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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 8 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>2</sup> and in particular Articles 75 and 110 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Articles 75 and 110 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>3</sup> (the "Financial Regulation") and Article 90(1) of Commission Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 of 23 December 2002 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities<sup>4</sup> (the "Implementing Rules"), the commitment of expenditure from the budget of the European Union shall be preceded by a financing decision setting out the essential elements of the action involving expenditure and adopted by the institution or the authorities to which powers have been delegated by the institution.
- (2) In accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation, an annual work programme must be adopted for grants.
- (3) The work programme being a sufficiently detailed framework in the meaning of Article 90(2) and (3) of the Implementing Rules, the present decision constitutes a

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 321, 5.12.2011, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 248, 16.9.2002, p. 1.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 357, 31.12.2002, p. 1.

financing decision for the expenditure provided in the work programme for grants and procurement.

- (4) Under Article 168(1) (c) of the Implementing Rules, grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to bodies with a de jure or de facto monopoly. Mediterranean Member States' governmental authorities hosting the Mediterranean coastguard forum as determined by the Member States dispose of an exclusive expertise and/or competence and therefore have a de facto monopoly which justifies the award of grants to them without a call for proposals as a contribution to their work.
- (5) The present financing decision may also cover the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 83 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 and Article 106(5) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002.
- (6) It is appropriate to define the term 'substantial change' within the meaning of Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 for the application of this decision.
- (7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee for Integrated Maritime Policy established by Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 1255/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

#### *Article 1*

The work programme for grants and procurement in the framework of the Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (hereinafter "work programme"), as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted. It constitutes a financing decision in the meaning of Article 75 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002.

#### *Article 2*

The maximum contribution for the work programme is set at € 39 700 000 and shall be financed from the budgetary line 11 09 05 of the General Budget of the European Union in the following way:

- (a) for 2011: €23 140 000
- (b) for 2012: €16 560 000

These appropriations may also cover interest due for late payment.

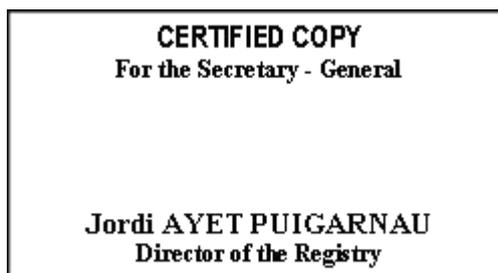
#### *Article 3*

Cumulative changes of the allocations to the specific actions not exceeding 15% of the maximum contribution set in Article 2 are not considered to be substantial within the meaning of Article 90(4) of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature and objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and of proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 12.3.2012

*For the Commission*  
*Maria DAMANAKI*  
*Member of the Commission*



**ANNEX 1**

## ANNEX 1

### The Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (2011-2013) - Work Programme for 2011

#### 1. GRANTS

##### BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05

##### 1.1. Development of cross-cutting tools

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(b), 3.2 and 5.1(a) Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of European Parliament and Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (hereafter referred to as “IMP Regulation”)

The development of specific instruments for the IMP, which creates synergies between sectoral policies (so called "cross-cutting tools") has been recognised by the co-legislators to be a key priority for the IMP programme.

##### *1.1.1. Project on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea*

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is widely accepted as a crucial tool to support sound management of seas and oceans, including when implementing the ICZM Protocol of the Barcelona Convention. Despite the ongoing activities of some EU Member States in implementing MSP at national or regional level, cross-border cooperation between Member States remains limited at this point in time. The Commission therefore seeks to stimulate the development of a cross-border, ecosystem based approach towards MSP in the European sea areas, among other actions through projects with EU co-financing in various EU sea basins. The potential beneficiaries in these projects are public bodies of the Member States bordering the sea area (in this case, the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea) as well as the relevant regional sea Conventions (in this case, the Barcelona Convention and the Bucharest Convention). The project must involve authorities engaged in marine activities that involve spatial implications.

