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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006, No 791/2007 and Regulation No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and Council¹, and in particular Articles 23 and 91 thereof,

Having regard to the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Article 58 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union², and in particular Article 84(2) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012 of 29 October 2012 on the rules of application of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union³, and in particular Article 94 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure implementation of the work programme for 2015 in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the use of technical assistance, it is necessary to adopt a financing decision for 2015. Article 94 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) This Decision should allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 92 of the Financial Regulation and Article 111(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.

¹ OJ L 149, 20.05.2014, p. 1.

² OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

³ OJ L 362, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

- (3) For the application of this Decision, it is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 1268/2012.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The Work programme

The annual work programme for the implementation of the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for 2015, as set out in Annex, is adopted.

The work programme constitutes a financing decision within the meaning of Article 84 of the Financial Regulation for actions funded from appropriations of 2015.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum contribution for the implementation of the operational technical assistance for the year 2015 is set at EUR 4.300.000, and shall be financed from the following line of the general budget of the European Union for 2015:

- (a) 11 06 63 EMFF operational technical assistance 4.300.000 EUR

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft budget for 2015 after the adoption of the budget for 2015 by the budgetary authority or provided for in the provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 94(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1268/2012, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum contribution in Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt the changes referred to in the first paragraph in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 30.10.2014

For the Commission
Maria DAMANAKI
Member of the Commission



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Annex

1. PROCUREMENT

1.1. Budget heading 11 06 63

- Operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission

Legal basis:

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1.1.1. EX post evaluation EFF

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>Ex post evaluation.</p> <p>Article 50 of the EFF Regulation (EC 1198/2006) foresees that the ex-post evaluation of the EFF shall be performed at the initiative and under the responsibility of the Commission in consultation with the Member States and the managing authorities, which shall collect the information necessary for its implementation.</p> <p>The aim of the contract is to obtain the necessary support for the Commission in fulfilling this requirement.</p>
Type of contract	Specific contract based on the Framework contract MARE/2011/01 – Lot 2 – "Retrospective and prospective evaluations on the common fisheries policy, excluding its international dimension.
Indicative Budget	€400.000
Indicative number of contracts envisaged	1 specific contract
Implementation	DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in January 2015

¹ OJ L 149, 20.05.2014, p. 1.

1.1.2. FAME: Help Desk for the EMFF monitoring and evaluation network

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>The ESI funds are underpinned by a stronger "result-orientation". In the case of the EMFF, this has been fostered by the establishment of a new Common Monitoring and Evaluation System, which will require new evaluations functions and tasks to be undertaken by the Commission and the Member States. This will require a long-term effort to progressively build the capacity to effectively address this challenge. This effort should be undertaken collectively with the MS in order to foster a reinforced evaluation culture in both DG MARE and the MS.</p> <p>The contract foresees the provision of support services to help the Commission undertake a set of tasks linked to this new monitoring and evaluation system and fulfil the new obligations included in the Common Provisions Regulation.</p>
Type of contract	Direct Service Contract
Indicative Budget	€1.000.000 per year
Indicative number of contracts envisaged	1 Service contract renewable 6 times
Implementation	DG MARE
Indicative timetable	<p>Open call for tenders to be published in 3rd quarter of 2014</p> <p>Service contract to be concluded in the 1st quarter of 2015</p>

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

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>The service contract for FARNET I (MARE/2008/09) expires on 19.05.2015. A new Support Unit for the European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET II) will need to be set up. It will be in charge of supporting the implementation of community-led local development in fisheries areas. Its task will be to provide capacity building to FLAGs and managing authorities, to disseminate information, exchange experience and good practice and to support cooperation between the local partnerships.</p> <p>The network will cooperate with the networking and technical support bodies for local development set up for the ERDF, the ESF and the EAFRD as regards their local development activities and transnational co-operation.</p>
Type of contract	Direct Service contract
Indicative Budget	€2.100.000 per year
Indicative number of contracts envisaged	1 Service contract renewable 6 times
Implementation	DG MARE
Indicative timetable	<p>Open Call for tenders to be published in the 3rd quarter of 2014</p> <p>Service contract to be concluded in the 1st quarter of 2015</p>

1.1.4. IT services and supplies

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	Development and maintenance of IT applications to support the implementation of the EMFF and supply of hardware to support these applications.
Type of contract	Specific contracts to be awarded in accordance with the framework agreement of the Directorate-General for informatics (DIGIT).
Indicative Budget	€800.000
Indicative number of contracts envisage	About fifteen specific contracts spread over 2015
Implementation	Part of the appropriations will be subject to cross sub-delegation granted to DG Employment and DG Regional Policy to fund the implementation of SFC2007, SFC2014, SFC2007 back-office and WAVE.
Indicative timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded during 2015.