COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 4 December 2013

on the European Union financial contribution to national programmes of 3 Member States (Spain, Croatia and United Kingdom) in 2013 for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector

(notified under document C(2013) 8498)

(Only the Croatian, English and Spanish texts are authentic)

(2013/723/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 [3] laying down detailed rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

(3) Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Slovenia, Finland and Sweden have not amended their national programmes 2011-2013 for the year 2013. The Commission decided on the contribution to those 11 national programmes, for the year 2013, by Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 4434.

(4) Belgium, Estonia, Greece, France, Cyprus, Netherlands, Poland and Portugal have also not amended their national programmes 2011-2013 for 2013. Ireland submitted amendments to their national programme for the year 2013 which were adopted by Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 3533. The Commission decided on the contribution to those 9 national programmes, for the year 2013, by Commission Implementing Decision C(2013) 6255.

(5) Spain submitted its national programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the years 2011-2013 as provided for in Articles 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. This programme was approved in 2011 in accordance with Article 6(3) of the same Regulation through the decision C(2011) 7645. Spain submitted amendments to its national programme for the year 2012 pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. These amendments were adopted by the Commission in 2012 in accordance with Article 6(3) of the same Regulation through the decision C(2012) 7499. Spain did not submit amendments to its national programme for the year 2013.

(6) The United Kingdom submitted amendments to its national programme for the year 2013 pursuant to Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. These amendments were adopted by the Commission in 2013 in accordance with Article 6(3) of the same Regulation through the decision C(2013) 6325.

(7) Croatia submitted a national programme for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector for the period 1 July 2013 till 31 December 2013 as provided for in Articles 4(4) and 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008. This programme was approved in 2013 in accordance with Article 6(3) of the same Regulation through the Commission decision C(2013) 5854.

(8) Spain, Croatia and the United Kingdom have submitted annual budget forecasts for the year 2013 according to Article 2(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1078/2008 [4] laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 861/2006. The Commission has evaluated those 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.

[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.

(9) 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.

(10) 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.

(11) This Decision constitutes the financing decision within the meaning of Article 84(2) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union ([1]).

(12) 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 2013 and the rate of the Union financial contribution, are established in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Croatia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Done at Brussels, 4 December 2013.

For the Commission

Maria DAMANAKI

Member of the Commission

([1]) OJ L 298, 26.10.2012, p. 1.

ANNEX

NATIONAL PROGRAMMES 2011-2013

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE AND MAXIMUM UNION CONTRIBUTION FOR 2013

(EUR)

Member State	Eligible expenditure	Maximum Union contribution (Rate of 50 %)
Croatia	646 680	323 340,0
Spain	14 386 953	7 193 476,5
United Kingdom	9 674 645	4 837 322,5
Total	**24 708 278**	**12 354 139**