<b>Type</b>	Grant agreement for an action - call for proposals
<b>Budget</b>	€1.000.000
<b>Description</b>	Test project to gather practical knowledge and experience in the implementation of MSP in one or more cross-border sea areas situated within the Mediterranean/Black Sea, to be selected by the project partners. Within the area(s) selected, the partners should test concretely the implementation of MSP, including making an initial assessment, developing a maritime spatial plan and suggesting a monitoring and evaluation process. The project should provide added value to the co-operation activities that is already going on in this area and should identify existing and potential barriers and formulate recommendations on the application of MSP in

	cross-border areas. It should also explore the links between MSP and ICZM and thereby contribute to a better understanding of similarities and differences between the two concepts.
<b>Objectives and expected results</b>	The aim is to stimulate the development of a cross-border, ecosystem based MSP in accordance with the 10 key principles of the 2008 Roadmap Communication. Existing and potential barriers should be identified and recommendations should be formulated to benefit cross-border MSP application throughout the EU. Links between MSP and ICZM should also be explored.
<b>Essential selection and award criteria</b>	<p><u>Selection criteria:</u> Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed project. The application must show the legal status of the applicant and his financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project.</p> <p><u>Award criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Relevance:</i> Applicants should describe how they understand the objectives of the project, how their proposal addresses these objectives and to which extent the project will have an impact in relation to existing issues related to MSP in the selected area(s).</li> <li>– <i>Added value and innovation:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the project would add to the existing knowledge and experience relevant for the development of a common approach to MSP within the EU, and to what extent the proposal represents an innovative approach to MSP. In particular, attention should be given to the selection of appropriate area(s) for cross-border MSP.</li> <li>– <i>Methodology:</i> Applicants should describe their proposed working methodology to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should provide a detailed timetable/work plan. Applicants should also describe how they will ensure a sufficient exchange of data that are required for MSP between the participants in the project and where they see the main challenges for such data exchange (e.g. legal, administrative or technical obstacles).</li> <li>– <i>Means of implementation of the project:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the resources (personnel, equipment, financing, etc.) that will be mobilised are adequate to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should demonstrate that their implementation means are cost-effective.</li> <li>– <i>Project management:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the</li> </ul>

	project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and establish a real Partnership. – <i>Dissemination and visibility</i> : Applicants should describe their dissemination plan and how they intend to ensure that the results of the project are used optimally by others not participating in it.
<b>Co financing involved</b>	Maximum 80% of the eligible costs
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for Proposals to be launched in 4Q 2012

## 1.2. Development and implementation of sea-basin strategies

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(d), 3.4 and 5.1(a) of the IMP Regulation

Improvement of quality of life in coastal regions while taking into account the need for sustainability, employment opportunities and accessibility are key objectives of cooperation at sea basin level. In close cooperation with Member States and third countries, the Commission will provide support for the development of maritime governance and expertise to follow-up on maritime cooperation mechanisms and projects to ensure their added-value and their sustainability. Many good ideas lack the resources to make them happen. Additionally, concrete test projects on certain maritime functions can be fostered and allow Member States and third countries to enhance their cooperation (e.g. the Action Plan for the Atlantic and the Adriatic-Ionian sub-region). This quality support will be key to deliver quality proposals in the running up to the implementation of the regional funds by the Member States through Sea Basin Strategies. Potential beneficiaries include national, regional and local authorities as well as other stakeholders like NGOs, social partners' organisations or private undertakings.

### 1.2.1. *Test projects on cooperation in execution of various maritime functionalities at sub-regional or sea-basin level*

Enhanced cooperation and/or coordination between operational maritime authorities at regional and EU level is an objective pursued by the both the European Parliament, the Commission and lately the Member States. The project aims at field-testing such cooperation with the aim to measure cost-benefits and embed the culture of cross-border and cross-sectoral cooperation – as such benefiting the development of the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE). Potential beneficiaries are public authorities executing maritime functions at national or local level. The project is however meant to benefit both, national administrations and citizens.

<b>Type</b>	Grant agreement for an action – call for proposals
<b>Budget</b>	€2 100 000
<b>Description</b>	Test project in at least one region/sub-region (e.g. Adriatic-Ionian, Black Sea, Western Mediterranean, North Sea, Baltic) aiming to reinforce cross-border cooperation in execution of functionalities in i.e. maritime pollution response, vessel traffic management, accident and disaster response, search and rescue, fisheries control, customs and border control, relevant surveillance activities and as well as

