice the results from GCP/GLO/466/EC project. Complete the global system, with all functionalities, including available data. d) Make an assessment of the areas not covered and extend the system to any other possible data providers (regional or national). e) Decide on necessary actions to be taken for implementation of the subsequent phases of the project. f) Provide an assessment of the status quo of the Global Record.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.3.16.FAO - Applying the FAO Evaluation Framework to Assess Conformity of Aquaculture Certification Schemes with the FAO Aquaculture Certification Guidelines

Type	Grant agreement for an action without call for proposals
Legal basis	Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), among the dependent bodies of which are the Committee for Eastern Central Atlantic Fisheries (CECAF) and the

	Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC) RAP Article 190 (1) (c)
Budget	€ 140 000
Description	The FAO Technical Guidelines on Aquaculture Certification were approved by the 29th session of the COFI in Feb 2011. The guidelines provide advice on developing, organizing and implementing credible aquaculture certification schemes, which are viewed as potential market-based tools for minimizing negative impacts, supporting responsible aquaculture, and increasing societal and consumer benefits and confidence in the process of aquaculture production and marketing. As a follow up, FAO with support from EU is developing an evaluation framework to assess conformity of public and private certification schemes with the FAO Aquaculture Certification Guidelines. This grant in favour of FAO will co-finance the development of such evaluation framework.
Objectives and expected results	Enhanced evaluation framework for the assessment of the conformity of certification schemes with the FAO guidelines on aquaculture certification.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.2.4. **Budget Heading 11 06 62 04**

ACCOMPANYING MEASURES FOR THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (CFP) AND THE INTEGRATED MARITIME POLICY (IMP) - GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNICATION

1.2.4.1. Advisory Councils (ACs)

Type	Specific operating grant agreements under multiannual Framework Partnership Agreements (to be concluded during 2014 for a period of 4 years).
Legal basis	Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, in particular article 85 (d) and 89 thereof. RAP Articles 178 and 190 (1) (d)
Budget	€ 1 750 000
Description	Advisory Councils (ACs) have the main function of advising the European Commission and the Member States on the management of fisheries and the socio-economic and conservation aspects of fisheries and aquaculture by submitting recommendations, suggestions or opinions. Public funding is needed to enable the ACs to function fully and provide the advice needed – failing this, there is a risk that the ACs would not be set up or at least would not be effective. The ACs which have acquired legal personality are given the possibility to apply for EU financial support as bodies pursuing an aim of general European interest within the meaning of Article 177(b) of the Rules of Application of the Financial Regulation.

	Operating grant agreements will be concluded with the following ACs: North Sea AC; North Western Waters AC; Pelagic AC; Black Sea AC, Aquaculture AC, the Outermost regions AC and Markets AC.
Objectives and expected results	Improved management of the Common Fisheries Policy by involving stakeholders active/interested in the fisheries and aquaculture issues covered by the ACs in policy-making and implementation. Relevant advice to the Commission on management issues relating to the fisheries and aquaculture covered by the ACs. Improved dialogue between the various parties affected by the CFP.
Cofinancing involved	For each of the 7 ACs, the co-financing will be capped at € 250 000 (90% of the eligible costs).
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Approximate timetable	Specific grant agreements, under the multiannual Framework Partnership Agreements, will be concluded in the 2 nd half of 2014.

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.

1.3.1.1. Development and implementation of integrated governance of maritime and coastal affairs and visibility of the IMP

Type	Specific service contracts linked to an existing or future framework contract. New Framework contract for the organisation of conference and events.
Budget	€ 1 290 000
Subject	In order to promote the IMP in the context of sea-basin strategies and through specific maritime policy actions a number of events are foreseen to be held during 2014. These include activities such as: – the establishment of a maritime stakeholder forum including an interactive website in the Baltic,, – a conference within the framework of the Pan-European dialogue between cruise operators, port operators and coastal tourism stakeholders, – the Sustainable development of the blue economy of Black Sea/Black Sea Stakeholders Conference early 2015, – thematic events on MSP (including continuity of funding for the MSP workshop series), – the European Maritime Day 2015, – stakeholder events in the Mediterranean, – Stakeholder events on Integrated Maritime Policies.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders for a new Framework Contract for events on IMP and CFP to be concluded by DG MARE.

	Some 15 specific contracts to be concluded in 2014 under the new framework contract or under other existing framework contracts concluded by the Commission Services and suitable for the organisation of events.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders for the Framework Contract to be launched in the 3 rd quarter of 2014 and framework contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014. Specific contracts concluded in the 3 rd and 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.2. Maritime Forum

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing or future framework contract.
Budget	€ 260 000
Subject	DG COMM, with the support of the DGT and DIGIT, has started a web rationalisation initiative to cut down the number of the Commission's EUROPA web pages and web content management technologies with the objective of increasing relevancy, coherence and cost-efficiency Therefore, based on experience with DG-MARE's maritime forum, DIGIT have developed a multi-site toolkit for dynamic web-site development using open-source platform Instead of being run by a webmaster, it allows content to be provided by groups of stakeholders that can either be kept within a closed community or disseminated further. It includes shared calendars, e-mail alerts and the ability to provide comments. This includes the Commission's ECAS system for user authentication which is familiar to Commission users and also allows outside stakeholders to register. The work includes maintenance of the maritime forum, a web-site for European Maritime Day and the Mediterranean Virtual Knowledge Centre
Implementing modalities	Framework Contract (STIS-III No DI/07057 and STIS-III No DI/07059) managed by DIGIT and through a cross-sub -delegation with DIGIT. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	One-year specific contract to be concluded in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.3.1.3. Seabasin checkpoints

