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ANNEX 1

ANNEX

to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

**concerning the adoption of the work programme for 2018 in the framework of the
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for the use of the operational technical
assistance, serving as financing decision**

Annex

1. PROCUREMENT

1.1. Budget heading 11 06 63 01

- Operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission.

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 repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and Council¹, and in particular Articles 23 and 92 thereof,
- Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and Council 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, and in particular Article 58 thereof.

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

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	<p>The ESI funds are underpinned by a stronger "result-orientation". In the case of the EMFF, this has been fostered by the establishment of a new Common Monitoring and Evaluation System, which will require new evaluations functions and tasks to be undertaken by the Commission and the Member States. This will require a long-term effort to progressively build the capacity to effectively address this challenge. This effort should be undertaken collectively with the MS in order to foster a reinforced evaluation culture in both DG MARE and the MS.</p> <p>The contract foresees the provision of support services to help the Commission undertake a set of tasks linked to this new monitoring and evaluation system and fulfil the new obligations included in the Common Provisions Regulation.</p>
Type of contract	Service Contract (renewal of existing contract)
Indicative Budget	€ 1.000.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Indicative timetable	Renewal of service contract in the 2 nd quarter of 2018.

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

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	The Support Unit for the European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET II) has been set up. It is in charge of supporting the implementation of community-led local development in fisheries areas. Its task will be to
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¹ OJ L 149, 20.05.2014, p. 1.

	provide capacity building to FLAGs and managing authorities, to disseminate information, exchange experience and good practice and to support cooperation between the local partnerships. The network will cooperate with the networking and technical support bodies for local development set up for the ERDF, the ESF and the EAFRD as regards their local development activities and transnational co-operation.
Type of contract	Service contract (renewal of existing contract)
Indicative Budget	€ 2.000.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.
Indicative timetable	Renewal of service contract in the 2 nd quarter 2018.

1.1.3. *IT services and supplies*

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	Development, maintenance and hosting of IT applications to support the implementation of the EMFF and supply of hardware to support these applications.
Type of contract	Some 15 specific contracts to be awarded in accordance with the framework agreement of DIGIT.
Indicative Budget	€ 800.000
Implementation	Part of the appropriations will be subject to co-delegation granted to DG EMPL, DG REGIO and DIGIT.
Indicative timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded throughout 2018.

1.1.4. *"Fi-compass" – advisory platform*

Subject matter of the contracts envisaged	DG MARE's contribution to a Technical Assistance Platform (fi-compass) - to be delivered by the European Investment Bank (EIB) for the provision of single technical assistance and advisory services framework for ESIF financial instruments.
Type of contract	Specific contract under the framework contract for 2014-2020 concluded between DG REGIO and the EIB
Indicative Budget	€ 180.000
Implementation	This action will be implemented through a co-delegation to DG REGIO on the basis of a SLA between DGs REGIO/MARE/EMPL and AGRI.
Indicative timetable	Specific contracts to be concluded in the 1 st semester of 2018.