	related maritime law enforcement.
<b>Objectives and expected results</b>	The main objective is to support further cross-border operational cooperation between public authorities in at least three of the above functionalities in the respective region/sub-region; the cooperation will be developed as a test case and the respective costs and benefits will be evaluated. Each tested cooperation and the cost-benefit analysis will lead to conclusions to be applied in larger scale, possibly to all EU sea-basins and feed also into the development of the Common Information Sharing Environment.
<b>Essential selection and award criteria</b>	<p><u>Selection criteria:</u></p> <p>Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed action. The application must show the legal status of the applicant and his financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project.</p> <p><u>Award criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Relevance:</i> Applicants should describe how they understand the objectives of the project, how their proposal addresses these objectives and to which extent the project will have an impact in relation to existing situations regarding costs/benefits and efficiency in implementing international and EU maritime law through cross-border cooperation in at least three of the above-stated functionalities in the selected area(s). Compliance with the following criteria should also be demonstrated: (1) Cooperation of different authorities executing the respective functionalities from at least two MS, (2) possible involvement of third countries (candidate, potential and/or ENP countries).</li> <li>– <i>Added value and innovation:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the project would add to the existing efficiency, knowledge and experience relevant to the execution of maritime functionalities, and to what extent the proposal represents an innovative approach to existing cross-border cooperation amongst public maritime authorities. In particular, attention should be given to the selection of appropriate area(s) for cross-border cooperation. The project shall not duplicate existing maritime cooperation/coordination models based on EU legislation (e.g. SafeSeaNet, CleanSeaNet, Network of Stand-by Oil Pollution response vessels) or projects (e.g. MONINFO, SafeMed II).</li> <li>– <i>Methodology:</i> Applicants should describe their proposed working methodology to achieve a timely and successful</li> </ul>

	<p>implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should provide a detailed timetable/work plan. Applicants should also describe how they will ensure a sufficient exchange of data between the participants in the project and where they see the main challenges for such data exchange (e.g. legal, administrative or technical obstacles).</p> <p>– <i>Means of implementation of the project:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the resources (personnel, equipment, financing, etc.) that will be mobilised are adequate to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should demonstrate that their implementation means are cost-effective.</p> <p>– <i>Project management:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and establish a real Partnership.</p> <p>– <i>Dissemination and visibility:</i> Applicants should describe their dissemination plan and how they intend to ensure that the results of the project are used optimally by others not participating in it.</p>
<b>Co financing involved</b>	Maximum 80% of the eligible costs
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Calls for proposals published in Q3 2012, projects launched in Q1 2013. Projects of 6-12 months.

### 1.3. External cooperation and coordination of international dimension of the IMP

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(e), 3.5 and 5.1(a) of the IMP Regulation

#### 1.3.1. Mediterranean coastguard forum

Effective responses to challenges in shared sea basins cannot be tackled without international cooperation. The forum is a Member State-led open platform for cooperation amongst maritime authorities targeting a safer, more secure and sustainable Mediterranean maritime space. Italy (Coastguard) organized the first edition of the forum back in 2009. The Commission decided to support the revitalization of forum and now France (*Secrétariat Général de la Mer*) will host the next edition in 2012, followed by another Mediterranean country in 2013. The relevant authorities of the hosting countries, as determined by the Member States, will be the beneficiaries.

<b>Type</b>	Grant agreement for an action
<b>Budget</b>	€300 000
<b>Description</b>	With reference to the communication of the European Commission "Towards an Integrated Maritime Policy for better governance in the Mediterranean" [COM(2009) 466 final], and the "Communication on Partnership for Democracy and Shared Prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean" (COM(2011)200 final), and as a follow-up of the achieved levels so far of cooperation in this respect, a

	forum fostering cooperation in maritime and coastguard functions amongst Mediterranean littoral states shall take place in 2012 and 2013. The hosting country and beneficiary of this grant will be determined by the Member States. For 2012, it will be allocated to France, 2013 is still to be determined.
<b>Objectives and expected results</b>	The main objective is to establish a framework for cooperation among bodies executing such functionalities as i.e. maritime pollution response, vessel traffic management, accident and disaster response, search and rescue, adaptation to climate change and risk prevention, fisheries control and related enforcement.
<b>Essential selection and award criteria</b>	Hosting countries is determined for the individual years by the Member States. Monopoly situation: direct subsidy to the organiser of the forum.
<b>Co financing involved</b>	Maximum 80% of the eligible costs
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Contract in Q1 2012

## 2. PROCUREMENT

### **BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05**

#### 2.1. Maritime governance

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(a), 3.1 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

##### 2.1.1. *Development and implementation of integrated governance of maritime and coastal affairs and visibility of the IMP*

The objective is to ensure that progress is made by Member States and regions in adopting their own integrated maritime strategies, promoting exchanges of best-practices and the dialogue with stakeholders as well as raising awareness concerning the IMP.