Type	Service contract divided in four lots
Budget	€ 4 350 000 (for a 3-year contract)
Subject	The aim of the checkpoints is to assess how fit-for-purpose the monitoring network of marine observations and surveying strategies is in the sea-basin and to guide the development of an approach that meets the needs of all stakeholders, including in support of the implementation of the MSFD. The work includes: a) test cases to assess fitness for purpose (e. g. estimate how many fish are caught, how the water temperature has changed, best sites for wind-farms, coastal erosion etc.); b) panels of experts (including Regional Sea Conventions, Advisory Councils for fisheries, wind-farm developers, coastal

	authorities and other key stakeholders); c) delivery of reports summarising fitness for purpose of data, gaps in networks, new techniques that could be more cost-effective. There will be four lots: Atlantic, Arctic, Baltic and Black Sea. The Atlantic study would cover the northern Atlantic with special focus on European coasts, Macaronesia, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana and international waters. It will contribute to meeting the objectives of the Galway agreement. Lessons learned from the ongoing contracts for North Sea and Mediterranean will be applied..
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contracts to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.4. Coastal Mapping

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 1 330 000
Subject	Technologies for mapping seas and land are well established but the interface between them is problematical. Shallow water, small islands, tides and changing topography mean that mapping this narrow strip is the most time-consuming and expensive part of any seabed mapping programme. Unfortunately, this is precisely the area of major interest for ecosystem, erosions and human activities such as navigation, aquaculture and or tourism. It will facilitate more integrated planning of the use of marine resources, taking into account land-sea interactions and efforts of the Joint Research Centre and the European Environment Agency. The contract will deliver a prototype digital coastline map of Europe for inclusion in EMODnet and contribute to a defined coastline boundary at Highest Astronomical Tide level.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.5. Atlantic Stakeholder Conference

Type	Specific service contracts linked to existing or new framework contracts
Budget	€ 150 000
Subject	For the Atlantic Action Plan several conferences have been organised to gather valuable input from stakeholders and to disseminate information about the Atlantic process. A lesson learnt from this exercise is that keeping the momentum is key for the Atlantic. The assistance mechanism which will help in setting up projects will not start until early 2015. That is why it is necessary to organise an Atlantic Stakeholder Conference towards the end of 2014. As Portugal is chairing the Atlantic Strategy Group during 2014, being responsible for coordinating the actions of the Atlantic Action Plan it is envisaged to organise the stakeholder conference in Porto.
Implementing	Co-delegation to DG Interpretation (SCIC) that will contract the

modalities	required services under the existing or new framework contracts.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.6. Ocean Energy Forum

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 750 000
Subject	The Communication on blue energy proposes the establishment of an 'ocean energy forum' to bring together industry and the public sector in order to optimize the potential for further development and deployment of ocean energy. The output of this ocean energy forum should be a strategic roadmap for the ocean energy sector, which is to be finalised in 2016. The contractor shall provide secretarial functions for the ocean energy forum and will be responsible for the final drafting of the strategic roadmap, based on the work and inputs from the working groups. For the day-to-day functioning of the ocean energy forum, a website should be established as an interface for the users that want to contribute to or participate in ongoing discussions. Four conferences involving all the stakeholders are to be organised before 2016: one in the second half of 2014, two in 2015 and one in the first half of 2016.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3rd quarter of 2014. Contract (running until the end of 2016) to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.7. Assistance mechanism for the implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 1 330 000
Subject	Maritime Spatial Planning is being developed in an increasing number of Member States. The prospects are that in the mid-term, all EU MS will have to draw up maritime plans for their waters. Implementing MSP requires regional or national authorities to mobilize data, stakeholders and implementation procedures, all of which are resources intensive. The mechanism would act as a capacity building programme to help MS and regions find sources of funding from the various EU funds and help tailor their request to the priorities of the EU. This would build and share knowledge on the implementation of MSP and will avoid that MS overlook best practices and sources of funding. The objectives of the contract are the following: (a) Study on MSP best practices: 1. Establish a methodology that allows to compare MSP processes, to analyse the success factors, and to derive a set of best practices. 2. Build-up a policy-driven expertise to answer concrete issues

	facing national/regional authorities in implementing MSP. (b) Assistance mechanism: 3. Guidance: The assistance mechanism will disseminate information on MSP implementation and funding, through tools such as a specifically-built web site. The assistance mechanism will set up a team of individuals ("focal point service") who will work with MS to provide technical and administrative guidance for implementation of MSP initiatives. 4. Pro-active project development: The assistance mechanism will bring potential project partners together, and will advise them on the use of EU financial instruments for the development of MSP. 5. Outreach: the assistance mechanism will create a network of contacts/experts including from the private sector, regional authorities, clusters and Member State authorities. The contract may be renewed up to three times. In the first year, the contract will cover both the study on best practice and the assistance mechanism. From the second year, the contract will only cover activities linked to the assistance mechanism.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.8. Study on international best practices for cross-border Maritime Spatial Planning

