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List of acronyms

AIS  Automatic Identification Systems  
ABB  Activity Based Budgeting  
ABMS  Activity Based Management System  
AWP  Annual Work Programme  
BFT  Bluefin Tuna  
CA  Conventional Area  
CC  Core Curriculum  
CCIC  Coordination Centre in Charge  
CFP  Common Fisheries Policy  
EFCA  European Fisheries Control Agency  
CISE  Common Information Sharing Environment  
ECA  European Court of Auditors  
EDMS  Electronic Documentation Management System  
EIR  Electronic Inspection Report  
ERS  Electronic Reporting System  
HR  Human Resources  
IAS  Internal Audit Service  
ICCAT  International Commission for the Conservation of the Atlantic Tuna  
ICES  International Council for the Exploration of the Sea  
ICT  Information and Communication Technology  
ILO  International Labour Organisation  
IMP  Integrated Maritime Policy  
IUU  Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing  
JDP  Joint Deployment Plan  
JISS  Joint Inspection and Surveillance Scheme  
MCS  Monitoring, Control and Surveillance  
MS  Member State(s)  
MSY  Maximum Sustainable Yield  
MWP  Multiannual Work Programme  
NAFO  Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation  
NAFO CEM  NAFO Control and Enforcement Measures  
NEAFC  Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission  
NGO  Non Governmental Organisation  
PMC  Project Management Code  
RA  Regulatory Area  
RAC  Regional Advisory Council  
RFMO  Regional Fisheries Management Organisation  
SCIP  Specific Control and Inspection Programme  
SCRS  Standing Committee on Research and Statistics  
SG  Steering Group  
SGTEE  Steering Group on training and exchange of practice  
TJDG  Technical Joint Deployment Group  
VMS  Vessel Monitoring System  
WGTEE  Working Group on training and exchange of practice
Foreword by Jörgen Holmquist, Chairman of the Administrative Board

The Multiannual work programme for 2013-2017 and the Annual Work Programme 2013 of the Agency will provide clear added value in the contribution towards the overarching objectives of compliance and level playing field. EFCA will concentrate in its core tasks on brokering operational cooperation between and giving assistance to, Member States and the European Commission, taking into consideration the Member States and the European Commission expectations, the legal framework governing EFCA, and the resources available.

By carrying out its core activities, EFCA will be adapting its JDP framework towards the new multispecies specific control and inspection programmes to be decided by the European Commission in line with the new CFP regional approach. The training aspect of the work will be crucial as well. In 2013 the core curriculum will be nearing completion and its input will contribute to and apply the CFP effectively and in a uniform manner.

The Agency’s remit is designed to enhance cooperation so that legislation is implemented in a systematic and uniform manner. Pooling separate efforts makes it possible to overcome shortcomings in control and inspection. Uniform inspection procedures by national inspectors also make it possible to document all cases of non-compliance in a transparent manner.

It is very encouraging to see the achievements made by the Agency in its short life, but challenges are great ahead of us with a reformed Common Fisheries Policy and new opportunities to make control even more rigorous and effective, so let’s not rest in our laurels but continue to work together to ensure a cost-effective and efficient control throughout Europe.
With the adoption of the activities for the coming year, the Agency concentrates its activities on the promotion of the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the Common Fisheries Policy, taking into account the wider objectives: achieving a level playing field, and coordinating and assisting for better compliance and cost effectiveness.

In this sense, the Agency will concentrate on its core tasks during the period 2013-2017. The activities will revolve around the main axis of EFCA strategy: operational coordination, training, capacity building and cooperation with third countries on Commission request. The implementation of the recommendations adopted by the Administrative Board after the 5 year external evaluation will continue.

Regarding operational coordination, the main goal is to succeed in the implementation towards regional, multispecies and continuous Joint Deployment Plans in force, and coordinating the control activities of Black Sea Member States. Training and best practice will remain an important undertaking beyond the development and maintenance of the core curricula. The capacity building process will continue to support EFCA operations with the Member States and the European Commission, through horizontal support activities such as the development and enhancement of ICT projects, reflections on the discard ban, the evaluation of pilot projects and possible new developments, and the acquisition of means for the Member States. Finally, on the cooperation with third countries on Commission request, operational coordination may be envisaged, in particular with Norway in the North Sea, and Pelagic Western Waters JDPs; Russia in the Baltic Sea and NAFO-NEAFC; Canada and USA, and Mediterranean and Black Sea third countries.

The EFCA has to deliver its core activities within the budget constraints for the next year. Against this backdrop, during 2013, the core operational activity will be the implementation of the JDPs but more coordination tasks could be operated from the EFCA ops rooms. The Agency will be adapting the JDP framework to the new specific con-
control and inspection programmes decided by the European Commission in line with the new Common Fisheries Policy regional approach. As in the previous years, the JDP operational activity will be extended to cooperation with some adjacent third countries on Commission request.

