

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 25 May 2012

on a Union financial contribution towards Member States' fisheries control, inspection and surveillance programmes for 2012*(notified under document C(2012) 3262)***(Only the Bulgarian, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish texts are authentic)**

(2012/294/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Community financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 21 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Member States have submitted to the Commission their fisheries control programme for 2012, in accordance with Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006, inclusive of the applications for a Union financial contribution towards the expenditure to be incurred in carrying out the projects contained in such programme.
- (2) Applications concerning actions listed in Article 8(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 may qualify for Union funding.
- (3) The applications for Union funding have been assessed with regard to their compliance with the rules set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 391/2007 ⁽²⁾.
- (4) It is appropriate to fix the maximum amounts and the rate of the Union financial contribution within the limits set by Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and to lay down the conditions under which such contribution may be granted.
- (5) In conformity with Article 21(2) of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006, Member States have been asked to submit programs related to funding in the priority areas defined by the Commission in its letter of 14 October 2011, i.e. traceability, validation and cross-checking of data, measurement of engine power, equipment of small scale fleet with Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) and Electronic Recording and Reporting Systems (ERS).

(6) On that basis and given budgetary constraints, requests in the programs for Union funding related to non-priority actions such as installation of Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) on board fishing vessels, training and initiatives raising awareness of CFP rules as well as the purchase or modernisation of fisheries patrol vessels and aircraft were rejected.

(7) In order to encourage investment in the priority actions defined by the Commission and in view of the negative impact of the financial crisis on Member States' budgets, expenditure related to the abovementioned priority areas and retained for this financing decision should benefit from a high co-financing rate, within the limits laid down in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006.

(8) Within the priority areas defined by the Commission, it appeared that projects on traceability that were presented by Member States required a global and coordinated approach among Member States to be put in place before a Union contribution could be granted. The assessment of these traceability projects for a Union contribution was consequently postponed to an additional financing decision to be prepared in 2012.

(9) In order to qualify for the contribution, automatic localisation devices should satisfy the requirements fixed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy ⁽³⁾

(10) In order to qualify for the contribution, electronic recording and reporting devices on board fishing vessels should satisfy the requirements fixed by Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011.

(11) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 97, 12.4.2007, p. 30.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 112, 30.4.2011, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Subject matter

This Decision provides for a Union financial contribution for 2012 towards expenditure incurred by Member States for 2012 in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy (CFP), as referred to in Article 8(1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006.

Article 2

Closure of outstanding commitments

All payments in respect of which a reimbursement is claimed shall be made by the Member State concerned by 30 June 2016. Payments made by a Member State after that deadline shall not be eligible for reimbursement. The budgetary appropriations related to this Decision shall be decommitted at the latest by 31 December 2017.

Article 3

New technologies & IT networks

1. Expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex I, on the setting up of new technologies and IT networks in order to allow efficient and secure collection and management of data in connection with monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities as well as on the verification of engine power, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 90 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits laid down in that Annex.

2. Any other expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex I, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits laid down in that Annex.

Article 4

Automatic localisation devices

1. Expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex II, on the purchase and fitting on board of fishing vessels of automatic localisation devices enabling vessels to be monitored at a distance by a fisheries monitoring centre through a vessel monitoring system (VMS) shall qualify for a financial contribution of 90 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits established in that Annex.

2. The financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1 shall be calculated on the basis of a price capped at EUR 2 500 per vessel.

3. In order to qualify for the financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1, automatic localisation devices shall satisfy the requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003.

Article 5

Electronic recording and reporting systems

Expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex III, on the development, purchase, and installation of, as well as

technical assistance for, the components necessary for electronic recording and reporting systems (ERS), in order to allow efficient and secure data exchange related to monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 90 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits laid down in that Annex.

Article 6

Electronic recording and reporting devices

1. Expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex IV, on the purchase and fitting on board of fishing vessels of ERS devices enabling vessels to record and report electronically to a Fisheries Monitoring Centre data on fisheries activities, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 90 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits established in that Annex.