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 530 000
Subject	Maritime Spatial Planning is currently being developed in many areas of the world. US and Canada have long been at the forefront of implementing MSP, especially though the co-management of the Gulf of Maine. Cooperation on cross-border planning issues is also developing (inter alia) between China and Korea, the Seychelles and Mauritius, Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia, etc. The EU is also developing EU expertise through its projects in the Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic and Mediterranean. The study will build on the results of the conference series of the Draeger Foundation on "Good Governance for Sustainable Marine Development, and the results of the EU-funded CALAMAR project (EU and US transatlantic cooperation in maritime governance) and, which ended in 2011 by making a clear case for intensified knowledge sharing on ocean governance at international level. The study will compare existing MSP systems which ensure efficient cooperation in cross-border planning and will identify best practices in: – Exchange of data.

	– Cross-sectorial management. – Stakeholder engagement. – Ecosystem-based approach. The study should be policy-oriented to provide concrete recommendations for the development of cross-border cooperation in EU MS.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.9. Study on specific challenges for a sustainable development of coastal and maritime tourism in Europe

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing framework contract
Budget	€ 380 000
Subject	Maritime and coastal tourism has been highlighted as one of the sectors with a high potential for growth and jobs in Europe. The long term strategy for a sustainable coastal tourism is part of the Blue Growth Strategy, and it promotes a sustainable and competitive European tourism sector in a global market. The main objectives of this study will be to: a) Address some of the core challenges and deficiencies that the European coastal and maritime tourism sector faces; b) Identify and exchange best and innovative practices, c) Develop, where appropriate, relevant guidelines; d) Highlight ways and policies to increase the competitiveness of coastal and maritime destinations, in particular islands.
Implementing modalities	Specific contract under the "Framework Contract for identifying and supporting Blue Growth projects in emerging sectors" (MARE/2012/06) This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.10. Study supporting a possible network of maritime training academies and institutes in the Mediterranean sea-basin

Type	Specific service contracts linked to existing framework contracts
Budget	€ 260 000
Subject	This action follows-up on the tripartite initiative launched over 2011-2013 between the EC, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) aimed at improving marine and maritime cooperation in the Mediterranean region. The possibility of stimulating cross-border cooperation across training academies/institutes from EU and non-EU countries relevant for the maritime domain emerged in two instances: (1) a feasibility study carried out by the EIB and finalised in 2012 (2) the 12 th FEMIP

	(Facilité euro-méditerranéenne d'investissement et de partenariat) Conference "Mediterranean blue economy: enhancing marine and maritime cooperation" held in Athens on 17-18 April 2013. This study will aim at assessing the feasibility, added-value and available options for setting in motion such a network, be it for instance on a test-basis between 2 or more interested Mediterranean academies, or at the level of the whole sea-basin. The network should seek to involve all types of entities providing training in the different areas of the blue economy, as well as coastguard-related activities. The study shall be accompanied by one or more working sessions involving interested academies, institutes or universities, as well as students if considered appropriate.
Implementing modalities	1 specific contract linked to the "Framework Contract for identifying and supporting Blue Growth projects in emerging sectors" (MARE/2012/06) and/or 1 specific contract linked to the "Framework Contract for support to the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy of the European Union" (MARE/2012/07). This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract/s to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.11. Support research work for blue economy development and innovation through a Virtual Knowledge Centre

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing framework contract
Budget	€ 200 000
Subject	This action follows-up on the tripartite initiative launched over 2011-2013 between the EC, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) aimed at improving marine and maritime cooperation in the Mediterranean region. The necessity and added value of developing a Virtual Knowledge Centre (VKC) on marine and maritime affairs in the Mediterranean emerged. The ultimate objective of the VKC will be the development of an on-line web portal allowing for the consolidation and sharing of available information and data in order to improve synergies across the different existing initiatives, projects and data gathered in relation to marine and maritime affairs in Blue Growth in the Mediterranean region. The objective of this specific action will be to support research work for the future development of the content of the VKC (eg mapping of IMP projects at national and regional level, country details on IMP and Blue growth issues, mapping of co-operation networks (eg maritime clusters), identification and promotion of innovative emerging technologies, etc.) with a view to support blue economy and innovation in the region. Further on editorial support should be given to ensure the sustainability of the VKC after its launch and to continuously collect and update information, answer users' queries, and liaise with the structure in charge of the site hosting.