Moreover, the Agency will carry on the core curricula for training of fisheries inspectors in order to provide common reference knowledge and standards to Member States trainers and Union inspectors. This process will deliver the expected inspections at sea module in the first quarter of 2013 and later the subsequent modules, including landing inspections.

Furthermore, the Agency will support the Member States and the European Commission in the implementation of the CFP reform, and will support DG MARE in evaluating/auditing third countries in the framework of the IUU regulation. Finally, the Agency will maintain a capacity for the possible acquisition of means on request of the Member States and shall continue and/or finalise the ongoing data management and network projects indispensable for the operational coordination of JDPs, and the training activities, in order to build rapidly its capacity and foster interoperability and common information availability.

With a view to promoting a culture of compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy and fostering the values of the European Union, the Agency will also communicate to enhance regular and effective communication with stakeholders. EFCA will also participate in common events with other EU institutions, such as other EU agencies working in common fields of work and shared stakeholders.

All in all, I am confident that the work that this Multiannual work programme 2013-2017 and Annual work programme for 2013 presents, will make a firm and significant contribution towards sustainable fisheries, by enhancing compliance, and increasing mutual confidence in the effectiveness and uniformity of joint control.
ICT projects definitions

**Core Curricula Development Platform (CCDP).** This online application supports the collaboration of experts, Member States (MS), the Commission and EFCA for the development of Core Curricula (CC) training materials. Authorised users are able to exchange, to track comments of the different versions of the documents, and to manage meetings, discussion groups, calendar, news, or announcements.

**EFCA Corporate systems:** include EFCA website, intranet, extranet (eg Administrative Board Site) and any application developed internally in support to internal EFCA activities.

**EFCA Electronic Reporting System (EFCA ERS).** This system will allow EFCA to receive and parse ERS messages, exchange them with the stakeholders involved in JDP operations (CCIC), ensure data quality, integrity and reliability through validation operations, and to provide the user with a set of tools, accessible through a web user interface, to view, search, analyze and produce statistics and reports based on specific criteria.

**EFCA Electronic Inspection Report (EFCA EIR).** This system will allow EFCA to receive and parse EIR messages, exchange them with the stakeholders involved in JDP operations (CCIC), ensure data quality, integrity and reliability through validation operations, and to provide the user with a set of tools, accessible through a web user interface, to view, search, analyze and produce statistics and reports based on specific criteria.

**EFCA E-Learning:** After their approval by MS the Core Curricula training modules will be published and made available on this distance learning platform.

**EFCA Vessel Monitoring System (EFCA VMS).** This system allows EFCA to receive and to exchange VMS data (identity, position and speed of fishing vessels larger than 12 m) to support JDP operations, hence providing a global EU picture within the geographical areas covered by the relevant SCIPs.

**FISHNET** is a single sign on secured portal to allow access of most of EFCA applications (ERS, VMS, EIR, DMS, CCDP, E-training, JADE) and to provide EFCA stakeholders with collaboration tools (eg. sharing data and documents, exchange information, teleconferencing). This system is designed to support decision making, planning, operational coordination, and assessment of joint control operations, and to promote remote collaboration in support to EFCA activities.

**JADE** is a web application internally used by the EFCA coordinators to record, manage and report activity on JDPs. JADE stands for Joint deployment plan Activity Database.

**Maritime Surveillance Information Systems:** Information systems developed in cooperation with external stakeholders to integrate available information sources and data sets within the framework of Integrated Maritime Policy, interagency cooperation and the CISE (Common Information Sharing Environment).
In line with the recommendations issued by the Administrative Board following the 5 year external independent evaluation of the European Fisheries Control Agency¹ (Annex 3) and the available resources, the Agency has identified a number of priorities in its current MWP (2013-2017).

The Agency will implement the activities listed in its AWP in close cooperation with the Commission and the Member States concerned. Upon request from the Commission, other or specific operational activities not listed in the AWP will be considered by the Administrative Board, taking into account the availability of financial and human resources for their implementation.

### 1. EFCA MWP 2013-2017 and AWP 2013 priorities

#### 1.1. Multiannual positive priorities

Considering the overarching objectives of compliance and level playing field, the Member States and the European Commission expectations, the legal framework governing the EFCA activities and the resources available, the Agency will concentrate on the core tasks as follows in 2013-2017:

1.1.1. Operational activities:

Succeed in implementing the evolution towards regional, multispecies and continuous² Joint Deployment Plans in force and coordination of control activities of Black Sea Member States. The process will require improving regional risk management and develop a method³ for assessment of cost effectiveness and impact of control activities, within the framework of the new SCIP model currently developed by the Commission and discussed with the Member States, and further defined by the future Regional multispecies SCIPs.

