

**Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the ‘Amended proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation (EU) No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy’**

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**and on the ‘Amended proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 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 covered by the Common Strategic Framework and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006’**

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On 7 May 2013, the Council decided to consult the European Economic and Social Committee, under Article 42, Article 43(2), Article 91(1), Article 100(2), Article 173(3), Article 175, Article 188, Article 192(1), Article 194(2) and Article 195(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, on the

*Amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy]*

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Since the Committee endorses the content of the proposal, which is an alignment of the EMFF with the existing set of rules for cohesion policy, and feels that it requires no comments on its part, it decided, at its 490th plenary session of 22 and 23 May 2013 (meeting of 22 May 2013), by 161 votes to 2 with 5 abstentions, to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text.

Brussels, 22 May 2013.

*The President  
of the European Economic and Social Committee*  
Henri MALOSSE

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