DECISIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 12 December 2012

on the European Union financial contribution to national programmes of five Member States (Ireland, Spain, France, Malta and Portugal) in 2012 for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector

(notified under document C(2012) 9187)

(Only the English, Spanish, French, Maltese and Portuguese texts are authentic)

(2012/788/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 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 [3].

(3) Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom submitted national programmes for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the years 2011-2013 as provided for in Article 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. Those programmes were approved in 2011 in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

(4) Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Romania, Slovenia and Finland have not amended their national programmes 2011-2013 for the year 2012. By Commission Implementing Decision 2012/276/EU [4], the Commission decided on the contribution to those national programmes for the year 2012, for these Member States, except Greece.

(5) Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom submitted amendments to their national programmes for the year 2012, pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. The amendments for Germany, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom were adopted by the Commission in 2012 in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. By Commission Implementing Decision 2012/654/EU [5], the Commission decided on the contribution to those national programmes for the year 2012, for these Member States.

(6) Ireland, Spain, France, Malta and Portugal also submitted annual budget forecasts for the year 2012 according to Article 2(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 [6]. 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 amendments to the national programmes in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

[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 134, 24.5.2012, p. 27.
[5] OJ L 293, 23.10.2012, p. 34.
[6] OJ L 295, 4.11.2008, p. 24.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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 [1].

(10) 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 2012 and the rate of the Union financial contribution, are established in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Ireland, the French Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Malta and the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 12 December 2012.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

ANNEX

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES 2011-2013

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE AND MAXIMUM UNION CONTRIBUTION FOR 2012

(EUR)

Member State	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Union contribution (Rate of 50 %)
Ireland	5 771 583	2 885 791
France	14 898 076	7 449 038
Spain	15 661 034	7 830 517
Malta	658 560	329 280
Portugal	3 411 870	1 705 935
Total	**40 401 123**	**20 200 561**