DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 10 October 2011

on the Union financial contribution to national programmes of six Member States (Belgium, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom) in 2011 for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector

(notified under document C(2011) 7142)

(Only the Danish, Dutch, English, French, Greek and Swedish texts are authentic)

(2011/703/EU)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 of 22 May 2006 establishing Community financial measures for the implementation of the common fisheries policy and in the area of the Law of the Sea [1], and in particular Article 24(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 lays down the conditions whereby Member States may receive a contribution from the European Union for expenditure incurred in their national programmes of collection and management of data.

(2) Those programmes are to be drawn up in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy [2] and Commission Regulation (EC) No 665/2008 of 14 July 2008 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 [3].

(3) Belgium, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom have submitted national programmes for 2011-2013 as provided for in Article 4(4) and (5) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. These programmes were approved in 2011 in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

(4) Those Member States have submitted annual budget forecasts covering the period 2011-2013 according to Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008 of 3 November 2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 as regards the expenditure incurred by Member States for the collection and management of the basic fisheries data [4]. The Commission has evaluated Member States' annual budget forecasts, as laid down in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008, by taking into account the approved national programmes.

(5) Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008 establishes that the Commission is to approve the annual budget forecast and is to decide on the annual Union financial contribution to each national programme in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 24 of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 and on the basis of the outcome of the evaluation of the annual budget forecasts as referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008.

(6) Article 24(3)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006 establishes that a Commission Decision is to fix the rate of the financial contribution. Article 16 of that Regulation provides that Union financial measures in the area of basic data collection are not to exceed 50 % of the costs incurred by Member States in carrying out the programme of collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector.

(7) This Decision constitutes the financing decision within the meaning of Article 75(2) of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities [5].

[1] OJ L 160, 14.6.2006, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 60, 5.3.2008, p. 1.
[3] OJ L 186, 15.7.2008, p. 3.
[4] OJ L 295, 4.11.2008, p. 24.
[5] OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

(8) 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

The maximum global amounts of the Union financial contribution to be granted to each Member State for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for 2011 and the rate of the Union financial contribution, are established in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 10 October 2011.

For the Commission
Maria DAMANAKI
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES 2011-2013

Eligible expenditure and maximum Union contribution for 2011

(in EUR)

Member State	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Union contribution (Rate of 50 %)
Belgium	1 941 476,00	970 738,00
Denmark	6 224 501,00	3 112 250,50
Greece	4 497 987,00	2 248 993,50
Netherlands	4 295 697,00	2 147 848,50
Sweden	5 956 869,00	2 978 434,50
United Kingdom	8 976 540,00	4 488 270,00
Total	**31 893 070,00**	**15 946 535,00**