



**DECISION NO 16-I-7**  
**OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**  
**OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY**

**of 10 March 2016**

**amending AB Decision No 15-II-08 of 15 October 2015**

**concerning the adoption of the Multiannual Work Programme for years 2016-2020  
and the Annual work programme for year 2016 and the Final Budget of the European  
Fisheries Control Agency for year 2016**

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 768/2005 of 26 April 2005<sup>1</sup> establishing a Community Fisheries Control Agency<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'EFCA'), and in particular Article 23(2)(c) thereof,

**Whereas:**

- (1) EFCA has been informed by Commission note dated 18 January 2016 that the Agency from 2016 onwards should be part of the working group on the development of an EU IT system/database to support the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1005/008 of 29 September 2008<sup>3</sup> and the catch certification scheme.
- (2) EFCA was asked by the Commission to assist the Member States in the uniform application of Article 31 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009<sup>4</sup> by producing a common IUU risk methodology on import controls of marine products covered by the IUU catch certification scheme.
- (3) The Administrative Board adopted at its 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 15 October 2015 the Multiannual work programme 2016-2020 and the Annual work programme 2016 of the European Fisheries Control Agency (AB Decision No 15-II-08).
- (4) The Annual work programme 2016 should therefore be amended.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*

Annex I to the Decision of the Administrative Board No 15-II-08 is amended as follows:

1. In the Annual Work Programme 2016 activity fiches, the **Level playing field enhancement** fiche shall be replaced by the following:

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<sup>1</sup> As amended.

<sup>2</sup> Since 1/1/2012 'European Fisheries Control Agency'.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 280, 27.10.2009, p. 5.

	<p>evaluation of emerging technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide expertise on the control aspects in preparation of new or updating existing regulations upon EC request</li> </ul>		
<p>Provide assistance to the European 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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission preparation, on the spot visits and reports on evaluation missions in third countries</li> <li>• Analysis of catch certificates and processing statements</li> <li>• Development of a common methodology to facilitate the implementation of an IUU risk management approach by Member States authorities</li> <li>• Participation in the working group on the development of an EU IT system/database to support the implementation of the IUU Regulation and the catch certification scheme</li> <li>• Organisation and reports on the IUU steering group meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of evaluation missions in third countries</li> <li>• Percentage of planned missions completed</li> <li>• Number of mission reports issued</li> <li>• Number of catch certificates and processing statements analysed</li> <li>• Common methodologies presented to the IUU SG</li> <li>• Meetings attended to the working group on the development of an EU IT system for the IUU catch certification scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <p>100%</p> <p>4</p> <p>1500</p> <p>1</p> <p>60%</p>
<p>Promote a level-playing field at EU level and vis-à-vis RFMO's and third countries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of results of assistance in relation with third countries and RFMOs</li> <li>• Report on the implementation of the tasks delegated to EFCA in relation to RFMOs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of third countries to which EFCA assisted in comparison with EC requests</li> <li>• Implementation of the tasks delegated by the EC</li> </ul>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>

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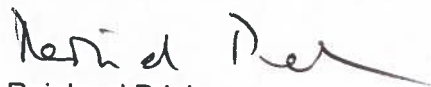
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<b>ACTIVITY: LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ENHANCEMENT</b>	
<b>STAFF</b> (3.5 TAD, 8.5 TAST)	<b>OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b> (344,000€)
	<b>ABMS</b> €2,397,709
<b>OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITY</b>	
<p><b>Description:</b> This activity promotes level playing field by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting cooperation with Member States authorities and the European Commission to implement the fisheries control policy through the organisation of Regional Steering Groups to implement regional projects, including planning and assessment of JDP activities;</li> <li>• Assisting the European Commission and the Member States in their relations with RFMOs, and third countries, promoting the implementation of the control standards of the EU at international level in accordance with the working arrangements;</li> <li>• Assisting Member States authorities in their implementation of the control aspect of the Catch Certification schema including sharing of information, cross checking of data and exchange of experiences;</li> <li>• Assisting regional groups of Member States to implement the landing obligation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Added value:</b> The added value of this activity is linked to coordinate the implementation of the control policy at EU and international level, and promote the joint planning and evaluation of control activities, with the objective to promote level playing field and maximise the benefits of the control operations. Furthermore it levels the playing field between operators from inside and outside the EU.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> Main challenges are linked with the need to establish cooperation at regional level. It requires a proper knowledge of the situation and needs, of the activities and the production of sound planning and evaluation activities. EFCA should be an honest broker to facilitate coordination and cooperation.</p> <p><b>Link with Multiannual objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist Member States to cooperate so as to comply with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy in order to ensure its effective and uniform application;</li> <li>• Support the regional implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (control) and in particular of the landing obligation;</li> <li>• Support the Union in the international dimension of the CFP and the fight against IUU activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>DELIVERABLES</b>
<p>Assist Member States and the European Commission in harmonising the application of the Common Fisheries Policy, including through PACT regional projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance to Member States, including to Regional Bodies, and the European Commission in projects related to the implementation of the CFP, including PACT regional projects</li> <li>• Organisation and reports on the regional steering group meetings</li> <li>• Planning and assessment of the regional control operations, (JDP and operational plans) including PACT regional projects</li> <li>• Support to MS on pilot projects or ToR for</li> </ul>
<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</b>	<b>TARGETS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning of control operations delivered timely</li> <li>• Assessment reports 2015 delivered before 30 June 2016</li> <li>• ID cards issued for new Union Inspectors where info and photos have been provided</li> <li>• Road map issued for PACT regional projects proposed by MS</li> <li>• Project evaluation or ToR delivered</li> </ul>	<p>Q4</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>1</p>

*Article 2*

This decision shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Done at Vigo on 10 March 2016



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Chair of the Administrative Board

