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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 May 2006

on a Community financial contribution towards Member States' fisheries control, inspection and surveillance programmes for 2006

(notified under document number C(2006) 2062)

(2006/392/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 2004/465/EC of 29 April 2004 on a Community financial contribution towards Member States fisheries control programmes [1], as amended by Council Decision 2006/2/EC of 21 December 2005 [2], and in particular Article 6(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Member States have forwarded to the Commission their fisheries control programme for 2006 together with the applications for a Community financial contribution towards the expenditure to be incurred in carrying out the projects contained in such programme.

(2) Applications concerning actions listed in Article 4 of Council Decision 2004/465/EC may qualify for Community funding.

(3) It is appropriate to fix the maximum amounts and the rate of the Community financial contribution and to lay down the conditions under which such contribution may be granted.

(4) In order to qualify for the contribution, automatic localisation devices should satisfy the requirements fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003 of 18 December 2003 laying down detailed provisions regarding satellite-based Vessel Monitoring Systems [3].

(5) Member States must in accordance with Article 8 of Council Decision 2004/465/EC commit their expenditure within a period of 12 months from the end of the year in which the present Decision is notified to them. They must also comply with the provisions of Decision 2004/465/EC as regards starting their projects and submitting applications for reimbursement.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Subject matter

This Decision provides for a Community financial contribution for 2006 towards actions referred to in Article 4 of Decision 2004/465/CE. It establishes the amount of the Community financial contribution for each Member State, the rate of the Community financial contribution and the conditions on which such contribution may be granted.

[1] OJ L 157, 30.4.2004, p. 114; corrected in OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 36.
[2] OJ L 2, 5.1.2006, p. 4.
[3] OJ L 333, 20.12.2003, p. 17.

Article 2

New technologies and IT networks

Expenditure incurred on the purchase of, installation and technical assistance for, computer technology and setting up of IT networks in order to allow efficient and secure data exchange in connection with monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex I.

Article 3

Automatic localisation devices

1. Expenditure incurred in the purchase and fitting on board of fishing vessels of automatic localisation devices enabling vessels to be monitored at a distance by a fisheries monitoring centre through a vessel monitoring system (VMS) shall qualify for a maximum financial contribution of EUR 4 500 per vessel within the limits established in Annex II.

2. Within the EUR 4 500 limit provided for in paragraph 1, the financial contribution for the first EUR 1 500 of eligible expenditure shall be at a rate of 100 %.

3. The financial contribution for eligible expenditure comprised between EUR 1 500 and EUR 4 500 per vessel shall amount to a maximum of 50 % of such expenditure.

4. In order to qualify, automatic localisation devices shall satisfy the requirements fixed by Regulation (EC) No 2244/2003.

Article 4

Pilot projects on new technologies

Expenditure incurred in pilot projects relating to the implementation of new technologies to improve the monitoring of fisheries activities shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex III.

Article 5

Training

Expenditure incurred on training and exchange programmes of civil servants responsible for monitoring control and surveillance tasks in the fisheries area shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex IV.

Article 6

Assessment of expenditure

Expenditure incurred in implementing a system to assess expenditure incurred in controlling the Common fisheries policy shall qualify for a financial contribution of 50 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex V.

Article 7

Seminars and media tools

Expenditure incurred in initiatives including seminar and media tools aimed at enhancing awareness among fishermen and other players such as inspectors, public prosecutors and judges, as well as among the general public on the need to fight irresponsible and illegal fishing and on the implementation of Common fisheries policy rules, shall qualify for a financial contribution of 75 % of the eligible expenditure within the limits laid down in Annex VI.

Article 8

Fisheries patrol vessels and aircraft

Expenditure related to the purchase and modernisation of vessels and aircraft used for inspection and surveillance of fishing activities by the competent authorities of the Member States shall qualify, within the limits laid down in Annex VII, for a financial contribution not exceeding:

— 50 % of the eligible expenditure incurred by Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1 May 2004;

— 25 % of the eligible expenditure incurred by other Member States.

Article 9

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 2006.

For the Commission

Joe BORG

Member of the Commission

ANNEX I

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND IT-NETWORKS

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium		
Czech Republic		
Denmark	1 333 334	666 667
Germany	210 000	105 000
Estonia	229 217	114 609
Greece	2 250 000	1 125 000
Spain		
France	935 000	467 500
Ireland	250 000	125 000
Italy	4 000 000	2 000 000
Cyprus	83 000	41 500
Latvia		
Lithuania	30 000	15 000
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta		
Netherlands	470 505	235 253
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal	735 230	333 895
Slovenia	250 354	125 177
Slovakia		
Finland	402 000	201 000
Sweden	120 000	60 000
United Kingdom	838 148	419 074
Total	12 136 788	6 034 675

ANNEX II

AUTOMATIC LOCALISATION DEVICES

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Ireland		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta	190 944	132 972
Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal		
Slovenia	25 760	18 880
Slovakia		
Finland	33 000	22 820
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Total	249 704	174 672

ANNEX III

PILOT PROJECTS ON NEW TECHNOLOGIES

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium		
Czech Republic		
Denmark	275 000	137 500
Germany		
Estonia		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Ireland		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	150 000	75 000
Portugal	249 700	124 850
Slovenia		
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden	130 000	65 000
United Kingdom		
Total	804 700	402 350

ANNEX IV

TRAINING

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium	10 000	5 000
Czech Republic		
Denmark	523 199	261 600
Germany	64 000	32 000
Estonia	13 195	6 598
Greece		
Spain	86 640	43 320
France	58 350	29 175
Ireland	200 000	100 000
Italy	1 000 000	500 000
Cyprus	15 000	7 500
Latvia	23 300	11 650
Lithuania	11 000	5 500
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta	8 196	4 098
Netherlands	144 093	72 047
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal	25 600	12 800
Slovenia	35 808	17 904
Slovakia		
Finland	24 200	12 100
Sweden	22 000	11 000
United Kingdom	160 305	80 153
Total	2 424 886	1 212 445

ANNEX V

ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF EXPENDITURE

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium		
Czech Republic		
Denmark	93 333	46 667
Germany		
Estonia		
Greece		
Spain		
France		
Ireland		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania		
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal		
Slovenia		
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden		
United Kingdom		
Total	93 333	46 667

ANNEX VI

SEMINARS AND MEDIA TOOLS

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium	5 000	3 750
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Germany		
Estonia		
Greece	660 860	495 645
Spain		
France		
Ireland		
Italy		
Cyprus		
Latvia		
Lithuania	9 000	6 750
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta		
Netherlands		
Austria		
Poland	200 000	150 000
Portugal	68 750	51 563
Slovenia	6 008	4 506
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden	210 000	157 500
United Kingdom	37 299	27 974
Total	1 196 917	897 688

ANNEX VII

PATROL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT

(EUR)

Member State	Expenditure planned in the national fisheries control programme	Community contribution
Belgium		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
Germany	1 200 000	225 000
Estonia	751 761	150 352
Greece	2 789 140	575 328
Spain	24 683 674	6 170 918
France		
Ireland		
Italy		
Cyprus	2 300 000	1 150 000
Latvia		
Lithuania	500 000	250 000
Luxembourg		
Hungary		
Malta		
Netherlands	565 000	141 250
Austria		
Poland		
Portugal	23 234 908	4 110 537
Slovenia	50 792	25 396
Slovakia		
Finland		
Sweden	72 000 000	4 500 000
United Kingdom	17 611 065	4 402 766
Total	145 686 340	21 701 547