The Agency will also examine periodically at which level EFCA involvement in the JDPs provides the best added value, in accordance with the existing legal basis⁴.

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² Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.2.1), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm).
³ Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendations, 2.5.1, 2.5.3 and 2.5.4), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm).
⁴ The capacity building process goes beyond Unit B (Capacity Building) sensu stricto remit and resources and involves Unit C and Unit A as well.
1.1.2. Capacity Building:

Training:

Core Curricula development and maintenance, following a clear overarching road map in particular for the remaining course areas, including the training of trainers, the integration of IUU best practice gained during visits to third countries, and regional training.

Support of the Member States, of the European Commission and horizontal support of the Agency activities:

(a) Development and enhancement of ICT projects (ERS, FISHNET, EIR, JADE, CCDP and E-learning training platforms) for providing the best collaborative tools to the Members States and fostering interoperability and common information availability. Development of corporate ICT support systems for EFCA, (EDMS, website, intranet, in-house communication platform), maintenance and update of present ICT systems including the EFCA-VMS, and improvement of EFCA operation room facilities;

(b) Common fisheries policy (CFP) reform: reflections on the definition of procedures and systems for monitoring a possible discard ban;

(c) Maritime surveillance and new technologies based on the evaluation of pilot projects (i.e. Bluefin tuna campaign 2012) and possible new developments;

(d) Acquisition of means for the Member States.

1.1.3. Cooperation with third countries on Commission request: operational cooperation with third countries may be envisaged, in particular:

- Norway (and maybe Faeroes and Iceland) in the North Sea, and Pelagic Western Waters JDPs;
- Russia in the Baltic Sea and NAFO-NEAFC;
- Canada and USA;
- Mediterranean and Black Sea third countries (inter alia, countries in acceding process, Turkey and maybe Libya and Morocco).

The Agency and the Commission will evaluate the implications in terms of financial and human resources of a possible delegation to the Agency of Data Centre tasks to implement the EU obligations under the Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and Fisheries Partnership Agreements, in order to assess the feasibility of such a transfer.

Seminars on operational activities will be organised, and two focus groups to assess compliance level, inter alia, in the JDPs, will be set up:

1. To evaluate general trends in compliance levels;
2. To assess cost effectiveness of control operations.
1.2 Multiannual negative priorities

These objectives will require prioritizing and accepting negative priorities:

A transitional period of 4 years in order to raise the capacity building process at the same level of excellence that the operational coordination activities in order to deliver the data management systems and the core curricula in time;

Negative priorities acceptance for this transitional period: inter alia some of the following activities could fall under this approach: involvement in NAFO/NEAFC areas but also where the MS joint cooperation is highly efficient, IUU kept at a very basic level, postponement of some new tasks provided within the Council Control Regulation\(^9\) (e.g. emergency units);

2. Mission Statement and Activities

The Agency’s mission is to promote the highest common standards for control, inspection and surveillance under the CFP.

In this regard, level playing field, coordination and assistance for better compliance are considered wider objectives of the Agency\(^{10}\).

In accordance with its founding regulation, the MWP is presented according to the ABMS\(^{11}\). To this end, the Agency is implementing an ABMS refining its multiannual planning, monitoring and reporting.

The Agency will promote the assessment of the effectiveness of its core activities on the basis of performance and impact criteria and benchmarks. In order to comply with these standards, the work programme is project oriented and a new codification called “Project Management Code” (PMC) is introduced.

3. Multiannual financial perspectives for operational activities (€)

3.1 Multiannual financial perspectives

The indicative financial programming of the operational budget of the Agency is shown in the table below:

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<th>Operational expenditure</th>
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<td>Capacity Building</td>
<td>724,000</td>
<td>804,000</td>
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<td>Operational Coordination</td>
<td>1,006,000</td>
<td>1,086,000</td>
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<td>Acquisition of Means</td>
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<td>1,730,000</td>
<td>1,890,000</td>
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3.2 Budget 2013

In its final decision on the Budget 2012, the Budgetary Authority reduced by 1% the budget of the Agency (as for all regulatory Agencies).

The 2013 Budget Circular indicated that the budget of «cruising speed» agencies would be frozen at the nominal level of the 2012 appropriations. This means that EFCA activities in 2013 are pitched at net 6% less than the financial programming highlighted in the table.

In order to stay in line with the instructions in the Budget Circular, the Agency will make savings, in particular where expenditure in 2011 has not been as high as expected. By doing this it hopes to maximise the capacity of the Agency for continuity of the priority activities. The amount in the budget for operational activities is €1,712,541, as shown in the table below.

