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**to the**

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION**

**amending Decision C(2014) 9794 of 18 December 2014 concerning the adoption of the  
work programme for 2015 and the financing decision for the implementation of the  
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**

## ANNEX

### Amendment to work programme 2015 EMFF

#### **1.1. Introduction**

On the basis of the objectives set out in the Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund this amendment to the work programme contains changes to the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2015 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.

##### **1.2.1.7. Projects on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Black Sea and/or Mediterranean Sea Regions**

**Point 1.2.1.7 is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grants following a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€569.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Cooperation on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea needs to be fostered through concrete projects and initiatives and by involving concerned countries and multilateral organisations.</p> <p>This action aims at supporting IMP approaches and initiatives and promoting job creation, innovation and entrepreneurship in the blue economy of the Black Sea and/or Mediterranean Sea.</p> <p><b>The action will involve the award of grants each covering one of the following objectives:</b></p> <p><b>a) To pilot public-private partnerships amongst Black Sea and/or Mediterranean stakeholders in order to promote mutual understanding, awareness-raising and joint responses to well-identified challenges hindering integration between maritime sectors in areas such as marine environment, coastal and maritime tourism, maritime transport, business and skills</b></p>

	<p><b>development;</b></p> <p><b>b) To promote the networking between maritime clusters in the Black Sea and/or the Mediterranean on concrete initiatives/topics focusing on research and innovation, business development or skills development, in relation to the maritime policy/the blue economy.</b></p> <p><b>The projects should result in concrete initiatives/outputs for i) stimulating cooperation between maritime stakeholders, ii) stimulating innovation and entrepreneurship, iii) promoting further integration between IMP-related sectors.</b></p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Project applicants (lead Partner) can be public authorities or private entities (profit or non-profit) <b>established and active in the EU.</b></p> <p>Selection criteria:</p> <p>Applicants must have a demonstrated experience in the area of maritime affairs/<b>blue economy</b> and adequate technical (human resources, equipment, etc.) capacity to implement the actions to be co-financed.</p> <p>Applicants must have the financial capacity to implement and complete the proposed project, and a yearly budget of at least twice the total costs of the proposed actions.</p> <p>Award criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Relevance: the proposal should demonstrate how it meets the objectives of the call. The scope of the project should detail the starting point of the project, including an analysis of the limitations to overcome.</b></li> <li>- <b>Added value and innovation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the proposal should provide EU added value in terms of innovative approach, increased cooperation between maritime stakeholders and across IMP-related sectors;</li> <li>- the proposal should also show its added value in terms of innovative approach, regional outreach and transferability of the actions, including the involvement of partners belonging to non-EU countries and improved capacity to exchange best practices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Sustainability and dissemination: the proposal should demonstrate the measures planned to ensure sustainability of initiatives developed and to disseminate the results and lessons learned to IMP stakeholders.</b></li> <li>- <b>Methodology and organisation: the proposal should demonstrate a sound, detailed, coherent, and effective methodological and organisational approach for the</b></li> </ul>

	<b>implementation of the proposed action.</b> - The budget should be consistent with the technical proposal and the proposed action should be cost-efficient.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by EASME.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Calls for proposals to be published in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

### 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 86.2 (f).

#### **1.2.2.1. Strengthening cooperation between Member States in the area of fisheries data collection framework (DCF)**

##### **Point 1.2.2.1 is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grants following a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	€1.800.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The call will involve up to 6 grants aiming at strengthening regional or EU cooperation between Member States to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Conduct inter-sessional work between the annual Regional Coordination Meetings or meetings of the Planning Group of Economists;</li> <li>b) Further develop regional and/or EU-wide <b>tools, including</b> databases, and processes for DCF data <b>collection, management, storage</b> and transmission.</li> <li>c) Develop and test an operational framework for establishing and coordinating statistically-sound sampling programmes at a regional or EU scale;</li> <li>d) Trial the collection of new variables that may be required under reformed CFP.</li> </ul>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	<p>Eligibility criteria:</p> <p>Proposals must be submitted and implemented by partners who are public authorities or private bodies of at least three coastal Member States.</p> <p>Proposals should involve relevant authorities at the appropriate level (international, national and/or regional) engaged in fisheries activities</p>

	<p>that involve DCF data collection planning, implementing, managing, processing, analysing or transmitting, in the selected sea area(s).</p> <p>Proposals should demonstrate the cross-border nature of the proposed project, inter alia through the proposed partnership composition and the selected geographic area(s) which must be characterised by multiple and cross-border activities (existing or potential).</p> <p>Selection criteria:</p> <p>Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed projects.</p> <p>Award criteria:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 90%
Indicative timetable	Call for proposals to be published in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015

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

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

##### **Legal basis:**

- Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, and in particular Articles 85 (c) and 88.
- Article 190 (1) (c) of the rules of application for the Financial Regulation.
- Article 131 (3) of the Financial Regulation, as regards the intention to waive the obligation to verify the operational capacity of these international organisations.

