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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

**amending Decision C(2017)8146 of 8 December 2017 concerning the adoption of the
work programme for 2018 and the financing decision for the implementation of the
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund**

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Work programme 2018 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 work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2018 as follows:

- for grants (implemented under direct management) (1.2), amounting to €44,66 million
- for procurement (implemented under direct management) (1.3), amounting to €34,15 million
- for other actions (implemented under direct management) (1.4), amounting to €6,49 million

1.2. GRANTS

1.2.2. 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 195 (c) of the revised Financial Regulation¹**. (Regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) and international organisations have the monopoly for the implementation of the actions).

1.2.2.2. The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)

Council Decision (EU) 2015/2437 of 14 December 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) concerning the membership of the Union in the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

(a) CCSBT Annual meetings - Plenary, Compliance Committee, Scientific Committee and operating model and management procedure.

Point 1.2.2.2 (a) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 113.986,16
Priorities of the	Well-functioning and efficient RFMOs are an EU priority.

¹ Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012

year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The CCSBT annual meetings - Plenary, Compliance Committee, Scientific Committee and operating model and management procedure – are organised on a rotatory basis by CCSBT Contracting parties and 2018 is the year that the EU will be the host member.</p> <p>The organisation of these meetings is expected to strengthen the EU's role in the organisation and to provide impetus for enhanced conservation, management and enforcement measures.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the first semester of 2018.

1.2.2.3. International Convention for 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)

(b) Strengthening the scientific basis for decision-making in ICCAT

Point 1.2.2.3 (b) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 1.972.635,39
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>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. The sound management of these fishes requires best available science.</p> <p>In line with Article 28 (2) of the CFP "the Union shall actively support and contribute to the development of scientific knowledge and advice".</p> <p>The objective of this action is to improve the scientific basis for decision making in ICCAT by supporting different activities included.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	One of more grant agreements to be concluded in the 4 th quarter 2018.

(c) 2018 Annual Meeting (ICCAT)

Point 1.2.2.3 (c) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 536.918,45
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The main objective is to support ICCAT in the organisation of its 2018 Annual Meeting.</p> <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>In line with this role, the EU has the intention to table in 2018 several proposals for conservation, management and enforcement measures at this meeting with a view to improve the state of stocks under the provision of ICCAT.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 2 nd quarter 2018.

(d) Evolution of the electronic Bluefin tuna Catch Document (eBCD) system.

Point 1.2.2.3 (d) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 100.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>eBCD was developed by ICCAT to provide increased traceability for the Bluefin Tuna caught in the ICCAT convention area. Its use is compulsory for every Bluefin tuna traded, and therefore of crucial importance for the EU operators involved in this fishery. The EU currently holds just under 60% of the quota for this stock and around 80% of the operations in eBCD involve an EU operator.</p> <p>The regulatory framework for Bluefin tuna is currently being reviewed and a proposal will be tabled in ICCAT and it is expected that this framework will be modified. This will require modification of the eBCD system so that the new management measures are correctly implemented within this traceability tool and that there is no disturbance of the trade for Bluefin tuna. Based on our previous experience with the eBCD, this will imply significant development costs.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%

Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 2 nd quarter 2018.
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1.2.2.4. Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC)

Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (OJ L 236, 5.10.1995, p. 24)

(a) Foster the implementation of the IOTC Performance Review - enhance sustainability and responsible fisheries, improve compliance, catch data reporting and science and reinforce the fight against IUU fishing.

Point 1.2.2.4 (a) is deleted

1.2.2.5. The South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)

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), (OJ L 67, 6.3.2012, p.1)

(a) Support to the establishment of a regional observer programme (SPRFMO)

Point 1.2.2.5 (a) is modified as follows:

(a) Support to jack mackerel assessment and to data validation in SPRFMO

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 100.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Article 28 of the CFP establishes that the EU shall actively support and contribute to the development of scientific knowledge and advice in RFMOs.</p> <p>The project will support the review of the jack mackerel rebuilding plan in SPRFMO. The project will also contribute to the mapping of spatial-temporal population density distribution of jack mackerel using a combination of the existing acoustic survey data and acoustic information obtained from fishing vessels.</p> <p>The expected results are twofold:</p> <p>1. The project will deliver the basis for a revised Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for jack mackerel in SPRFMO and will promote improved scientific knowledge on sustainable exploitation of the stock.</p> <p>2. The project will provide scientific added value to the extensive data collected by fishing vessels. For that purpose the project would i) define what data is already available and how it could be used for science ii) collaborate with other parties within the same field to generate standardized data products and iii) produce a validated aggregated dataset to be used for scientific purposes.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.

Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 4 th quarter of 2018.

1.2.2.7. Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (NAFO)

Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (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) 2018 Annual Meeting (NAFO)

Point 1.2.2.7 (a) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 63.460
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	NAFO is the RFMO with competence to regulate the fishing activities in the Northwest Atlantic. It comprises twelve Contracting Parties, with the EU as one of the main driving forces. The action will cover a part of the expenses related to the preparation and organisation of the 2018 NAFO Annual Meeting in Estonia, including some of the preparatory meetings.
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 1 st quarter of 2018.

1.2.2.8. Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

Council Decision of 25 November 1991 on the accession of the European Community to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

(j) The Globefish project

Point 1.2.2.8 (j) is modified as follows:

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 30.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	The Globefish project is required with a view to support gathering and providing of data, information and market analysis to interested stakeholders of the fishery and aquaculture trade related sectors. Through this project, the FAO analyses and disseminates information on a large number of world markets.

Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 100%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in 1 st quarter of 2018.

A new action 1.2.2.8 (k) is added:

(k) FAO Expert Advisory Panel for the Assessment of Proposals to Amend Appendices I and II of CITES Concerning Commercially-exploited Aquatic Species

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 30.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>The aim of the grant is to support the organisation of the FAO expert panel that will assess the listing proposals for aquatic species on CITES appendices in 2019. This panel will provide advice formulated with the input of a wide range of fisheries, trade and species specialists – from widely distributed geographical source countries - each with backgrounds relative to the CITES CoP18 Appendix amendment proposals. The FAO Expert Panel, takes into account the CITES criteria that have been formulated to guide such assessments and has dedicated ToRs to guide its process and outputs.</p> <p>For each proposal the Panel shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess each proposal from a scientific perspective in accordance with the CITES biological listing criteria, taking account of the recommendations on the criteria made to CITES by FAO; • comment, as appropriate, on technical aspects of the proposal in relation to biology, ecology, trade and management issues, as well as, to the extent possible, the likely effectiveness for conservation. <p>The panel report shall be presented in a number of formats in a timely manner for CITES Parties to consider the range of arguments on whether a species proposed for listing amendment – “meets” – or “doesn’t meet” – the CITES criteria.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%

Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2018.
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A new action 1.2.2.10 (a) is added:

1.2.2.10. 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)

(a) Regional Tuna Tagging Program (RTTP) in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO)

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 700.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Tagging allows for improved stock assessments which are at the basis for robust and science-based conservation measures in line with EU priorities.</p> <p>This project aims to create a large-scale Regional Tuna Tagging Program (RTTP) in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), for the three-year period 2019 through 2021, with the goal of improving the stock assessments and management of skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye tunas in the EPO.</p> <p>The expected result is improved data collection to address uncertainties in the tropical tuna stock assessments.</p>
Award criteria	Relevance of the application with the pre-defined objectives and cost-effectiveness of the action.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 80%
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2018.

1.2.3. Budget Heading 11 06 62 04

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, in particular articles 85(d), 85(f) and 91 thereof.

- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 of 9 October 2014 laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy, in particular article 3 thereof.
- **Articles 130 and 195 (c) and (d) of the revised Financial Regulation².**

A new action 1.2.3.2 is added:

1.2.3.2 Raising awareness on the maritime and fisheries policies

Type	Action grant without a call for proposals
Budget	€ 500.000
Priorities of the year, objectives pursued and expected results	<p>Euronews is the sole large-scale broadcaster to hold a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the Commission. The agreement offers access to a unique platform for raising awareness among general audiences regarding the objectives and results of the EU's maritime and fisheries policies. The services provided under the FPA are a very strong fit for DG MARE's general communication strategy.</p> <p>The action will underpin notably three overall political priorities pursued under the Commission's maritime and fisheries policies, namely sustainable use of natural resources, the creation of jobs and growth, and reinforcing the role of the EU as a global actor.</p> <p>The planned broadcast series should contribute to raising the profile of ocean-related topics, including EU policies concerned, through showcasing concrete examples of EU-funded actions, interviews with key players and power visuals from maritime settings. The action will build on the experience and results from communicating on the 2017 Our Ocean conference hosted by EU, which demonstrated that ocean-related topics has a very significant public appeal and resulted in unprecedented global media coverage.</p> <p>The televised series in combination with social media dissemination will enable the Commission to reach large and new audiences across the Union and beyond. It is projected that the action will also contribute to increase the Commission's outreach in a broader sense by helping to organically grow existing social media followership.</p>
Award criteria	Grant awarded without a call for proposals on the basis of article

² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012

	<p>195 (c) of the revised Financial Regulation³</p> <p>The grant will be awarded to the Paneuropean broadcaster Euronews.</p> <p>The applicant should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the implementation of the actions are sufficient to achieve the required quality and the deployment of resources in relation to the objectives is cost effective.</p>
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Cofinancing involved	Maximum 95 %
Indicative timetable	Grant agreement to be concluded in the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2018

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.

1.3.1.7. Visibility of the IMP

Point 1.3.1.7. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>In order to promote the Integrated Maritime Policy, notably towards its stakeholders, a number of events are planned, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the European Maritime Days 2018 and 2019; • an edition of the Business & Science Forum; • events for the calls for proposals concerning grant actions under EMFF direct management; • Pan - European dialogue between cruise operators, ports and coastal tourism stakeholders; • the 2018 edition of the Black Sea stakeholders' conference; • meetings of the Arctic stakeholders; • workshops and other events on the blue economy in the context of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Baltic Sea Blue Growth agenda; • a joint OECD-DG MARE workshop on indigenous economic development between Sami representatives, policy makers and
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Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012

	<p>experts;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) high-level event stimulating industry involvement; • a conference on licensing and administrative consenting (best practices) in the ocean energy field; • a forum meeting to bring together key players from European marinas; • the 2018 EMODNet general assembly; • a joint Germany-EC meeting of the platform on regional ocean governance; • workshops, platform meetings or high-level fora on various aspects of blue growth and the reduction of pressures, in particular from marine litter, on oceans. <p>This also includes activities necessary to the preparation and follow-up of these events.</p>
Type of contract	<p>1) Specific contracts based on an existing framework contract ("Organisation of conferences, workshops, seminars and other events on the CFP, the IMP and EMFF" - MARE/2014/15) or any other relevant and suitable framework contract in force in the European Commission;</p> <p>2) Service-level agreements with DG SCIC or any other Directorate-General or Executive Agency, including the financial management (co-delegation).</p>
Indicative Budget	€ 2.050.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE and through a co-delegation to SCIC.
Indicative timetable	Specific contracts and service-level agreements to be launched and/or concluded throughout 2018 or in the 1 st quarter of 2019.

A new action 1.3.1.13. is added:

1.3.1.13. Methodological and technical support to IT related actions

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	<p>Contracting external expertise in the domains of software/enterprise architecture and IT project/operation management.</p> <p>The objective is to support the coordination of the Integrated Maritime Policy initiatives with IT components, ensure continuous compliance with IT management standards and best practices and their alignment with the local (DG) and corporate (EC) IT governance.</p> <p>The final aim is to contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of all IT-related actions under service contracts</p>
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	funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, putting them on an equal footing and applying the same governance, methodological and technical processes and standards.
Type of contract	One or two specific contracts will be concluded under an existing framework contract DESIS III or under the future DIGIT-TM of DG DIGIT.
Indicative Budget	€ 70.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	First specific contract to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2018, possible second one in 2019.

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

Point 1.3.3.1. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of contract envisaged	Development, maintenance and support of IT applications and hardware (infrastructure) supply, supporting the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy. Access to databases
Type of contract	Specific service and supply contracts based on existing framework contracts provided by DG DIGIT Some 40 contracts to be awarded in accordance with the framework agreement with DG DIGIT A specific contract under ESTAT framework contract 11151.2015.005-2015.737 – access to a database Four direct contracts for access to databases.
Indicative Budget	€ 4.400.000
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE. Part of the appropriations will be subject to co-delegation/cross sub-delegations granted to DIGIT and other DGs.
Indicative timetable	Contracts to be concluded throughout 2018

1.3.3.2. Equipment for European Commission officials/agents

Point 1.3.3.2. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contract	Protection and safety equipment and materials required for verification, inspection, audit and control related tasks.
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Type of contract	Some 8 supply and service contracts.
Indicative Budget	€ 10.000
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Contracts to be concluded throughout 2018.