Operational Budget EFCA

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<th>Operational expenditure</th>
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<td>644,000</td>
<td>716,601</td>
<td>937,541</td>
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<td>775,000</td>
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<td>Acquisition of Means</td>
<td>4,000,000</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>5,570,000</td>
<td>1,712,541</td>
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The Steering Group (SG) is composed of representatives designated by the Member States concerned and the Commission, and it is chaired by the Agency. The SG is responsible for the overall coordination, and ensures the real functioning of the JDP, in accordance with the SCIP decision, in its three phases:

- Planning of activities, based on risk management
- Implementation of the activities, ensuring that the Member States commitments are fulfilled and applied properly
- Assessment of the effectiveness of the JDP, through a common system of reporting and evaluation

The SG manages the implementation of the JDP and works with the principles of transparency and consensus. All questions regarding the practical implementation of the JDP shall be discussed in this forum.

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- Technical Joint Deployment Group

The Technical Joint Deployment Group (TJDG) is composed of national coordinators assisted by the Agency coordinators, for the purpose of putting into practice the operational planning and execution of the joint deployment of pooled means of control, inspection and surveillance, as agreed in the JDP. It ensures that the operational coordination between the Member States works. It is chaired by a representative of one of the Member States concerned.

The TJDG is responsible to ensure the reception and transmission of all the operational information, to prepare the tactical recommendations to the control and inspection means in the JDP areas and to report to the SG the result of the joint control activities.

6. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2013

The activities for 2013 are set out in the form of activity fiches including a comprehensive description of the different tasks, deliverables and estimated costs, following the outline of the MWP 2013-2017. Each fiche shows the activity code under the ABMS, as well as the corresponding budget allocation to the activity (see table below with the activity codes). The AWP 2013 contains the following amendments regarding the AWP 2012:

- IUU will be integrated under maritime surveillance and pooled capacities
- ICT will be integrated under Capacity Building

6.1 Activities Based Management System (ABMS)

In accordance with the ABMS of the Agency, two operational activities (operational coordination and capacity building) and one functional activity (Governance and Representation) have been defined. The financial and human resources available for 2013 are allocated to both operational activities.

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<td>Western Waters</td>
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<tr>
<td>Data Monitoring and Networks</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maritime Surveillance, Pooled Capacities and IUU</td>
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<tr>
<td>Governance and Representation</td>
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*It includes the European Union System to fight IUU fishing (ABMS Code 1.5 in the AWP 2012).

5.2 Training

A Steering Group and a Working Group involving the Member States and the Commission will provide guidance and technical expertise on training and exchange of experience focusing on the development of the core curricula project.

5.3 Data monitoring and networks

A Working Group will continue to steer the Agency’s data monitoring and networks and will facilitate cooperation between the Agency, the Member States and the Commission and the sharing of best practices in the field of data exchange. This Working Group will be permitted to merge with DG Mare identical fora for cost effectiveness. Based on identified common challenges faced by groups of Member States, the Agency will coordinate projects with the aim to jointly develop solutions to be used by the relevant Member States in particular in the field of control and inspection activities. The Marsurv-3 application will be further developed during the next BFT campaign and pilot projects will be conducted in two other JDP areas (NAFO RA and North Sea).
More information regarding the allocation of the Budget 2013 by sub-activity, as well as the budget evolution, is provided in the details included in every fiche of the Annual Work Programme 2013.

### 6.2 Project management codes (PMC)

Besides, for promoting the assessment of the effectiveness of the core activities on the basis of performance and impact criteria and benchmarks a new project oriented framework will be progressively introduced to be operable in 2013 (see example below in annex 2: Example of project Management Coded Template).
## ACTIVITY FICHES WP 2013

**Operational Coordination**

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### North Sea and adjacent areas


Commission Decision 2008/620/EC of 22 July 2008 establishing a specific control and inspection programme related to the cod stocks in the Kattegat, the North Sea, the Skagerrak, the eastern Channel, the waters west of Scotland and the Irish Sea.

### Objectives

Uniform and effective application of CFP rules in the North Sea and adjacent areas, - Specific objectives will be formulated together with the Steering Group taking into account conclusions of the assessment of activities carried out in 2012 and results of risk analysis.

