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to the

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

**on the financing of operational technical assistance in the framework of the European
Maritime and Fisheries Fund and the adoption of the work programme for 2019**

Annex

Work Programme for 2019 for Operational Technical Assistance at the initiative of the Commission in the framework of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

1. INTRODUCTION

On the basis of the objectives related to the operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission given in Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 and Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for the year 2019 as follows:

1.1. 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.

1.2. Budget line: 11 06 63 01

1.3. Objectives pursued:

To facilitate the implementation of operational programmes.

1.4. Expected results:

To contribute to a more simple and transparent implementation of the EMFF by Member States.

2. PROCUREMENT

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts related to operational technical assistance at the initiative of the Commission in 2019 is EUR 3.900.000

2.1. Fisheries and Aquaculture Monitoring and Evaluation (FAME): Help Desk for the EMFF monitoring and evaluation network

General description of the contracts envisaged	The European Structural and Investment 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
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	Commission and the Member States (MS). 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. The renewal of the existing service 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.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.

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

General description of the contracts envisaged	Renewal of the existing service contract for the Support Unit for the European Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET II) This Support Unit is in charge of supporting the implementation of community-led local development in fisheries areas. Its task will be to 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 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) as regards their local development activities and transnational co-operation.
Implementation	This action will be implemented by DG MARE.

2.3. IT services and supplies

General description 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.
Implementation	Part of the appropriations will be subject to co-delegation granted to DG EMPL, DG REGIO and DIGIT.