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COMMUNICATION TO APPLICANTS

Subject: Call for proposals No MARE/2016/22 - "Strengthening regional cooperation in the area of fisheries data collection"

Ref.: Call for proposals published on 4/05/2017: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/call-proposals-mare201622_en

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below questions received and the answers given by the Commission.

Question 1:

"Is it possible to run individual WPs back to back or even as joint actions between regional projects? Different regions may in such case work on different case studies. The applications for such WPs will in such case, from a content point of view, be very similar between projects (different regions might though have WP leaders). Is this a problem? Is it acceptable to do this for most of the WPs?"

Answer 1:

As per point 2.2 of the Call for proposals 'cooperation between ***adjacent*** sea basins is strongly encouraged'. In addition, 'the applicants receiving each grant should ***coordinate*** their work to ensure, as far as possible, that the outputs produced should be ***compatible*** among the regions in which the projects take place'.

Question 2:

"Is it possible, one way or the other, for a consortium from eg North Sea area to include partners that do not fish in the North Sea area?"

Answer 2:

As per point 6.1.4(a) of the Call for proposals 'for biological data collection, the consortium must include at least three Member States ***fishing*** in one, and the same, of the following regions: Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Black Sea, Large pelagic fisheries on highly migratory species, long distance fisheries beyond EU waters'.

Question 3

"Is it possible for a MS to participate in more than one regional project?"

Answer 3:

Yes, taking into consideration point 6.1.4(a) of the Call for proposals: 'for biological data collection, the consortium must include at least three Member States ***fishing*** in one, and the same, of the following regions: Baltic Sea, North Sea and Eastern Arctic, North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Black Sea, Large pelagic fisheries on highly migratory species, long distance fisheries beyond EU waters'.

Question 4

"Is it possible for individual scientists to participate in more than one regional project? Is it possible for individual scientists to be WP leaders in more than one project?"

Answer 4:

Natural persons are not eligible. As per point 6.1.1 of the Call for proposals, 'the following applicants of Member States are eligible:

- public authorities (national, regional, local);
- research centres;
- Universities;
- non-profit organisations (private or public).'

This information is made available on DG MARE internet site

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