Implementing modalities	Specific contract linked to the "Framework Contract for support to the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy of the European Union" (MARE/2012/07) This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.12. Development of specific IT components for CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment)

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing framework contract
Budget	€ 960 000
Subject	Following an in-depth requirements phase, building on the results from the CISE Cooperation Project, the Commission will elaborate functional specifications for the IT supporting tools envisaged in the CISE CORE vision. These IT components will have to be set up in coordination with the ongoing Commission rationalization initiative of trans-European systems between administrations (TES). The objective is to take over part of the functionalities in the corporate solutions, and to implement the rest in additional modules plugged to those corporate solutions. Existing technical solutions will be reused as much as possible. Any development will be envisaged only if none of these existing solutions fit the CISE needs. The object of this action is to outsource the development of the above mentioned additional modules. IT components in scope include solutions for information exchange and connectivity (gateways), a registry of authorities and services (including virtual collaboration tools), and a data dictionary to disseminate the common data model.
Implementing modalities	One specific contract linked to a Framework contract managed by DIGIT (ESP-DESI II) This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.13. Scoping study on maritime economic data

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 460 000
Subject	The analysis of the maritime economy in the Baltic and North Sea areas has provided a very good basis for the development of Blue Growth actions in both sea basins. However, a number of elements are difficult to analyse further, including detailed growth, GVA and employment figures for coastal regions and sea areas. Some of these limitations are related to statistical nomenclature issues, others to lack of data aggregated or not, in sea basins. The study's aim is to assess the optimal approach to improve overall data on the maritime economy in the perspective, of being able to develop employment, GVA (Gross Value Added) and growth figures for the whole of the maritime economy in coastal regions as well as marine areas. The outcome of the study would allow defining the scope for a detailed larger study which would establish detailed methodologies

	and statistical nomenclatures for analysing the maritime economy in the above sea basins.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.14. Coordination within and between different marine regions in implementing the eco system approach

Type	Specific service contracts linked to an existing framework contract.
Budget	€ 500 000
Subject	The implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC (OJ L 164, 25.06.2008, p. 19) requires coherent approaches within and between marine regions. This is particularly important for Member States which share marine waters in different regions. Therefore a coordination mechanism for inter-regional cooperation in relation to assessment, target setting and monitoring of marine waters, involving at least the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (OSPAR), the Barcelona Convention, the Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (HELCOM) and the Bucharest Convention. It is supported by a number of activities supporting all marine regions (North East Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic Sea and Black Sea), such as regular workshops, exchange of best practices, alignment of reporting or knowledge exchange, progress towards good environmental status building on existing collaboration. In particular, the specific contracts will support the implementation in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea as regards improving the monitoring and the infrastructure for data and information exchange (two contracts). In addition, a second phase for the development of a cross-regional information exchange platform as a building block for WISE-Marine will be further developed in close collaboration with the European Environment Agency.
Implementing modalities	Up to five specific contracts linked to the Framework Contract ENV.D.2/FRA/2012/0017 The action will be implemented by DG ENV C/2 through a co-delegation.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.15. Development of methodological aspects in relation to good environmental status

Type	Specific service contracts linked to an existing framework contract.
Budget	€ 150 000
Subject	Based on Commission Decision 2010/477/EU and the CSWP (SEC(2011) 1255), the criteria and methodological standards for many of the 11 descriptors of good environmental status need to be developed in more detail and, as far as possible, harmonised, at least within each marine region. The latest scientific and technical knowledge and approached will have to be harvested from the leading scientific institutes and institutions. Specific actions will be taken to

	address (certain) descriptors as regards their assessment and monitoring, e.g. by developing common indicators. In particular, follow up action will be launched in relation to assessment questions in relation to scales and aggregation, ad hoc technical and scientific support for the revision of the 2010 Decision and the assessment aspects with regards to marine protected areas (MPAs).
Implementing modalities	Up to two specific contracts linked to the Framework Contract ENV.D.2/FRA/2012/0019 The action will be implemented by DG ENV C/2 through a co-delegation.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.16. Emerging pressures, human activities and cost-effective measures (and their financing) in the marine environment

Type	Specific service contracts linked to an existing framework contract.
Budget	€ 150 000
Subject	Project focused on the origin, extent and possible measures in relation to emerging pressures on the marine environment, in particular marine litter, invasive species, etc. or emerging sectors with increasing impact on the marine environment addressing a cross-sector concern in the framework of the ecosystem approach (link to descriptors in Annex I of Marine Strategy Framework Directive). Their impact on the marine environment and possible measures at global, EU and (sub-) national level should be identified. In particular, action in relation to marine litter, underwater noise, best practice exchange and financing opportunities will be continued. Further actions may focus on the preparation of a cost-effective programme of measures.
Implementing modalities	Up to three specific service contracts linked to the Framework Contract ENV.D.2/FRA/2012/0025 The action will be implemented by DG ENV C/2 through a co-delegation.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.1.17. Ex post evaluation of work progress under the Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy, as required by Article 13 (2) (b) of Regulation (EU) No. 1255/2011

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 150 000
Subject	Article 13 (2) (b) of Regulation (EU) 1255/2011 establishing the programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy, requires the Commission to submit an ex post evaluation report to Council and Parliament no later than 31 st December 2014. The objective of the contract is to carry out this ex post evaluation of the efficacy, efficiency and relevance of the use that has been made of this financial instrument established by Regulation (EU) 1255/2011.
Implementing modalities	Framework Contract MARE 2011/01 "Evaluation and impact assessment activities for the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs

	and Fisheries": Lot 1 "Retrospective and prospective evaluations on integrated maritime policy". The action will be implemented by DG MARE E1.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.2. **Budget Heading 11 06 62 01**

SCIENTIFIC ADVICE AND KNOWLEDGE

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(a) and 86 thereof.