### Tasks

- Adoption JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Meetings of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Execution of Joint Campaigns
- Workshops for inspectors and MS coordination experts (CCIC)
- Workshops on the sea basin regional approach and possible new provisions adopted by the CFP reform
- JDP Risk management
- JDP Assessment
- Upon request of the Commission assistance in relations with third countries (Norway, Faroe Islands)
- Communication

### Deliverables

- JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Minutes of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Joint campaign reports
- 1 Workshop for inspectors
- 1 Workshop for MS coordination experts (CCIC)
- 2 Workshops on the sea basin regional approach
- Strategic plan of Joint campaigns based on risk management
- Annual report on assessment of effectiveness of JDP, including results of analysis of the existence of non-compliance risk
- Report of results of assistance in relation with third Countries (Norway, Faroe Islands)
- Communication of JDP results on the Agency web site

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15. Please note that the key performance indicators for Operational Coordination are listed in Annex 1
20. Subject to the adoption by the Commission of a Specific Control and Inspection
## ACTIVITY

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### Legal basis


Commission Decision (2008/589/EC) of 12 June 2008 establishing a specific control and inspection programme related to the salmon and cod stocks in the Baltic Sea\[^{25}\].

### Objectives

Uniform and effective application of CFP rules in the Baltic Sea

Specific objectives will be formulated together with the Steering Group taking into account conclusions of the assessment of activities carried out in 2012 and results of risk analysis

### Tasks

- Adoption JDP for 2013 and 2014\[^{26}\]
- Meetings of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Execution of Joint Campaigns
- Workshops for inspectors and MS coordination experts (CCIC)\[^{27}\]
- Workshops on the sea basin regional approach and possible new provisions adopted by the CFP reform
- JDP Risk management
- JDP Assessment
- Upon request of the Commission assistance in relations with third countries (Russia)
- Communication

### Deliverables

- JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Minutes of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group
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- 1 Workshop for inspectors
- 1 Workshop for MS coordination experts (CCIC)
- 2 Workshops on the sea basin regional approach delivered
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\[^{22}\] 1 AD temporarily part-time transferred to Pelagic JDP Western Waters.

\[^{23}\] Contribution to TITILE III, Commission General Budget 11.080502.


\[^{25}\] OJ L 190, 18.7.2008, p. 11; Decision as last amended by Decision 2012/262/EU (OJ L 130, 17.5.2012, p. 22); applicable until 12 June 2013.

\[^{26}\] Subject to the adoption by the Commission of a Specific Control and Inspection Programme.

\[^{27}\] Administrative Board Recommendations on EPCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.3.4), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm).
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**Legal basis**


**Objectives**

To coordinate the EU participation in the International Control and Inspection Programmes in NAFO and NEAFC

Specific objectives will be formulated together with the Steering Group considering the results of Assessment of activities 2012 and results of risk analysis

**Tasks**

Adoption JDP for 2013 and 2014

Meetings of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group

Execution of Joint Campaigns

Participation of Agency staff as Union inspectors in international waters

Workshops for NAFO and NEAFC inspectors²³

JDP Risk management

JDP Assessment

Assistance to EU Delegation for NAFO and NEAFC international meetings

Upon request of the Commission assistance in relations with third countries (particularly Canada)

Communication
### Deliverables

- JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Minutes of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Quarterly reports of control activities
- Joint campaign reports
- 2 workshops for NAFO and NEAFC inspectors
- Strategic plan of Joint campaigns based on risk management
- Reports of participation of Agency staff assisting the Commission in the relations with International organisation and third Countries.
- Report of results of assistance in relation with third Countries (particularly Canada)
- Annual report on assessment of effectiveness of JDP, including results of analysis of the existence of non-compliance risks
- Communication of JDP results on the Agency web site
**ACTIVITY**

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**Legal basis**


Commission Implementing Decision (2011/207/EU) of 29 March 2011 establishing a specific control and inspection programme related to the recovery of bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean³⁵.

**Objectives**

Uniform and effective application of CFP rules in the Mediterranean and Black Sea

Specific objectives will be formulated together with the Steering Group taking into account conclusions of the assessment of activities carried out in 2012 and results of risk analysis.

**Tasks**

Adoption of JDP for 2013

Adoption of Joint Control Work Programme for Black Sea in 2013 Meetings of the Steering Group and Technical Joint Deployment Group

Execution of Joint Campaigns

Workshops for ICCAT and National inspectors³⁶

Participation of Agency staff as Union inspectors in international waters

JDP Risk management

JDP assessment

Assistance to EU Delegation for ICCAT and GFCM international meetings

Upon request of the Commission assistance in relations with third countries (Turkey, Croatia, Montenegro, Southern Mediterranean countries)

Assistance to the MS and the Commission for the implementation of the video stereo technology pilot project to evaluate catches and number of BFT caged³⁷

Communication

**Deliverables**

JDP for 2013

Joint Control Work Programme for Black Sea in 2013

Minutes of the Steering Group and reports by Technical Joint Deployment Group

Joint campaign reports

2 Regional workshops on disseminating best practices in relation to the ICCAT rules for bluefin tuna and swordfish, and EU rules regarding fisheries in Mediterranean