#### **1.2.3.1. Convention on the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources (CCAMLR)**

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)

##### **(a) Pilot project for satellite radar surveillance in the Elan Bank region**

**A new action is added:**

**(b) CCAMLR-Ecosystem Monitoring Programme (CEMP)**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	€80.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>It is an EU priority to actively support and contribute to the development of scientific knowledge and advice, notably on ecosystems.</p> <p>In order to provide information of the effects of fishing on dependent species, CCAMLR has set up the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP). The two objectives of CEMP are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- detect and record significant changes in critical components of the marine ecosystem within the Convention Area, to serve as a basis for the conservation of Antarctic marine living resources;</li><li>- distinguish between changes due to harvesting of commercial species and changes due to environmental variability, both physical and biological.</li></ul> <p>The expected result is that CCAMLR Secretariat field work and data acquisition for the program will be more extensive.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

**1.2.3.2. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)**

Council Decision 2006/539/EC of 22 May 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Convention for the Strengthening of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission established by the 1949 Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Costa Rica (OJ L 224, 16.8.2006, p. 22):

**(b) Testing of non-entangling and biodegradable Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)**

**Point 1.2.3.2 (b) is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
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Indicative Budget	<b>€180.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	At the initiative of the EU and in line with the EU priority in all RFMOs to reduce by-catch by using non-entangling FADs, IATTC adopted a Resolution which encourages the use of non-entangling and biodegradable FADs. On the basis of advice from the Scientific Advisory Committee, the IATTC has identified as a priority additional research on the effectiveness of various materials and designs of non-entangling and biodegradable FADs. The grant will support such testing which will provide useful data and information to support informed decisions about designs that do not entangle while still attracting tunas and allow for the adoption of more stringent and binding measures in IATTC.
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

**(c) Simulation testing of reference points**

**Point 1.2.3.2 (c) is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€60.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	The use of target and limit reference points is a priority for the EU in the implementation of precautionary management strategies. On the basis of scientific advice, the IATTC has adopted in 2014 the use of target and limit reference points on an interim basis. However, further work is required to assess their effectiveness and performance with regards to the principal sources of uncertainty. As a result, simulation testing (Management Strategy Evaluation) will allow for such an assessment and consideration of possible alternative reference points with a view to their adoption by IATTC. The grant will support such testing.
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives

Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

**(f) Contribution of the Special Fund for developing countries**

**Point 1.2.3.2 (f) is deleted.**

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

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

**(a) Atlantic-wide Research Programme for Bluefin Tuna**

**Point 1.2.3.3 (a) is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€1.700.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The recovery of Bluefin Tuna in the Atlantic and Mediterranean is an important EU priority. Its sound management requires best available science. 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.</p> <p>The objective of this action is to improve the coordination of the programme, data mining and aerial surveys, and to further improve research in order to facilitate the Bluefin Tuna stock assessments.</p> <p>Overall, this research programme should enable the ICCAT Scientific Committee to improve knowledge of Bluefin tuna, biology and migrations and undertake accurate evaluation of this key species.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%.
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.



**(b) ICCAT – Capacity development funds**

**Point 1.2.3.3 (b) is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€57.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The EU supports as one of its priorities, capacity building and wider participation of developing countries in meetings of RFMOs and their subsidiary bodies. The grant will contribute to the different ICCAT funds, in particular to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the meeting participation fund for developing ICCAT Contracting Parties;</li><li>- the scientific capacity building fund for developing ICCAT contracting parties;</li><li>- capacity building for port inspectors if decided at the ICCAT Annual Meeting in 2014.</li></ul> <p>These activities are essential to allow for a meaningful participation of developing countries in ICCAT activities and to help them implement ICCAT rules.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%.
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

**(c) ICCAT – Annual meeting**

**A new action 1.2.3.3 (c) is added:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	€700.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The EU has a leading and pivotal role in ICCAT, which is the most strategic RFMO for the EU as a whole and for several EU Member States that are active in ICCAT fisheries.</p> <p>The objective of the action is to support ICCAT in the organisation of its Annual Meeting to be held in Malta (EU) in November 2015.</p> <p>The action should allow for quality decisions to be taken with a view to improving the state of stocks under the provision of ICCAT.</p>

Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives.
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%.
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

#### 1.2.3.8. Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

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)

##### (d) Organisation of a workshop on capacity management in the region

**Point 1.2.3.8(d) is modified as follows:**

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€80.000</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Management of capacity across RFMOs is a key priority for the EU. In WCPFC there is no management of capacity plan in place, despite growing fishing efforts.</p> <p>The grant will support the financing of a workshop which would bring together independent experts and managers, would aim to identify options for a regional capacity management plan. The resulting options would provide elements for the political decision making process that allow for sustainability of fisheries while guaranteeing the relevant development objectives.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015.