1.3.2.1. Scientific advice for Fisheries Beyond EU Waters

Type	Specific service contracts linked to an existing Framework Contract
Budget	€ 1 000 000
Subject	The objective of these specific contracts is to provide the European Commission with scientific responses needed for the provision of the advice, which is necessary for the day-to-day policy and management of fisheries managed under Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements, in the context of the external dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy. In particular, the scope of these contracts covers fisheries targeting highly migratory species, small pelagic, demersal and deep sea resources in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Ocean, Antarctic and Arctic, and adjacent seas (excluding the Mediterranean and Black Sea for non-tuna resources).
Implementing modalities	About 7 specific contracts will be concluded under the framework contract (MARE/2012/21) 'Scientific advice for fisheries beyond EU waters'. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts spread in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.2.2. Study on the economic importance of activities ancillary to fishing in the EU

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing Framework Contract
Budget	€ 400 000
Subject	The study will assess the socioeconomic importance of activities ancillary to fishing in the EU. It will focus on the economic activities directly linked to those of the fisheries sector. It will provide a baseline of data and analysis on activities whose contribution to the economics of fisheries communities has so far been overlooked. It will thus contribute to characterizing and assessing upstream and downstream activities with a direct link to the EU fisheries sector and will contribute to evaluation-related services.
Implementing modalities	Specific contract linked to the Framework Contract MARE/2011/01 – Lot 2 "Retrospective and prospective evaluation of the CFP excluding its international dimension", or another suitable framework contract. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

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1.3.2.3. Evaluation of the consistency between the external dimension of the CFP and the development of a pan-African approach to fisheries management as defined by the African Union.

Type	Specific service contract linked to an existing Framework Contract
Budget	€ 75 000
Subject	This study aims to evaluate the interactions, consistencies or discrepancies, complementarities and possible ways of improving and strengthening the coherence between the sectoral policy support of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) and the policy development as applied in the African regional context, taking into account recent initiatives of the African Union to improve the governance of fisheries in its area of competence.
Implementing modalities	One specific contract linked to the Framework Contract MARE/2011/01 – Lot 3 "Retrospective and prospective evaluation on the international dimension of the CFP", or another suitable framework contract. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.2.4. Study on the approaches to management for data-poor stocks in mixed fisheries

Type	Service Contract
Budget	€ 1 000 000
Subject	The aim of the study is to explore possible approaches to managing mixed fisheries. These approaches might involve, for instance, using simpler models for stock assessment, or making use of information on the species' biology or on catch rates in the main fisheries. The issue is of relevance to most EU waters, and this project could usefully address case studies from a number of different areas.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.2.5. Evaluation tools for multi-stock management plans

Type	Service Contract
Budget	€ 100 000
Subject	The move towards mixed-fishery/multi-species management plans will require a comparable approach based on models of a number of different fish stocks and also of the fleets and fisheries that exploit these stocks. Some work is already underway in a number of Framework 7 projects, but a relatively small study should help ensure that the results from these projects can be tailored to meet the needs of DG MARE.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.

Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.
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1.3.2.6. Study on the implementation of the landing obligation in the Black Sea

Type	Service Contract
Budget	€ 100 000
Subject	The objective of the study is the assessment of the main implications of the implementation of landing obligation, including "de minimis" provisions in the small pelagic and turbot fisheries in the Black Sea.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014

1.3.2.7. Evaluation of specific management scenarios for the preparation of multiannual management plans in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

Type	Service Contract
Budget	€ 300 000
Subject	Multiannual management plans are considered a crucial mechanism to manage fish stocks according to MSY (Maximum Sustainable Yield). The multiannual plans should fix mortality rates at a level that can help us obtain larger stocks over time. The main objective of the proposed service contracts is to assess specific management scenarios in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea in order to establish the relevant management plans in accordance with the CFP objectives and with the guidelines adopted by GFCM.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.3.2.8. Evaluation of fishing zones defined by Sustainable Fishery Partnership Agreements with emphasis on EEZs and areas under dispute

Type	Specific Service Contract linked to an existing Framework Contract
Budget	€ 75 000
Subject	The objective of the study is to evaluate and assess difficulties with delimitation of fishing zones and provide the Commission with a compilation of fishing zones and the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) established by Sustainable Fishery Partnership Agreements (SFPA). The study should identify areas and EEZs under dispute. For each SFPA the geographical coordinates delimiting fishing zones, EEZs and areas under dispute, as well as their legal status, should be provided together with maps.
Implementing modalities	One specific contract linked to the Framework Contract MARE/2011/01 – Lot 3 "Retrospective and prospective evaluation on the international dimension of the CFP", or another suitable framework contract. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate	Specific service contract to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

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1.3.3. **Budget heading 11 06 62 02**

CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

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 87 (2), (b) and (c).

