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Mr. Jesper RAAKJAER
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Subject: Pelagic AC recommendation on EU funding for scientific research projects

Your Ref.: 1819/PAC08

Dear Mr Raakjaer,

I would like to thank you for the recommendation of the Pelagic AC as regards EU funding for markets, technical, scientific or economic projects of direct relevance for Advisory Councils under the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).

In addition to Article 40 of the Commission's proposal on functioning costs of Advisory Councils, let me inform you that Advisory Councils may benefit from other strands of the EMFF for other projects they may carry out. This is possible either under direct management, subject to call for tenders or call for proposals by DG MARE or our executive agency EASME, or under shared management in accordance with national programmes and selection procedures. Under both management modes, the Commission proposes that support is granted to projects contributing to sustainable fisheries, food security, the growth of a sustainable blue economy as well as a sustainable management of seas and oceans.

I encourage you to take contact with national authorities in your countries in order to see how you could benefit from EMFF support under shared management. Contact details of national Managing Authorities are available at: https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/national_authorities.pdf.

I also invite you to closely follow calls for proposals for projects under direct management available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-opportunities-maritime-affairs-and-fisheries_en. Last but not least, I encourage you to exchange good practices between your members having benefitted from the EMFF in the past.

In addition to the EMFF, the future EU research programme ("Horizon Europe") is a significant source of funding for research projects in the field of fisheries. DG MARE, in coordination with DG RTD, intends to launch a consultation of stakeholders on the

identification of the post-2020 research and innovation agenda for fisheries. This research agenda should feed into the larger development of the Horizon Europe programme, in particular into the Strategic Programme to be developed in 2019. The consultation of stakeholders is expected to result in an overview and agenda of short, medium and long-term priorities for fisheries research and innovation at European level. You will soon be consulted in this context, and I will be grateful for your contribution to this consultation.

Should the Advisory Council benefit in the future from EU financial support as described above, this would require you to clearly separate in your accounts the operating costs (covered by our grant) from any other costs you may have in relation to a project for which you received other specific support.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any further question, you may contact Pascale Colson, as coordinator of the ACs (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32 2 2956273).

Yours sincerely,

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