### 1.2.3.9. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (NAFO)

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)

#### (a) Support for intersessional work by NAFO bodies and working groups

Point 1.2.3.9(a) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Indicative Budget	<b>€5.720</b>
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	Well-functioning and efficient RFMOs are an EU priority. In order to ensure the well-functioning of NAFO as RFMO, the grant will provide support for the organisation of intersessional meetings of NAFO bodies (Standing Committee on International Control, Scientific Committee) and Working Groups. The action is also set up to demonstrate EU's leadership in this organisation.  The intersessional work should result in better prepared decisions at the NAFO annual meeting.
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

#### (b) Development of a software to enable the NAFO Secretariat to read the ERS (Electronic recording and reporting system) data

Point 1.2.3.9 (b) is deleted.

### 1.2.3.11. Convention on Migratory Species – Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Migratory Sharks

Council Decision 82/461/EEC of 24 June 1982 on the conclusion of the Convention on the conservation of migratory species of wild animals (OJ L210, 19.7.1982, p.10).

A new action 1.2.3.11 is added:

#### Meeting of the Signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Migratory Sharks

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
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Indicative Budget	€60.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Conservation of sharks and promotion of the related EU policy at international level is a priority.</p> <p>The grant will support the financing of the organisation of the Second Meeting of the Signatories of the sharks MoU. This meeting will bring together policy makers and relevant stakeholders to discuss issues related to the conservation status for migratory sharks, based on the best available scientific information and taking into account the socioeconomic value of these species for the people in various countries.</p> <p>The meeting is expected to result in the launching of new and ambitious initiatives aimed at improving or maintaining a favourable conservation status for the sharks species covered by the MoU.</p>
Essential eligibility, selection and award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

### 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.

#### 1.3.1.20. Study to promote innovation in the blue economy of the Mediterranean and the Black Sea

**Point 1.3.1.20 is deleted.**

#### 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.

#### **1.3.2.6. Availability and dissemination of DCF data**

**Point 1.3.2.6 is modified as follows:**

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	One of the key aims of the revision of the DCF regulation will be to increase availability of data to end user and to reduce the burden on Member States of providing DCF data to end users. A Study has been carried out in 2013-2014 to explore possible avenues for achieving this, through a DCF data availability platform. This contract will involve implementing the first phase of the DCF data availability platform by exploring a possible interface between Member States data collectors and (national and international) data users and also facilitating the annual reporting required from Member States. This project will include ensuring compatibility between existing DCF databases and IT platforms at national and supra-national level, taking into account the requirements of the INSPIRE Directive. Furthermore, synergies in data collection and data sharing with other platforms will be explored (e.g. environmental data).
Type of contract	Service contract
Indicative Budget	€600.000
Implementation	The action will be implemented by <b>DG MARE</b> .
Indicative timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> quarter 2015.

#### **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).

#### **1.3.3.4. Standardisation of the interpretation of regulations**

**Point 1.3.3.4 is deleted.**

#### **1.3.3.6. Study on the future perspectives of the EU rules to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing (Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 - IUU Regulation).**

**Point 1.3.3.6 is deleted.**

### **1.3.6. New framework contract**

**A new section 1.3.6 is added**

#### **EVALUATION, IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES**

##### **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 86 2. (a), 87 2. (c) and 92.

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	The framework contract will cover evaluation, impact assessment and related activities in all sub-areas of the integrated maritime policy (IMP) as well as the common fisheries policy (CFP) including its international dimension. It will involve the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prospective studies ('ex ante' evaluations and impact assessments) to enhance policy and legislation design by providing evidence on the advantages and disadvantages of possible policy options through the assessment of their potential economic, social and environmental impact and cost-effectiveness;</li><li>- Retrospective studies (interim, mid-term, ex-post evaluations and 'fitness-checks') allowing to assess the performance of policies, financial programmes and regulatory measures;</li><li>- Other evaluation-related services.</li></ul>
Type of contract	Inter-institutional Service Framework Contract
Indicative Budget	€-
Implementation	Inter-institutional framework contract DG MARE-EASME
Indicative timetable	Call for tender to be published in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2015.