1.3.3.1. Provision of IT services and supplies

Type	Specific service contracts linked to existing Framework Contracts - direct supply and services contracts
Budget	€ 3 100 000
Subject	Development and maintenance of IT applications to support inspection and control activities, IT supplies to support these applications, inspection and control activities. Access to databases, development of data analysis. IT systems in the framework of TAC and Quotas (preparation and follow-up), VMS, Master data management and ERS exchange systems.
Implementing modalities	Some 11 direct contracts and some 35 specific contracts linked to existing framework contracts: DIGIT/ESP/DESI II, lots 1, 2 and ITSS ² . Future framework contract managed by DIGIT (ref. ESP-DESI III)
Approximate timetable	Direct and specific contracts spread in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.3.2. Equipment for European Commission officials

Type	Supply and service contracts
Budget	€ 15 000
Subject	Protection and safety equipment and materials required for verification, inspection and audit related tasks
Implementing modalities	5 direct contracts.
Approximate timetable	Direct contracts spread in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.3.3.3. Organisation of the meetings of the experts group on fisheries control

Type	Specific contracts linked to existing Framework Contracts - supply and services contracts
Budget	€ 40 000
Subject	Covering the expenses relating to the organisation of meetings of the experts group on fisheries control (logistical and administrative costs)

Implementing modalities	6 direct contracts and some 40 specific contracts linked to framework contracts: OIB.DR.2/PC/2012/117/55//C0/L1 (Lot A) – L2 (Lot B) and L3 (Lot C)
Approximate timetable	Direct and specific contracts spread in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.3.3.4. Study - Ex-post evaluation of the control regulation

Type	Specific contract linked to existing Framework Contracts - supply and services contracts
Budget	€ 250 000
Subject	Covering the expenses relating to an evaluation of the impact of this Regulation on the common fisheries policy to be undertaken by the Commission five years after the entry into force of this Regulation accordingly to Art. 118 (3) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009
Implementing modalities	Specific contract(s) under framework contract: Lot 2 of MARE/2011/01 (Lot C)
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.3.3.5. International training programmes

Type	Service contracts
Budget	€ 139 690
Subject	Covering the expenses relating to the organisation of international training programmes for personnel responsible for monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities, particularly in the framework of the fight against IUU fishery.
Implementing modalities	Direct service contracts
Approximate timetable	Contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014

1.3.3.6. Standardisation of the interpretation of regulations

Type	Specific service contracts linked to existing Framework Contracts - direct supply and services contracts
Budget	€ 100 000
Subject	Covering the expenses relating to initiatives, including seminars and media tools for standardising of the interpretation of regulations and associated controls in the Union
Implementing modalities	1 direct contract Specific contract(s) under framework contracts: MARE/2008/08, MARE/2011/01, MARE/2012/12
Approximate timetable	Specific and direct contracts to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014

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.

1.3.4.1. Public relations, information and communication measures relating to the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy

Type	Specific service contracts linked to existing or future framework contracts
Budget	€ 3 521 245
Subject	Provision and coordination of information, communication and public relations actions including, inter alia: - publications, producing information packs and other materials, including audiovisuals (also including the new EMFF), - hiring of stands, publicity for the participation in fairs and exhibitions, publications on a range of topics, - web development and updating of web-pages, revamping of existing websites, - translations, - organisation of conferences, events and seminars or workshops on maritime policy and fisheries and on the EMFF (such as for example the Seafood exhibition, the 2014 European Maritime Day, conferences on maritime policy issues such as regional maritime strategies, coastguard cooperation, maritime spatial planning, marine knowledge and surveillance, seminars on the CFP Reform, including aquaculture policy and on the reform of the Common Organisation of the Markets in fishery and aquaculture products, science, conference on community-led local development in fisheries areas for Fisheries Local Action Groups, etc.), - information about fisheries legislation in Member States as well as in third countries, - Production of promotional material, purchasing of advertising space, design, production and distribution of charts such as for instance on the TACs and quotas. Procurement of evaluation and impact assessment related services connected to information and communication activities for the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy.
Implementing modalities	These specific contracts will be linked to: - the framework contract (MARE/2012/12) of Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries for "Information and communication activities relating to the European Union's integrated maritime policy (IMP) and to the common fisheries policy (CFP)"; - the framework contract for 'Evaluation and impact assessment activities for DG MARE (ref. MARE/2011/01); - the future framework contract for the organisation and events related to the IMP and CFP; - other framework contracts managed by other Commission services (DG COMM, SCIC, OP, PMO, etc.). For publications and related services, some of the actions could be implemented through the service level agreement with OP signed on

	22/01/2013 under the regime of budget co-delegation; For the conferences, some of the actions could be implemented through a service level agreement with DG SCIC including the financial management (co-delegation). Some 45-60 specific contracts will be concluded in 2014. Translations for information and communication activities can also be provided by DGT through the service level agreement signed with DG MARE.
Approximate timetable	Specific contracts spread in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.3.5. **Budget heading 11 06 62 05**

MARKET INTELLIGENCE

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(e) and 90 thereof.
- Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the common organisation of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1184/2006 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 104/2000, and in particular Art. 42 thereof (Market Intelligence).

