# COMMISSION DECISION

## of 24 January 2000

## on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 2000 for the purpose of introducing monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy

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(2000/114/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 95/527/EC of 8 December 1995 on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy [1], and in particular Article 6 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has received five-year programmes from Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom that describe the controls they intend to operate between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2000.

(2) These Member States have sent the Commission applications for a financial contribution towards the expenditure referred to in Article 2 of Decision 95/527/EC and planned for 2000.

(3) Some applications cover investment expenditure for the purchase or modernisation of vessels, aircraft, land vehicles, systems to locate and record fishing activities and systems to record, manage and trasmit data on the controls, including computer and software applications.

(4) Some applications relate to expenditure for specific measures designed to improve the quality and effectiveness of the monitoring of fishing and related activities.

(5) Some applications relate to expenditure for the training of national officials involved in control activities; Commission Decision 96/286/EC of 11 April 1996 laying down detailed rules for the application of Decision 95/527/EC on a Community financial contribution towards certain expenditure incurred by the Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the common fisheries policy [2] lays down rules for determining the amount of eligible expenditure for training.

(6) Some applications also cover expenditure for trying out or introducing new technology to improve the monitoring of fishing activity and related activities, which can accordingly qualify for a higher rate of Community contribution under the second subparagraph of Article 3(2) of Decision 95/527/EC; priority should be given, within the annual budget allocation earmarked for these measures, to reimbursing investment costs associated with saltellite monitoring systems in view of their importance for monitoring fishing activities.

(7) Provision should be made for a higher rate of Community contribution to be granted to Ireland under the second subparagraph of Article 3(3) of Decision 95/527/EC for some of its investment and operating expenditure to take account of the checks needed to ensure compliance with the system for the management of fishing effort.

(8) This expenditure will help to mobilise monitoring resources for the proper application of the common fisheries policy.

(9) The eligibility of the planned expenditure, the rate of the Community contribution and the conditions that may be attached to the grant of the financial contribution should be established.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The planned expenditure for 2000 referred to in Annex I for the purchase or modernisation of inspection and control equipment and for specific measures, amounting to EUR 115 560 090, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Decision 95/527/EC. The Community contribution shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred within the limits set out in Annex I, amounting to EUR 31 477 053, as set out in the table forwarded to each Member State.

[1] JO L 301, 14.12.1995, p. 30.
OJ L 302, 15.12.1995, p. 45 (corrigendum).
[2] OJ L 106, 30.4.1996, p. 37.

*Article 2*

1. The planned expenditure for 2000 on the activities and projects referred to in Article 3(2) of Decision 95/527/EC and listed in annex II, amounting to EUR 6 993 371, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Decision 95/527/EC. The Community contribution shall be 100 % of the eligible expenditure incurred.

The maximum amount taken into consideration in calculating the contribution towards investment expenditure for the purchase of a satellitebased vessel monitoring system, hereinafter called a 'VMS', shall be EUR 4 000 per vessel.

2. Paragraph 1 notwithstanding, the Community contribution shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred in purchasing satellite tracking devices installed in Community fishing vessels being monitored by a VMS, in accordance with Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 [1], for any expenditure in excess of EUR 2 500 per vessel. For such vessels, the contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 250 per vessel.

In the case of Community fishing vessels being monitored by a VMS by the flag Member State and not covered by Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93, the Community contribution to the purchase of satellite tracking devices shall be 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred and the contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 per vessel.

3. The Community contribution referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be granted within the limis set out in Annex II, amounting to EUR 3 438 427, as set out in the table forwarded to each Member State.

*Article 3*

The expenditure planned by Ireland for 2000, amounting to EUR 29 233 942 for investment expenditure and EUR 4 704 381 for operating expenditure, shall be eligible for a financial contribution under Article 3(3) of Decision 95/527/EC. The Community contribution shall be 65 % and 100 %, respectively, of the eligible expenditure incurred. However, the contribution shall be granted up to a maximum of EUR 2 537 065 and EUR 3 000 000 respectively.

*Article 4*

1. The euro exchange rate used to caculate the amounts eligible under this Decision shall be the rate in force in June 1999.