2. The financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1 shall be calculated on the basis of a price capped at EUR 3 000 per vessel, without prejudice of paragraph 4.

3. In order to qualify for a financial contribution, ERS devices shall satisfy the requirements established in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011.

4. In case of devices combining ERS and VMS functions, and fulfilling the requirements laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011, the financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be calculated on the basis of a price capped at EUR 4 500 per vessel.

Article 7

Pilot projects

Expenditure incurred, in respect of projects referred to in Annex V, on pilot projects on new control technologies shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure, within the limits laid down in that Annex.

Article 8

Addresses

1. This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Ireland, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. The planned expenditure, the eligible share thereof, and the maximum Union contribution per Member State are as follows:

(in EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Belgium	610 000	410 000	345 000
Bulgaria	25 565	25 565	23 009
Denmark	3 462 722	2 656 563	2 350 599
Germany	5 971 900	181 000	162 900
Ireland	52 370 000	270 000	163 000
Greece	12 110 000	6 040 000	5 400 000
Spain	207 080	84 200	75 780
France	3 550 955	2 152 500	1 937 250
Italy	5 877 000	4 412 000	3 846 000
Cyprus	65 000	65 000	38 500
Latvia	17 856	17 856	13 400
Lithuania	284 939	284 939	256 445
Malta	117 000	104 500	94 050
Netherlands	1 709 400	1 580 000	1 422 000
Poland	2 674 000	0	0
Portugal	3 379 192	539 979	485 981
Romania	615 000	430 000	367 000
Slovenia	204 800	185 800	145 700
Finland	2 500 000	1 987 500	1 584 750
Sweden	11 463 574	242 177	195 782
United Kingdom	10 017 803	4 424 309	3 705 547
Total	117 233 786	26 093 889	22 612 693

Done at Brussels, 25 May 2012.

For the Commission
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 Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

NEW TECHNOLOGIES & IT NETWORKS

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Belgium			
BE/12/02	100 000	100 000	90 000
BE/12/03	200 000	0	0
BE/12/04	30 000	30 000	27 000
BE/12/06	100 000	100 000	90 000
Sub-total	430 000	230 000	207 000
Bulgaria			
BG/12/01	25 565	25 565	23 009
Sub-total	25 565	25 565	23 009
Denmark			
DK/12/01	335 900	335 900	302 310
DK/12/03	335 900	335 900	302 310
DK/12/04	470 259	470 259	423 233
DK/12/05	214 976	214 976	193 478
DK/12/06	268 720	268 720	241 848
DK/12/07	268 720	0	0
DK/12/08	167 950	0	0
DK/12/09	100 770	0	0
DK/12/10	8 062	8 062	7 255
DK/12/11	15 048	15 048	13 543
DK/12/12	134 360	0	0
DK/12/13	100 770	100 770	50 385
DK/12/14	201 540	201 540	181 386
DK/12/15	100 770	100 770	90 693
DK/12/17	134 360	134 360	120 924
DK/12/18	134 360	134 360	120 924
Sub-total	2 992 462	2 320 663	2 048 289
Germany			
DE/12/11	310 300	310 300	0
DE/12/12	100 000	100 000	0
DE/12/13	300 000	300 000	0
DE/12/14	50 000	50 000	0
DE/12/15	290 600	290 600	0
DE/12/16	590 000	590 000	0
DE/12/17	925 000	925 000	0
DE/12/18	400 000	400 000	0
DE/12/21	1 875 000	1 875 000	0
Sub-total	4 840 900	4 840 900	0
Ireland			
IE/12/01	70 000	70 000	63 000
IE/12/03	200 000	200 000	100 000