1.3.5.1. European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture (EUMOFA)

Type	Service contract
Budget	€ 4 944 000 for one year contract (renewable 3 times).
Subject	Contract for the running and maintenance of the European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture (EUMOFA), which is a market intelligence tool on the European Union fisheries and aquaculture sector. The EUMOFA aims to increase market transparency and efficiency, analyse EU markets dynamics and support business decisions and policy-making.
Implementing modalities	Call for tenders
Approximate timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 3 rd quarter of 2014. Contract to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2014.

1.4. **OTHER ACTIONS**

1.4.1. **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.

1.4.1.1. Memorandum of Understanding with DIGIT for development of corporate solutions for CISE and Quality Assurance

Type	Memorandum of Understanding
Budget	€ 1 380 000
Subject	The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to implement or upgrade existing corporate solutions to be used to realize the CISE CORE vision. This shall be done in coordination with the ongoing rationalization initiative of trans-European systems between administrations (TES). This action is made on the basis of the assumption that these corporate solutions will be supplied by DG DIGIT. If the corporate solution is managed by another Commission DG, a different agreement with that DG would have to be established. The objective is to reuse existing technical solutions as much as possible. Any new development will only be launched if no existing solutions fit the CISE needs. These corporate solutions concern information exchange and connectivity, and a registry of authorities and services (including virtual collaboration tools). The work includes in particular: - defining detailed requirements for CISE and elaborating functional specifications; - assessing the impact of these on corporate solutions (namely on TES and on registry of authorities and services); - agreeing on an upgrade of those corporate solutions; - upgrading the corporate solutions – a first release with limited functionalities would be envisaged under that initial budget. CISE requirements which will not be implemented in the corporate solutions will be implemented in additional modules plugged to the corporate solutions, or reused from existing technical solutions. This action includes Quality Assurance.
Implementing modalities	Memorandum of Understanding with DIGIT to be concluded by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.4.1.2. Administrative Arrangement with JRC for the definition of CISE central components and realisation of a TEST CISE

Type	Administrative Arrangement
Budget	€ 2 340 000
Subject	The objective of this AA is to work on the definition and realisation of central components for CISE (IT supporting tools plus common data model) to realize the CISE CORE vision, and to test them with Member States. The activities described in this AA will be carried out in close collaboration with the ones foreseen in the “Memorandum of Understanding with DG DIGIT for development of corporate solutions for CISE”. Specific subjects of the AA are: – Common Data Model and services: Refining and enlarging the scope of the common data model and services defined in the CISE Cooperation Project (these have been defined by Member States, reusing existing data models). – Protocols, gateway specifications and reference implementation: This task includes the contribution to the specification of the

	gateway (including protocols), based upon the CISE requirements, and the follow up of the implementation of solution for information exchange and connectivity. JRC will test and validate the solution. This task will be in line with the effort of rationalisation of trans-European systems between administrations (ISA 2.14). – Data dictionary: The JRC will test and populate the Data Dictionary solution (provided by DIGIT) during the elaboration of the common data model and services. – Testing: This task includes preparatory work for setting up a test that will involve Member States authorities or EU agencies. During the test, the JRC will provide technical assistance to the participants. – Common registry of authorities: The JRC will contribute to the definition of detailed requirements for the software serving as registry of authorities that will be procured/developed by DIGIT. The JRC will test the full solution and populate it with all participating authorities.
Implementing modalities	Administrative Arrangement with JRC for the definition of CISE central components and realisation of a TEST CISE to be concluded by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Administrative Arrangement to be concluded in the 2 nd half of 2014.

1.4.2. **Budget heading 11 06 62 01**

SCIENTIFIC ADVICE AND KNOWLEDGE

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(a) and 86 thereof.
- Commission Decision of 4 February 2010 amending Commission Decision 2005/629/EC establishing a Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries and in particular Article 9 thereof.

1.4.2.1. Implementation of the administrative arrangement between the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries and the Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Type	Administrative Arrangement
Budget	€ 1 130 000
Subject	The purpose of the administrative arrangement is to support the data collection framework in the fisheries sector and the scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy. The JRC is also providing scientific, technical and administrative support to facilitate the efficient functioning of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF).
Implementing modalities	Conclusion of an administrative arrangement with the JRC for the period September 2014 – March 2015
Approximate timetable	Conclusion of the Administrative Arrangement in the 2 nd half of 2014.

- 1.4.2.2. Payment of a compensation to the members of the STECF and/or the experts invited by the STECF for delivering background reports prior to STECF meetings and working groups and for their participation and work performed during the working groups, plenary sessions.

Type	Payments for STECF members and invited experts
Budget	€ 410 000
Subject	Payment of indemnities to the members of the STECF and/or the experts invited by the STECF for delivering background reports prior to STECF meetings and working groups and for their participation and work performed during the working groups, plenary sessions. The implementation of Community policy for fisheries and aquaculture requires the assistance of highly qualified scientific personnel, particularly in the application of the marine and fisheries biology, fishing technology, fisheries economics or similar disciplines, or in connection with the requirements of research and data collection in the fields of fishing and aquaculture. This assistance will be provided by a permanent Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) set up within the Commission.
Implementing modalities	Individual payments
Approximate timetable	Payments spread throughout 2014

- 1.4.2.3. Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

Type	Memorandum of Understanding
Budget	€ 1 600 000
Subject	Financing of the services to be provided according to the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The general objective is to set up the basis for the provision to the EC by ICES of advice and other services to support the implementation of the CFP and related policies and in relation to data and marine research needs to support this policy.
Implementing modalities	Memorandum of Understanding with ICES
Approximate timetable	Memorandum of Understanding to be concluded in the 3 rd quarter of 2014.