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³³ Contribution to TITLE III, Commission General Budget 11.080502.
³⁶ Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.3.4), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm).
³⁷ Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.2.2), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm).
1. Regional workshop for Black Sea to analyse outcomes of the 2012 turbot campaign and prepare draft national programmes for 2013
2. Participation in MS national training seminars for ICCAT and national inspectors
3. Strategic plan of Joint campaigns based on risk management
4. Reports of participation of Agency staff to the meetings organised assisting the Commission in the relations with International organisations (ICCAT, GFCM and third Countries (Turkey, Croatia and Montenegro and Southern Mediterranean countries)
5. Annual report on assessment of effectiveness of JDP, including results of analysis of the existence of non-compliance risk
6. Communication of JDP results on the Agency web site
### ACTIVITY

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#### Legal basis


Commission Implementing Decision (2011/310/EU) of 24 May 2011 establishing a specific control and inspection programme for pelagic fisheries in Western Waters of the North East Atlantic.

#### Objectives

Uniform and effective application of CFP rules in the Western Waters

Specific objectives will be formulated together with the Steering Group taking into account conclusions of the assessment of activities carried out in 2012 and results of risk analysis.

#### Tasks

- Adoption JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Meetings of the Steering Group and the Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Execution of Joint Campaigns
- Workshops for inspectors and MS coordination experts (CCIC)
- Workshops on the sea basin regional approach and possible new provisions adopted by the CFP reform
- JDP Risk management
- JDP Assessment
- Upon request of the Commission, assistance in relations with third countries (Norway, Faroe Islands, Iceland)
- Communication

#### Deliverables

- JDP for 2013 and 2014
- Minutes of the Steering Group and the Technical Joint Deployment Group
- Joint campaign reports
- 1 Workshop for inspectors
- 1 Workshop for Member States coordination experts (CCIC)
- 2 Workshops on the sea basin regional approach Strategic plan of Joint campaigns based on risk management
- Annual report on assessment of effectiveness of JDP, including results of analysis of the existence of non-compliance risk
- Report of results of assistance in relation with third Countries (Norway, Faroe Islands, Iceland)
- Communication of JDP results on the EFCA Agency web site

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38. Contribution to TITLE III, Commission General Budget 11.080502.
40. Subject to the adoption by the Commission of a Specific Control and Inspection Programme.
41. Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.3.4), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)
### Capacity Building

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#### Legal basis


#### Objectives

To develop and strengthen the skills, abilities, processes and resources that Member States need for the uniform application of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in the field of data monitoring and networks

To provide guidance and to facilitate the exchange of best practices for building capacities in the areas of data monitoring and networks

To develop information and data exchange solutions for joint control and inspection activities

#### Tasks

To develop, enhance, maintain and upgrade EFCA ICT applications in support to JDPs control and inspection activities, namely FISHNET including, inter alia, ERS, EIR, VMS, JADE, DSM and training applications

To operate the EFCA systems for the real-time exchange of operational fisheries related data between MS and EFCA over the Data Exchange Highway (DEH)

To provide a secured ICT environment for the exchange of data, documents and information in relation to JDPs

To provide data analysis in support to the operational coordination unit for strategic planning of the JDPs or on an ad-hoc basis

To coordinate or contribute to initiatives for common specification writing and development of systems to address the challenges MS face regarding the collection and exchange of data

To organize meetings of the Working Group on Data Monitoring and Networks for the exchange of best practices in related fields of interest

To participate and contribute to the EU fisheries experts group meetings and workshops

#### Deliverables

Feasibility studies, user needs analysis, project management reports

EFCA applications developments, enhancements and upgrades implemented according to planning

System availability for the real-time exchange of data, documents and information in relation to JDPs

Improved operational monitoring capabilities for JDPs

Data analysis reports and files

Meeting documentation, minutes and reports

Key Performance Indicators

EFCA-VMS availability rate during JDPs campaigns (100%)

EFCA-ERS 1.0 availability rate during JDPs campaigns (99%)

EFCA-ERS 1.1 successfully implemented (June 2013)

EFCA-EIR feasibility study successfully completed (July 2013)
FISHNET successfully implemented: 1.0 (April 2013), and 1.1 (November 2013)
Secured ICT environment developed in support to EFCA ICT new applications (March 2013)

**ACTIVITY**

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**Background (legal basis)**

Art. 3(e), (f), (g), Art. 7(a), (b), (g) and Art. 17b of Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency and amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy.