(in EUR)			
Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
	IE/12/04	1 200 000	0
	Sub-total	1 470 000	163 000
Greece			
	EL/12/03	90 000	45 000
	EL/12/05	2 400 000	0
	Sub-total	2 490 000	45 000
Spain			
	ES/12/01	207 080	75 780
	Sub-total	207 080	75 780
France			
	FR/12/02	725 000	513 000
	FR/12/03	293 855	166 500
	FR/12/05	150 000	135 000
	FR/12/06	42 000	0
	Sub-total	1 210 855	814 500
Italy			
	IT/12/01	700 000	630 000
	IT/12/02	500 000	450 000
	IT/12/03	900 000	810 000
	IT/12/04	700 000	0
	IT/12/05	900 000	810 000
	IT/12/07	500 000	0
	IT/12/08	100 000	90 000
	IT/12/09	312 000	156 000
	IT/12/10	135 000	0
	IT/12/11	130 000	0
	Sub-total	4 877 000	2 946 000
Cyprus			
	CY/12/01	15 000	13 500
	CY/12/02	50 000	25 000
	Sub-total	65 000	38 500
Latvia			
	LV/12/01	6 676	3 338
	LV/12/02	11 180	10 062
	Sub-total	17 856	13 400
Lithuania			
	LT/12/01	237 488	213 740
	LT/12/02	37 651	33 885
	LT/12/03	9 800	8 820
	Sub-total	284 939	256 445
Malta			
	MT/12/01	92 000	82 800
	Sub-total	92 000	82 800

(in EUR)			
Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Netherlands			
NL/12/01	245 000	245 000	220 500
NL/12/02	395 000	395 000	355 500
NL/12/04	240 000	240 000	216 000
NL/12/05	85 000	0	0
Sub-total	965 000	880 000	792 000
Poland			
PL/12/01	2 674 000	0	0
Sub-total	2 674 000	0	0
Portugal			
PT/12/01	90 900	90 900	81 810
PT/12/03	314 579	314 579	283 121
PT/12/06	60 000	60 000	54 000
Sub-total	465 479	465 479	418 931
Romania			
RO/12/02	30 000	30 000	27 000
RO/12/03	50 000	50 000	25 000
RO/12/04	350 000	350 000	315 000
Sub-total	430 000	430 000	367 000
Slovenia			
SI/12/01	20 000	20 000	18 000
SI/12/02	20 000	20 000	18 000
SI/12/04	40 000	40 000	36 000
SI/12/05	12 000	12 000	10 800
SI/12/06	3 000	0	0
SI/12/07	5 000	0	0
SI/12/08	1 800	1 800	900
SI/12/09	3 000	3 000	1 500
SI/12/11	49 000	49 000	24 500
SI/12/12	40 000	40 000	36 000
Sub-total	193 800	185 800	145 700
Finland			
FI/12/01	400 000	400 000	360 000
FI/12/03	10 000	10 000	5 000
FI/12/05	500 000	500 000	250 000
FI/12/06	500 000	0	0
FI/12/07	400 000	400 000	360 000
FI/12/08	400 000	400 000	360 000
Sub-total	2 210 000	1 710 000	1 335 000
Sweden			
SE/12/01	11 177 397	11 177 397	0
SE/12/02	55 443	55 443	27 722
SE/12/03	110 887	110 887	99 798

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
SE/12/04	20 403	20 403	18 363
Sub-total	11 364 130	11 364 130	145 883
United Kingdom			
UK/12/01	1 478 365	1 478 365	1 330 528
UK/12/41	14 215	0	0
UK/12/42	10 235	10 235	9 211
UK/12/43	8 506	8 506	4 253
UK/12/44	284 301	284 301	142 151
UK/12/46	454 881	454 881	409 393
UK/12/47	56 860	56 860	28 430
UK/12/50	9 098	0	0
UK/12/38	2 019	0	0
UK/12/39	1 700	0	0
UK/12/40	796	0	0
Sub-total	2 320 976	2 293 148	1 923 966
Total	39 627 042	13 948 384	11 842 203

