COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 June 2005

on the eligibility of expenditure to be incurred by certain Member States in 2005 for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy

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(2005/486/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 2000/439/EC of 29 June 2000 on a financial contribution from the Community towards the expenditure incurred by Member States in collecting data and for financing studies and pilot projects for carrying out the common fisheries policy [1], and in particular Article 4(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Decision 2000/439/EC lays down the conditions whereby the Member States may receive a contribution from the Community for expenditure incurred in their national programmes as provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000 of 29 June 2000 establishing a Community framework for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy [2]. Under that decision the Commission, on the basis of the information provided by the Member States, decides each year on the eligibility of the expenditure forecast by the Member States and on the amount of the financial assistance from the Community for the following year.

(2) The Commission has received the annual submissions of the national programmes from Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom that describe the data they intend to collect between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2005 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000. They have also submitted applications for a financial contribution for the expenditure referred to in Article 4 of Decision 2000/439/EC.

(3) Pursuant to Article 6 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001 of 25 July 2001 establishing the minimum and extended Community programmes for the collection of data in the fisheries sector and laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000 [3], the Commission has examined Member States' national programmes for 2005 and has assessed the eligibility of the expenditures on the basis of those programmes. A first instalment should be delivered to the Member States concerned in accordance with Article 6(1)(a) of Decision 2000/439/EC on the basis of that assessment.

(4) A second instalment is to be forwarded, in 2006, following the transmission and acceptance by the Commission of a financial and technical report of activity detailing the state of completion of the aims set at the time of drawing-up the minimum and extended programmes, in accordance with Article 6(1)(b) of Decision 2000/439/EC and Article 6(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1639/2001.

(5) 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

This Decision establishes for 2005 the amount of the eligible expenditure for each Member State and the rates of the Community financial contribution for the collection and management of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy.

[1] OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 42.

[2] OJ L 176, 15.7.2000, p. 1.

[3] OJ L 222, 17.8.2001, p. 53.

Article 2

Expenditure incurred in collecting and managing of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy, as set out in Annex I, shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community not exceeding 50 % of the eligible expenditure for the minimum programme as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000.

Article 3

Expenditure incurred in collecting and managing of the data needed to conduct the common fisheries policy, as set out in Annex II, shall qualify for a financial contribution from the Community not exceeding 35 % of the eligible expenditure for the extended programme as provided for in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1543/2000.

Article 4

1. The Community shall pay a first instalment of 50 % of the financial contribution set out in Annexes I and II.

2. A second instalment shall be delivered in 2006, after the reception and approval of a financial and a technical report as provided for in Article 6(1)(b) of Decision 2000/439/EC.

Article 5

1. The euro exchange rate used to calculate the amounts eligible under this Decision shall be the rate in force in May 2004.

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 in force for the month in which those declarations and applications are received by the Commission.

Article 6

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

Done at Brussels, 23 June 2005.

For the Commission
Joe BORG
Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

Minimum programme

(in EUR)

Member State	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Community contribution
Belgium	931 929	465 965
Denmark	4 632 157	2 316 079
Germany	3 027 084	1 513 542
Estonia	434 185	217 092
Greece	1 551 247	775 624
Spain	6 932 181	3 466 091
France	5 617 757	2 808 879
Ireland	4 260 714	2 130 356
Italy	4 214 183	2 107 092
Cyprus	479 018	239 509
Latvia	309 113	154 556
Lithuania	148 381	74 190
Malta	593 120	296 560
Netherlands	3 223 864	1 611 932
Poland	521 500	260 750
Portugal	2 855 414	1 427 707
Finland	986 122	493 061
Sweden	2 144 333	1 072 166
United Kingdom	6 791 948	3 395 974
Total	49 654 250	24 827 125

ANNEX II

Extended programme

(in EUR)

Member State	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Community contribution
Belgium	0	0
Denmark	13 745	4 811
Germany	0	0
Estonia	22 322	7 813
Greece	204 180	71 463
Spain	832 402	291 341
France	343 851	120 348
Ireland	280 878	98 306
Italy	470 958	164 835
Cyprus	0	0
Latvia	12 080	4 228
Lithuania	0	0
Malta	71 980	25 193
Netherlands	446 583	156 304
Poland	1 050	368
Portugal	442 513	154 880
Finland	279 723	97 903
Sweden	158 263	55 392
United Kingdom	956 754	334 864
Total	4 537 282	1 588 049