**Objectives**

To develop and strengthen the skills, abilities, processes and resources that Member States need for the uniform application of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in the field of training
To provide guidance and to facilitate the exchange of best practices for building capacities in the areas of training
To make available Core Curricula training modules (train the trainers and Union inspectors) and promote its usage

**Tasks**

To provide engineering and methodological support in the field of training in particular for the development of the Core Curricula
To successfully manage and monitor the Core Curricula project following agreed rules of procedures of the SGTEE and WGTEE, review and validation steps for the development of training modules, guidelines, and policy for the management of MS comments
To make available CC courses on EFCA E-Learning platform and to promote the utilisation of the CC modules for the training of Fisheries inspectors
To develop, enhance, upgrade and maintain the EFCA CCDP and E-Learning platforms
To promote the exchange of knowledge and best practice on control and inspection
To organise meetings or seminars on training and exchange of experience, in particular on the development of indicators for measuring the effectiveness of capacity building mainly focusing on training
To organise training seminars and workshops at the request of the Commission and the MS

**Deliverables**

Core Curricula training courses (content, teaching and learning aids)
Training seminar pedagogical materials
Training platforms development, enhancement and upgrade implemented according to planning
Training platforms up-to-date and available
Meeting documentation, minutes and reports

**Key Performance Indicators**

- Training platforms availability rate (100%)
- CCDP 1.1 successfully implemented (October 2013)
- E-Learning 1.0 successfully implemented (March 2013)
- Inspection at Sea course published (February 2013)
- Landing Inspection course successfully developed (December 2013)
- Training modules availability rate (100%)

43. Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.3.2), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)
44. Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.5.2), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)
ACTIVITY
Maritime Surveillance, Pooled Capacities and IUU

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Background (legal basis)

Art. 3 (h), (i), Art. 7(c), (d), Art. 17e and Art. 17g of Council Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005 establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency and amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the Common Fisheries Policy.


Objectives

To contribute to the implementation of the EU IMP and the CFP, continuing cooperation in maritime affairs with Member States, the Commission, relevant EU Agencies and external bodies.

To provide shared and cost effective technical capacity and availability of means in support of EFCA coordination activities.

To further develop the better usage of external information sources not readily available at the Agency for fisheries control purposes and fight against IUU in order to improve risk analysis at EU level.

To provide assistance to the Commission and the Member States in order to ensure uniform and effective application of the rules of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and fight IUU fishing.

Tasks

To manage the list of Union inspectors and its publication on the EFCA web-site and to issue Union inspectors identification documents.

To develop and promote cooperation with other EU Agencies or external bodies for the detection of suspected illegal fishing activities.

To contribute to the development of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE).

To develop supporting tools for the integration of different data, set and assess their value added to improve maritime surveillance.

To provide contract management services for the procurement of inspection goods and services.

To manage and improve the EFCA Operations Coordination Centre in line with operational and user requirements.

To execute the tasks transferred under Commission Decision 2009/988/EU, including audits and evaluation missions to third countries (on request of the Commission).

To organise Workshop Seminars on IUU for MS competent authorities and third Countries if so requested by the Commission.

To support training actions and national seminar on IUU at the request of MS.
Deliverables

- Up-to-date list of Union inspectors maintained and published on the EFCA website, and Union inspectors ID cards issued
- Supporting documentation, expertise and operational coordination pilot projects (i.e. CISE, JDPs pilot projects)
- Information sharing in the framework of IMP and interagency cooperation
- A functional EFCA Operations coordination centre in line with the operational requirements
- Meetings documents and minutes
- Pilot projects successfully implemented according to planning
- 4 workshops seminars for Member States IUU competent authorities
- Participation to MS national IUU training seminars on request
- Reports on the implementation of Agency activities related to IUU
- IUU training seminars for third countries experts on request of the Commission
- Mission preparation and reports on audits and evaluation missions in third countries

Key Performance Indicators

- Percentage of Union inspector cards issued (100% after publication of list)
- Availability rate of EFCA Operations coordination centre
- Number of participants of IUU competent authorities
- Evaluation rate (positive and very positive) of IUU seminars
- Number of preparation mission preparation files and reports

### Governance and Representation

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| Governance and Representation |
| Administrative Expenditure |
| CODE | RESOURCES |
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Administrative Board

€52,000


As the main governing body of the Agency the forefront objective of the Administrative Board is to ensure the correct and effective functioning of the Agency.

Among others:
To appoint and dismiss the Executive Director pursuant to Article 30
To adopt, by 30 April each year, the general report of the Agency for the previous year and forward it to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Auditors and the Member States. The report shall be made public.
To adopt by 31 October each year, and taking into account the opinion of the Commission and the Member States, the work programme of the Agency for the coming year and forward it to the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission and the Member States.
To adopt the final budget of the Agency before the beginning of the financial year, adjusting it, where necessary, according to the Union contribution and any other revenue of the Agency.
To perform its duties in relation to the Agency’s budget in accordance with Articles 35, 36 and 38
To exercise disciplinary authority over the Executive Director.
To establish its rules of procedure; which may provide for the establishment of sub-committees of the Administrative Board as necessary; To adopt procedures necessary for the performance by the Agency of its tasks.
To implement the Board recommendations following the 5 year independent evaluation of the Agency, namely to enhance the discussion on strategic discussions, to reflect on the participation of other parties in the Administrative Board.

