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### **COMMUNICATION TO APLICANTS**

**Subject: Call for proposals No MARE/2016/22  
"Strengthening regional coordination in the field of data collection"**

Ref.: Call notice published on 4/05/2017: [https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/call-proposals-mare201622\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/call-proposals-mare201622_en)

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

#### **Question 1:**

*"Can the North Sea and the Atlantic sea basin areas submit a single grant application with a single lead partner?"*

#### **Answer 1:**

Yes, one single grant application with one lead partner can be submitted. As stipulated in the point 2.2 of the Call: "Call may cover 4-7 grants, depending on cooperation between sea basins (...), cooperation between adjacent sea basins is strongly encouraged." For more details, please refer to point 2.2 of the Call.

#### **Question 2:**

*"We want to complete a proposal for Annex 1 Biological Data Collection in EU Waters. We see an opportunity to broaden the scope of the project and use the expertise that spans and contributing member states that span two adjacent regions more efficiently. Please could you confirm whether you would be prepared to accept a proposal that covers both the North Sea and Eastern Arctic, and the North Atlantic Regions in a single bid? "*

#### **Answer 2:**

Yes. We welcome the attitude demonstrating novelty, added value and complementarity to the existing accomplishments. For more details, please refer to 2.2 of the Call.

This information is made available on DG MARE internet site ([http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs\\_fisheries/contracts\\_and\\_funding/calls\\_for\\_tender/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/maritimeaffairs_fisheries/contracts_and_funding/calls_for_tender/index_en.htm)) so as to be accessible to all interested potential applicants.