2. The expenditure declarations and applications for advances in national currency received from the Member States not participating in the third stage of economic and monetary union shall be converted into euro at the rate for the month in which they reach the Commission.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

*For the Commission*

Franz FISCHLER

*Member of the Commission*

[1] OJ L 261, 20.10.1993, p. 1.

*ANEXO I — BILAG I — ANHANG I — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ I — ANNEX I — ANNEXE I — ALLEGATO I — BIJLAGE I — ANEXO I — LIITE I — BILAGA I*

| Estado miembro<br>Medlemsstat<br>Mitgliedstaat<br>Κράτος μέλος<br>Member State<br>État membre<br>Stato membro<br>Lidstaat<br>Estado-Membro<br>Jäsenvaltio<br>Medlemsstat | Gastos subvencionables en moneda nacional<br>Støtteberettigede udgifter i national valuta<br>Erstattungsfähige Ausgaben in nationaler Währung<br>Επιλέξιμες δαπάνες σε εθνικό νόμισμα<br>Eligible expenditure in national currency<br>Dépenses admissibles en monnaie nationale<br>Spese ammissibili in moneta nazionale<br>In aanmerking komende uitgaven in nationale valuta<br>Despesas elegíveis em moeda nacional<br>Hyväksyttävät kustannukset kansallisessa valuutassa<br>Bidragsberättigande kostnader i nationell valuta | | Gastos subvencionables<br>Støtteberettigede udgifter<br>Erstattungsfähige Ausgaben<br>Επιλέξιμες δαπάνες<br>Eligible expenditure<br>Dépenses admissibles<br>Spese ammissibili<br>In aanmerking komende uitgaven<br>Despesas elegíveis<br>Hyväksyttävät kustannukset<br>Bidragsberättigande kostnader<br>(€) | Contribución máxima de la Comunidad<br>Fællesskabets maksimale finansielle bidrag<br>Maximaler Gemeinschaftsbeitrag<br>Μέγιστη κοινοτική συμμετοχή<br>Maximum Community contribution<br>Participation communautaire maximale<br>Contributo massimo della Comunità<br>Maximale bijdrage van de Gemeenschap<br>Contribuição máxima da Comunidade<br>Yhteisön osuus enintään<br>Gemenskapens maximala bidrag<br>(€) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| België/Belgique | | | 14 874 | 7 437 |
| Danmark | DKK | 82 400 000 | 11 087 191 | 5 449 410 |
| Deutschland | | | 2 502 531 | 1 097 645 |
| Ελλάδα | GRD | 7 221 300 000 | 22 212 550 | 1 263 150 |
| España | | | 11 108 367 | 5 358 626 |
| France | | | 12 935 757 | 6 406 900 |
| Ireland | | | 895 165 | 190 461 |
| Italia | | | 2 639 094 | 1 267 903 |
| Nederland | | | 9 047 470 | 4 343 360 |
| Portugal | | | 648 437 | 299 279 |
| Suomi | | | 235 464 | 20 184 |
| Sverige | SEK | 85 025 000 | 8 961 291 | 621 049 |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 21 779 783 | 33 271 899 | 5 151 649 |
| Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä/Totalt | | | 115 560 090 | 31 477 053 |

*ANEXO II — BILAG II — ANHANG II — ΠΑΡΑΡΤΗΜΑ II — ANNEX II — ANNEXE II — ALLEGATO II — BIJLAGE II — ANEXO II — LIITE II — BILAGA II*

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| België/Belgique | | | 49 579 | 49 579 |
| Danmark | DKK | 2 000 000 | 269 107 | 269 107 |
| Deutschland | | | 127 823 | 127 823 |
| Ελλάδα | GRD | 785 300 000 | 2 415 565 | 496 000 |
| España | | | 1 502 530 | 500 000 |
| France | | | 600 000 | 487 500 |
| Ireland | | | 700 895 | 700 895 |
| Italia | | | 0 | 0 |
| Nederland | | | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | | | 847 957 | 349 880 |
| Suomi | | | 121 095 | 111 548 |
| Sverige | SEK | 2 100 000 | 221 331 | 208 606 |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 90 000 | 137 489 | 137 489 |
| Total/I alt/Σύνολο/Totale/Totaal/Yhteensä/Totalt | | | 6 993 371 | 3 438 427 |