### **1.4. OTHER ACTIONS**

#### **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)

##### **1.4.3.1. Chartering/Purchase of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters for control**

**Point 1.4.3.1 is modified as follows:**

Type	Union financial contribution
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Budget	€10.520.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>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 joint chartering/<b>purchase</b> of control means (patrol vessels, aircrafts <b>and helicopters</b><sup>1</sup>) which will be used by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area/sea basin <b>in accordance with Article 87 (2) (a) of the EMFF</b>. As regionalisation is a key element of the reformed CFP, this action represents an additional possibility for Member States in the area of control. It should increase the overall level of control activities, particularly those involving several Member States.</p> <p><b>The envelope is intended to cover the joint chartering of patrol vessels, aircrafts or helicopters in different geographical areas. It may also be used for the joint purchase of a patrol vessel, aircrafts or helicopters.</b></p> <p>All Member States with responsibility for fisheries control will be invited to submit a proposal specifying, inter alia, the geographical area concerned and the other Member States participating 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. <b>The chartered/purchased means have to be used in priority for Specific Control and Inspection Programmes (Article 95 of the Control Regulation<sup>2</sup>), in common control programmes (Art. 94 of the Control Regulation), or in common control and inspection programmes (Art. 15 of the EFCA Regulation<sup>3</sup>), unless otherwise agreed with the Commission.</b></p> <p>Proposals will be selected for financing on the basis of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Degree to which the patrol vessel, aircraft <b>or helicopter</b> will be used in control activities in support of relevant multi-annual plans where these exist (according to Article 46 of Control Regulation), and/or in support of the fulfilment of the EU's <b>international</b> obligations (<b>ICCAT<sup>4</sup>; NAFO<sup>5</sup>/NEAFC<sup>6</sup></b>)</li> <li>– Number of Member States participating in the</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Drones are not eligible under this scheme.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) N° 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005

<sup>4</sup> International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna

<sup>5</sup> Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation

<sup>6</sup> North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission

	<p>chartering/<b>purchase</b> of the shared means in each geographical area compared to the potential number of participant Member States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The proposed cooperation and management mechanisms to be put in place by the participating Member States, to ensure optimal use of the vessel, aircraft <b>or helicopter</b>.</li> <li>– Number of days for which the Member States have committed to use the vessel, aircraft <b>or helicopter</b> for fisheries control (minimum 60% of time spent at sea or in air).</li> <li>– Compliance with a set of minimum technical requirements to be met.</li> <li>– Quality of the methodology and effectiveness of the practical arrangements proposed for the management of the vessels, aircrafts <b>or helicopters</b>.</li> <li>– <b>Degree of adequacy of the means proposed for operational challenges faced (e.g. because of the specificity of the ocean and of the meteorology, patrol vessels will be preferred in the North and the Atlantic Sea, whereas aircrafts or helicopters will be preferred in the Mediterranean Sea).</b></li> <li>– <b>Value for money measured by the annual cost of the operation vs. the control activity to be undertaken.</b></li> </ul> <p>The beneficiary Member States will be selected by DG MARE.</p> <p><b>Except in the case of chartering of control means owned by a public authority (ministry, agency or other public entity), the beneficiary Member State shall respect all applicable rules on public procurement<sup>7</sup>.</b></p> <p><b><u>In case of chartering:</u></b></p> <p><b>Chartered control means may be publicly or privately owned.</b></p> <p><b>A public authority (ministry, agency or other public entity) which owns control means cannot conclude a charter party with itself for using those means. The beneficiary public authority may, however, charter control means owned by another public authority of the same Member State or another Member State (in such cases, only the marginal costs incurred for the joint control activities may be considered for co-financing under this action).</b></p> <p>The beneficiary Member State will conclude yearly contracts. These contracts should be renewable up to three times.</p>
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Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement (OJ L 94, 28.3.2014, p. 65)



	<p>Support awarded for 2015 may be renewed in subsequent years subject to satisfactory implementation of the proposed control activities, as well as the availability of the necessary budget and the adoption by the Commission of a work programme permitting the continuation of the support.</p> <p>In deciding whether to renew support, the Commission will evaluate requests for renewal at the same time and together with new requests for financing from subsequent budgets and according to the criteria established for the year in question.</p> <p><b><u>Rate of the Union financial contribution:</u></b></p> <p><b>Within the limits of budgetary resources available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- max 90 % of the eligible expenditure for chartering;</li> <li>- max 80 % of the eligible expenditure for purchase.</li> </ul>
Implementation	<p>Union financial contributions provided to individual Member States designated as beneficiaries.</p> <p>This action will be implemented by EASME.</p>
Indicative timetable	Selection of beneficiary Member States in the 2nd half of 2015.

#### **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 CFP**

**Point 1.4.3.2 is modified as follows:**

**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: €1.060.967**