ANNEX II

AUTOMATIC LOCALISATION DEVICES

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Germany			
DE/12/03	16 000	0	0
DE/12/06	4 000	0	0
DE/12/08	25 000	25 000	22 500
DE/12/09	493 500	0	0
Sub-total	538 500	25 000	22 500
Greece			
EL/12/08	3 250 000	3 250 000	2 925 000
Sub-total	3 250 000	3 250 000	2 925 000
France			
FR/12/07	1 085 000	1 000 000	900 000
Sub-total	1 085 000	1 000 000	900 000
Italy			
IT/12/06	1 000 000	1 000 000	900 000
Sub-total	1 000 000	1 000 000	900 000
Malta			
MT/12/03	25 000	12 500	11 250
Sub-total	25 000	12 500	11 250
Portugal			
PT/12/07	2 057 000	0	0
Sub-total	2 057 000	0	0
Romania			
RO/12/01	75 000	0	0
RO/12/05	110 000	0	0
Sub-total	185 000	0	0
Slovenia			
SI/12/03	5 000	0	0
Sub-total	5 000	0	0
Finland			
FI/12/04	15 000	12 500	11 250
Sub-total	15 000	12 500	11 250
United Kingdom			
UK/12/02	653 892	575 000	517 500
UK/12/03	557 230	490 000	441 000
UK/12/32	45 488	40 000	36 000
UK/12/33	309 888	272 500	245 250
UK/12/45	468 528	412 500	371 250
Sub-total	2 035 026	1 790 000	1 611 000
Total	10 195 526	7 090 000	6 381 000

ANNEX III

ELECTRONIC RECORDING AND REPORTING SYSTEMS

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Belgium			
BE/12/01	120 000	120 000	108 000
Sub-total	120 000	120 000	108 000
Denmark			
DK/12/02	335 900	335 900	302 310
Sub-total	335 900	335 900	302 310
Germany			
DE/12/19	81 000	81 000	72 900
DE/12/20	75 000	75 000	67 500
Sub-total	156 000	156 000	140 400
France			
FR/12/04	255 100	247 500	222 750
Sub-total	255 100	247 500	222 750
Netherlands			
NL/12/03	700 000	700 000	630 000
Sub-total	700 000	700 000	630 000
Portugal			
PT/12/05	74 500	74 500	67 050
Sub-total	74 500	74 500	67 050
Finland			
FI/12/02	250 000	250 000	225 000
Sub-total	250 000	250 000	225 000
Sweden			
SE/12/05	55 443	55 443	49 899
Sub-total	55 443	55 443	49 899
Total	1 946 943	1 939 343	1 745 409

ANNEX IV

ELECTRONIC RECORDING AND REPORTING DEVICES

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Greece			
EL/12/09	2 700 000	2 700 000	2 430 000
Sub-total	2 700 000	2 700 000	2 430 000
Finland			
FI/12/09	25 000	15 000	13 500
Sub-total	25 000	15 000	13 500
Total	2 725 000	2 715 000	2 443 500

ANNEX V

PILOT PROJECTS

(in EUR)

Member State & project code	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Belgium			
BE/12/05	60 000	60 000	30 000
Sub-total	60 000	60 000	30 000
Denmark			
DK/12/16	134 360	0	0
Sub-total	134 360	0	0
United Kingdom			
UK/12/49	341 161	341 161	170 581
Sub-total	341 161	341 161	170 581
Total	535 521	401 161	200 581

ANNEX VI

AMOUNTS RELATED TO TRAINING, INITIATIVES RAISING AWARENESS OF CFP RULES AND ACQUISITION OR MODERNISATION OF PATROL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT THAT WERE REJECTED

(in EUR)

Type of expenditure	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programmes	Expenditure for projects selected under this Decision	Maximum Union contribution
Training and exchange programmes			
Sub-total	825 931	0	0
Initiatives raising awareness of CFP rules			
Sub-total	849 713	0	0
Patrol vessels and aircraft			
Sub-total	60 528 109	0	0
Total	62 203 753	0	0