1.4.3. **Budget heading 11 06 62 02**

CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

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 87 (2) (a) and 87 (4) thereof.

1.4.3.1. Chartering of patrol vessels for control

Type	Union financial contribution
Budget	€ 10 800 000
Subject	The objective is to support the Member States in fulfilling their control and enforcement responsibilities under the CFP, from a regionalised perspective, by providing a Union financial contribution towards the chartering of control means (vessels) which will be used by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area/sea basin. The chartering is intended to cover 3-4 patrol vessels for roughly one year in 3-4 different geographical areas. All Member States with responsibility for fisheries control at sea will be invited to submit a proposal specifying, inter alia, the geographical area concerned and the other Member States participating in the proposal. To be eligible, as a general rule, at least 3 Member States should be involved in the proposal. In accordance with Article 87 (4) of the EMFF Regulation, only one of the Member States per geographical area involved should be designated as the beneficiary, and will be granted the Union contribution. Proposals will be selected for financing on the basis of the following criteria: – Degree of effective integration of the chartering in an existing SCIP (Specific control and inspection programmes, according to Article 95 of the Control Regulation³), in an existing common control programme (Art. 94 of the Control regulation), or in an existing common control and inspection programme as defined in Art. 15 of the EFCA Regulation⁴. – Degree of coherence of the use of the chartered vessel with the control needs identified by EFCA, in its coordination role, for the area concerned (A summary of these needs per geographical area will be communicated to the Member States with the request to submit the proposal). – Degree to which the patrol vessel will be used in control activities in support of relevant multi-annual plans (where these exist), or in support of the fulfilment of the EU's Mediterranean obligations. – Number of Member States participating in the chartering of the shared means in each geographical area compared to the potential number of participant Member States. – The proposed cooperation and management mechanisms to be put in place by the participating Member States, to ensure optimal use of the vessel. – Number of days for which the Member States have committed to use the vessel for fisheries control (minimum 60% of time spent at sea).

³ Regulation (EC) N° 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009

⁴ Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005

	– Quality of the methodology and effectiveness of the practical arrangements proposed for the management of the vessels and of the chartering contract. The beneficiary Member States will be selected by DG MARE. The selected Member States will be responsible for the procurement procedures and will conclude yearly contracts. These contracts should be renewable up to three times. This procurement will be limited to civil control vessels not owned or controlled by the Member States or their agencies. Support to the selected Member States may be renewed in subsequent years subject to the satisfactory implementation of the proposed programme (adjusted as necessary in the light of experience), the availability of the necessary budget and the adoption by the Commission a financing decision permitting the continuation of the support. Rate of the Union financial contribution: maximum 70 %.
Implementing modalities	Union financial contributions provided to individual Member States designated as beneficiaries. This action will be implemented by EASME.
Approximate timetable	Selection of beneficiary Member States in the 2nd half of 2014 on the basis of the criteria specified above.

1.4.3.2. Missions to ensure the implementation of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), including missions to evaluate and control the application of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)

Subject: The aim of the missions is to control and evaluate the implementation of the CFP. This includes, inter alia, missions to verify application of CFP rules in accordance with Title X of the Control Regulation. It also includes participation at meetings on the implementation of the Control Regulation and other CFP Rules.

Amount: € 500 000

1.4.3.3. Meeting of the experts group on fisheries control

Subject: The action aim at financing the costs related to the meetings of the expert group on fisheries controls are devoted to examining implementation of the common fisheries policy.

Amount: € 270 000

1.4.3.4. New control technologies

Subject: The purpose of the action, to be implemented through an administrative arrangement, is to assess the existing fisheries control technologies and to develop possible new control technologies to improve compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy in a cost-effective way.

This can include new technologies such as drones, DNA analysis. This covers also the processes for the exchange of data which is a large part of the obligations of

Member States under the control regulation and its implementing rules (mutual access to and exchange of electronic fishing logbook data, transshipment declaration data and landing declaration data) and other provisions of the new common fisheries policy. Common rules exist to process such data, to ensure access to it by the Commission and specifying the requirements for the exchange of data; they have to be assessed and developed further if necessary.

Amount: € 200 000

1.4.3.5. Training of European Commission officials involved in verification, autonomous inspections and audits

Subject: Financing of the costs for the training of European Commission officials involved in verification, autonomous inspections and audits.

Amount: € 25 000

1.4.4. 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.

1.4.4.1. Publications to enhance the dialogue with the fishing industry and those affected by the CFP (OP)

Subject: Financing the costs for storage, distribution and production services provided by the Publications Office (OP).

Amount: € 120 000

1.4.4.2. DG MARE contribution to the "Corporate Communication" (DG COMM)

Subject: DG MARE contribution to the "Corporate communication under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020" (23.9.2013 SEC(2013) 486 final). These appropriations will be managed by DG COMM through a co-delegation with DG MARE.

Amount: € 100 000