1.3.3.3. Organisation of the meetings of the expert groups on fisheries control and on compliance with the obligations under the European Union fisheries control system

Point 1.3.3.3. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	Covering the expenses for the organisation of meetings of the expert groups on 1) Fisheries control and 2) on Compliance with the obligations under the European Union fisheries control system (logistical and administrative costs).
Type of contract	Specific contracts based on existing framework contract of OIB for catering (OIB.DR.2/PC/2012/117/55/CO L2 (Lot B) and L.3 (Lot C) – some 40 specific contracts. Procurement procedures for some six low value contracts (negotiated procedure) .
Indicative Budget	€ 30.000
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Contracts to be concluded throughout 2018.

A new action 1.3.3.4. is added:

1.3.3.4. Study on the sanctioning systems of the Member States

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	Assessment of the Member States enforcement and sanctioning systems for infringements of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) rules. The objective of the study is to assess Member States' enforcement activities and their sanctioning of fisheries infringements. The study will cover the assessment Member States' legal framework for the detection and follow-up to infringements of the CFP rules including the administrative and criminal sanctions foreseen in the legislation. The study will also cover the sanctioning practice of Member States including administrative and penal proceedings launched, sanctions applied, and rulings of national courts concerning the infringements to the rules of the CFP.
Type of contract	One specific contract will be conducted under EASME/EMFF/2016/029 Lot 1 Framework Contract.
Indicative Budget	€ 250.000

Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2018.

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

Point 1.3.4.1. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	<p>Provision and coordination of information, communication and public relations actions including, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publications, producing information packs, maps and other materials, including audiovisuals (including on the 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, 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 implementation 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, Our Ocean Conference, a forum for policy dialogue on fisheries and maritime affairs between the Commission, the Outermost Regions and the national authorities); • information about fisheries legislation or IMP topics in Member States as well as in third countries; • purchasing of advertising space; • use of the of the Next EUROPA internet presence (called NE-CMS) service by DG MARE for the "Websites Fisheries and
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	<p>Maritime Affairs.</p> <p>Procurement of evaluation and impact assessment related services connected to information and communication activities for the Common Fisheries Policy and the Integrated Maritime Policy.</p>
Type of contract	<p>Service contracts</p> <p>Specific contracts</p>
Indicative Budget	€ 1.700.000
Implementation	<p>Some 25 specific contracts/order forms will be based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – current framework contract (MARE/2012/12) of DG MARE for "Information and communication activities relating to the European Union's integrated maritime policy (IMP) and to the common fisheries policy (CFP)"; – framework contract for the organisation of conferences, workshops, seminars and other events on the Common Fisheries Policy, the Integrated Maritime Policy and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (MARE/2014/15); – or any other relevant and suitable framework contract in force in the European Commission, and notably framework contracts of DG COMM. <p>For publications and related services, some of the actions could be implemented through the service level agreement with Office of Publication signed on 22/01/2013 under the regime of budget co-delegation.</p> <p>For the conferences, some of the actions could be implemented through a service level agreement with DG SCIC including the financial management (co-delegation).</p> <p>Translations for information and communication activities can also be provided by DGT through the service level agreement signed with DG MARE.</p> <p>The MoU for the use of NE-CMS service by DG MARE will be implemented through a co-delegation to DIGIT.</p> <p>Some 5 service contracts may also be concluded through procurement procedures.</p> <p>Finally, this envelope includes DG MARE's contribution to the "Corporate communication action in 2017-2018 under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020" C(2016)6838 final 25.10.2016. These appropriations will be managed through a co-delegation to DG COMM.</p>
Indicative timetable	Service contracts and specific contracts to be concluded throughout 2018.

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)

Point 1.3.5.1 is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	Provision of services for the running and maintenance of the European Market Observatory for fisheries and aquaculture (EUMOFA). EUMOFA is the market intelligence tool on the European Union fisheries and aquaculture sector, aiming at increasing market transparency and efficiency, analysing the EU market dynamics, supporting business decisions and policy-making. To do so, one of the core activities of EUMOFA is to collect and make market data available to the public on a regular basis. EUMOFA has been developed since 2010 and a dedicated website and database are online since April 2013.
Type of contract	Service contract
Indicative Budget	€ 3.750.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Call for tenders to be published in the 1 st quarter of 2018.