Agency Administrative Board Decisions
Agency Multiannual work programme, Annual work programme and Annual Report;
Adoption of the Budget and the Accounts
Adoption of the Multiannual Staff Policy Plan; Endorsement and/or support of the activities carried out by the Agency in the development of its mission.

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**Background (legal basis)**


**Objectives**

The main objective of the Advisory Board is to advise the Executive Director and to ensure close cooperation with stakeholders.

**Tasks**

The Advisory Board shall at the request of the Executive Director advise him/her in the performance of his/her duties under Regulation (EC) No 768/2005.

**Deliverables**

Advisory Board advice regarding the Multiannual and Annual work programme of the Agency, containing the main concerns, needs and priorities of the stakeholders to be considered in the Agency field of action.

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**Background (legal basis)**


**Objectives**

To ensure Agency representation, cooperation, dialogue and transparency with other institutional bodies, EU agencies and third parties.

**Tasks**

Contribute to the general awareness about the mission and work of the Agency
- Keep informed the institutional bodies and third parties on the work of the Agency
- Explore synergies and common approaches with other EU agencies
- Follow up of the relevant information provided by the third parties

**Deliverables**

Attendance to relevant meetings for the Agency
- Contribution to drafting positions in the field of the inter-agency working groups
- Presentations and briefings delivered in the different meetings
- Briefings and documents issued to inform the institutional bodies and third parties
## Background (legal basis)


## Objectives by target audience

1. **Stakeholders:** promote a culture of compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy by contributing to a climate trust, confidence and accountability
2. **General public:** contribute to and support of the Communication Strategy defined by the European Commission in the field of the Common Fisheries Policy and in particular in the area of Control and Enforcement
3. **Local public:** support the Communication Strategies defined by the European institutions and in particular the Commission
4. **Institutional actors:** raising awareness about the Agency’s work and mission in general and ensure fluent information flow

## Tasks

1. **Stakeholders:** Communication in relation to RAC/Agency conferences/seminars on control
   - Reception of stakeholder visitors groups
   - Implementation of the Board recommendations following the 5 year independent evaluation of the Agency, namely to enhance regular, systematic, and effective communication with other stakeholders, particularly Member States, regarding the development of Agency activities.

2. **General public:** Contribution and support to communication activities of the Commission in relation to the CFP (Seafood Exposition and Maritime Day)
   - Printing and distribution of Annual Report and Work Programme
   - Production of the necessary Communication support material
   - Communicate to the media the main results of Agency work
   - Apply the Agency visual identity
   - Creation and development of Agency online communication tools in line with the Board recommendations following the 5 year independent evaluation of the Agency, namely to develop an information portal for fisheries control

3. **Local public:** Celebrating Europe Day in Vigo
   - Participation in activities organised by the Commission Representation Office and EU info relays in Spain
   - Other local activities (university, local industry, etc)

4. **Institutional stakeholders:** Presentations to EU stakeholders as well as in international, national, regional and local fora

## Deliverables

1. **Stakeholders:**
   - Communication on the seminar/event organised with a RAC
   - Stakeholders visits to the Agency

2. **General public:**
   - Website development on Agency work
   - Stand, Agency staff presence, promotional material at the Seafood Exposition in Brussels and the Maritime Day
   - Participation in EU activities on the CFP and particularly Control such as information seminars, press conferences or fairs as well as contributing to the dissemination of the EU project (e.g. by participating at the Frankfurt Book fair)
   - Layout and distribution of the main publications of the Agency: Annual Report and Work Programme
   - Effective Communication tools available for trainings, visits, fairs, presentations, etc.
   - Strong media relations on the topics covered by the Agency by issuing press releases, having phone contact and organising press trips or conferences when relevant.
   - Main Agency supports apply the corporate visual identity

3. **Local public:**
   - Organisation of a local event with vast institutional presence and media coverage
   - Cooperation with the EC Representation Office and EU Communication relays
   - Organisation of visits of the local stakeholders to Agency office

4. **Institutional actors:**
   - Presentations to EU stakeholders, specially those involved in the JDPs
   - Organisation of demos on operational work to main EU decision makers

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53. Administrative Board Recommendations on EFCA 5 year evaluation (Recommendation 2.6.3), 15 March 2012 (http://www.efca.europa.eu/pages/home/docs_basicdocs.htm)
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