

Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2328/2003, (EC) No 861/2006, (EC) No 1198/2006 and (EC) No 791/2007 and Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council

TITLE VI

MEASURES FINANCED UNDER DIRECT MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER II

Accompanying measures for the CFP and the IMP under direct management

Article 84

Geographical scope

By way of derogation from Article 2, this Chapter shall also apply to operations carried out outside the territory of the Union.

Article 85

Specific objectives

Measures under this Chapter shall facilitate the implementation of the CFP and the IMP, in particular with regard to:

- (a) the collection, management and dissemination of scientific advice under the CFP;
- (b) specific control and enforcement measures under the CFP;
- (c) voluntary contributions to international organisations;
- (d) Advisory Councils;
- (e) market intelligence;
- (f) communication activities under the CFP and the IMP.

Article 86

Scientific advice and knowledge

1 The EMFF may support the provision of scientific deliverables, particularly applied-research projects directly linked to the provision of scientific and socio-economic opinions and advice, for the purpose of sound and efficient fisheries management decisions under the CFP.

2 In particular, the following types of operations shall be eligible:

- a studies and pilot projects needed for the implementation and development of the CFP, including those on alternative types of sustainable fishing and aquaculture management techniques, including within Advisory Councils;
- b the preparation and provision of scientific opinions and advice by scientific bodies, including international advisory bodies in charge of stock assessments, by independent experts and by research institutions;
- c the participation of experts in the meetings of working groups on scientific and technical issues related to fisheries, such as STECF, as well as in international advisory bodies and in meetings where the contribution of fishery and aquaculture experts is required;
- d research surveys at sea, as referred to in Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008, in areas where Union vessels operate under Sustainable fisheries partnership agreements as referred to in Article 31 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013;
- e expenditure incurred by the Commission for services related to the collection, management and use of data, to the organisation and management of fisheries expert meetings and the management of annual work programmes related to fisheries scientific and technical expertise, to the processing of data calls and datasets and to the preparatory work aiming at delivering scientific opinions and advice;
- f cooperation activities between Member States in the field of data collection, including those between the various regional stakeholders, and including the setting-up and running of regionalised databases for the storage, management and use of data which will benefit regional cooperation and improve data collection and management activities as well as improving scientific expertise in support of fisheries management.

Article 87

Control and enforcement

1 The EMFF may support the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system as provided for in Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and further specified in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

2 In particular, the following types of operations shall be eligible:

- a joint purchase and/or chartering by several Member States belonging to the same geographical area, of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters, provided that they are used for fisheries control for at least 60 % of the total period of use per year;
- b expenditure relating to the assessment and development of new control technologies, as well as of processes for the exchange of data;
- c all operational expenditure related to control and evaluation by the Commission of the implementation of the CFP, in particular that relating to verification, inspection and audit missions, equipment and training for Commission officials, the organisation of or participation in meetings, including the exchange of information and best practices between Member States, studies, IT services and suppliers, and the charter or purchase by the Commission of inspection means as specified in Titles IX and X of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

3 With a view to strengthening and standardising controls, the EMFF may support the implementation of transnational projects that aim to develop and test the inter-State control, inspection and enforcement systems provided for in Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and further laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.

Eligible types of operations shall include, in particular, the following:

- a international training programmes for personnel responsible for monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries activities;
- b initiatives, including seminars and media tools, for standardising the interpretation of regulations and associated controls in the Union.

4 In the case of the operations referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2, only one of the Member States concerned shall be designated as a beneficiary.

Article 88

Voluntary financial contributions to international organisations

The EMFF may support the following types of operations in the area of international relations:

- (a) financial contributions provided to the United Nations organisations as well as voluntary funding provided to any international organisation active in the field of the Law of the Sea;
- (b) financial contributions to preparations for new international organisations or the preparation of new international treaties which are of interest to the Union;
- (c) financial contributions to work or programmes carried out by international organisations which are of special interest to the Union;
- (d) financial contributions to any activity (including working, informal or extraordinary meetings of contracting parties) which upholds the interests of the Union in international organisations and strengthens cooperation with its partners in those organisations. In that regard, when the presence of representatives of third countries in negotiations and meetings in international fora and organisations becomes necessary for the interests of the Union, the EMFF may bear the costs of their participation.

Article 89

Advisory Councils

1 The EMFF shall support the operating costs of the Advisory Councils established in accordance with Article 43 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

2 An Advisory Council having legal personality may apply for Union support as a body pursuing an aim of general European interest.

Article 90

Market intelligence

The EMFF may support the development and dissemination of market intelligence for fishery and aquaculture products by the Commission in accordance with Article 42 of Regulation (EU) No 1379/2013.

*Article 91***Communication activities under the CFP and the IMP**

The EMFF may support:

- (a) the costs of information and communication activities linked to the CFP and the IMP, including:
 - (i) the costs of the production, translation and dissemination of material tailored to the specific needs of the different target groups in written, audiovisual and electronic format;
 - (ii) the costs of the preparation and organisation of events and meetings to inform, or collect the views of, the different parties concerned by the CFP and the IMP;
- (b) the travelling and accommodation costs of experts and stakeholders' representatives invited by the Commission to meetings;
- (c) the costs of the corporate communication of the political priorities of the Union as far as they are related to the general objectives of this Regulation.