1.3.5.2. Eurobarometer: EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products

Point 1.3.5.2. is modified as follows:

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	The study aims at looking at EU consumer behaviours with regard to fishery and aquaculture products. The study is a recurrent action: it was first undertaken in 2016 and has been deemed useful both by Member States and the sector. It has been decided to carry out this public opinion poll every other year.
Type of contract	One specific contract will be concluded under a future framework contract on “Eurobarometer standard/special surveys”
Indicative Budget	€ 500.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Indicative timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 2nd quarter of 2018

1.3.5.4. Observatory of voluntary claims relating to fisheries and aquaculture products in Europe

Point 1.3.5.4. is deleted

A new action 1.3.5.5. is added

1.3.5.5. Assessment of consumer information on origin/provenance of fishery and aquaculture products

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>The study will analyse the information provided to the consumers regarding origin of fishery and aquaculture products and evaluate the different types of information on the origin of such products that are communicated to consumers.</p> <p>Building on current labelling requirements and on voluntary information provided to consumers, the study will test consumer understanding and identify what information can best balance consumers' expectations with the ability to make informed choices when buying fishery and aquaculture products.</p>
Type of contract	One specific contract will be concluded under an existing framework contract (Framework Contract with reopening of competition for the provision of behavioural studies – second wave” - CHAFEA/2015/CP/01) or any other relevant framework contract in force in the European Commission
Indicative Budget	€ 400.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Indicative timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 3 rd or 4 th quarter of 2018

A new action 1.3.5.6. is added

1.3.5.6. Methodological and technical support to IT related actions

Subject matter of the contract envisaged	<p>Contracting external expertise in the domains of software/enterprise architecture and IT project/operation management.</p> <p>The objective is to support the coordination of the Market Intelligence Policy initiatives with IT components, ensure continuous compliance with IT management standards and best practices and their alignment with the local (DG) and corporate (EC) IT governance.</p> <p>The final aim is to contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of implementation of all IT-related actions under service contracts funded by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, putting them on an equal footing and applying the same governance, methodological and technical processes and standards.</p>
Type of contract	One specific contract will be concluded under an existing framework contract DESIS III or under the future DIGIT-TM of DG DIGIT.

Indicative Budget	€ 50.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE
Indicative timetable	Specific contract to be concluded in the 4th quarter of 2018.

1.4. OTHER ACTIONS

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.

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy – Article 3, Principles of good governance: “The CFP shall be guided by the following principles of good governance [...] the establishment of measures in accordance with the best available scientific advice”.

Agreement in the form of an Administrative Arrangement (AA) between the European Commission and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

1.4.2.2. Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)

Point 1.4.2.2. is modified as follows:

Type	Compensations for STECF members and invited experts.
Description and objective of the action	<p>The implementation of the EU policy for fisheries and aquaculture requires the assistance of highly qualified scientific experts, 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.</p> <p>This assistance will be provided by a permanent Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) set up by Commission Decision.</p> <p>This decision foresees the payment of a compensation to the members of the STECF and/or the experts invited by the STECF.</p>
Indicative Budget	€ 1.034.000
Implementation	The action will be implemented by DG MARE and PMO.
Indicative timetable	20 to 30 STECF meetings spread throughout 2018.

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. 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 1.4.3.1. is modified as follows

Subject: Missions to control and evaluate the implementation of the CFP, including, inter alia, missions verifying the application of CFP rules in accordance with Title X of the Control Regulation and participation at subsequent meetings.

Amount: € 630.000

1.4.3.2. Meetings of the expert group on Fisheries control and of the expert group on Compliance with the obligations under the European Union fisheries control system

Point 1.4.3.2. is modified as follows:

Subject: Expert group meetings on fisheries control examining the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and meetings of the expert group on the compliance with the obligations under the European Union fisheries control system (Art. 37 of the Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of European Parliament and of the Council).

Amount: € 160.000

1.4.3.3. Training of European Commission officials/agents involved in verification, autonomous inspections and audits

Point 1.4.3.3. is modified as follows:

Subject: Training of European Commission officials/agents involved in verification, autonomous inspections and audits.

Amount: € 20.000