<b>Type</b>	Services & supplies
<b>Budget</b>	€1 400 000
<b>Description</b>	Objective of this action is to promote and facilitate the sharing of information, the exchange of best practices, the exploitation and reinforcement of synergies and dialogue with and among stakeholders, including social partners, through organisation of conferences and seminars, such as conferences at sea –basin level to promote best practice on issues such as maritime spatial planning. Visibility actions may include, inter alia, the management of websites (MARATLAS, Maritime Forum), publications, audio-visual material, stands and fairs.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded under the framework contract for the organisation of conferences and seminars on the CFP and Maritime Affairs (ref. MARE/2008/08) and the framework contract "Information and communication activities relating to the CFP and to the EU Integrated Maritime Policy" (ref. MARE 2008/04) also under Framework Contracts managed by ESTAT and DIGIT, and through a cross-sub-delegation with DIGIT and Administrative Arrangements with other DGs (such as JRC). Up to 5 direct contracts to cover the organisation of conferences may also be awarded.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Contracts spread over 2012 and 2013

## 2.2. Development of cross-sectoral tools

### 2.2.1. *Impact Assessment Studies as part of the implementation of the Roadmap on the Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) and preparation of Communication to EP/Council in 2013*

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(b), 3.2 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

The Commission's initiative to integrate maritime surveillance brings together relevant Member States' authorities across all maritime sectors to allow for the exchange of maritime surveillance data. Such cooperation will enhance the effectiveness and cost efficiency of surveilling and coping with real-time events at sea. Measuring such positive impacts and ensuring appropriate consideration of all legal parameters are the foundation of the impact assessment leading to possible policy proposals in 2013.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€1 450 000
<b>Description</b>	Studies on the conceptual development of CISE. These studies will cover the technical, legal, financial, environmental and social aspects necessary for assessing the impact of creating CISE. The results of the studies will form part of the respective Impact Assessment and will support the process towards the adoption of a Communication to the European Parliament and the Council in 2013.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	The draft roadmap towards creating the CISE foresees that an impact assessment (IA) be carried out prior to the implementation of CISE. For this purpose a number of CISE related aspects such as the technical, legal, financial, social and environmental feasibility and impact need to be assessed both individually and in respect of their overall effects. This action also includes possible development of operational testing of CISE in cooperation with EU agencies and possibly Member States. For this purpose specific contracts will be launched under existing framework contracts within the Commission (e.g. MARE/2011/01 Lot 1, DIGIT/ABCII/2) or administrative agreement with the Joint Research Centre (Agreement No. 31830 210-07 NFP ISP). Three direct contracts concerning the various aspects of the development of CISE may also be awarded.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Procedures launched in Q2 2012. Contracts spread over 2012 and 2013

2.2.2. *MSP linkages with Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM): Sharing of best practices on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), in a context of adaptation to climate change in coastal areas*

Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) is a cross cutting policy which aims at ensuring that coastal planning activities or development decisions take place in an integrated fashion, instead of in a sectoral way without being linked to each other. MSP and ICZM are based on relatively similar concepts in addressing the use of coastal and maritime space; however there are also important differences between them that need to be taken into account. This project will benefit the Member States' authorities, particularly at regional and local level, since coastal and marine areas risk of being the most affected by climate change consequences, due to sea level rise, coastal erosion and flooding. This project will feed into and benefit from the EU Clearinghouse Mechanism on Adaptation, in which a system of information and best practice exchange will be provided. The main outputs of the project, namely an information exchange platform and a guidance tool, will help them facing these challenges.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€250 000
<b>Description</b>	Project which aims at setting-up a platform of information and collect examples of linkages between Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM): Sharing of best practices on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), in a context of adaptation to climate change in coastal areas
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Direct contracts.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for tenders to be launched in Q2 2012

### 2.2.3. Evaluations of cross-sectoral tools

Ex-post evaluations are required for all activities involving spending to external parties in order to judge their impact, efficiency and effectiveness. They should also assess how sustainable the impacts of the actions are as well as the main factors behind their success or failure. For marine knowledge, the objectives are firstly to lay the groundwork for a possible legislative instrument requiring private companies to deliver data collected in the course of their activities to public authorities in a common format to enable re-use, secondly to perform the ex-post evaluation that is required for the marine knowledge (EMODNet) component of the preparatory actions. The evaluations will be carried out by a consultant selected for a framework contract through an open Call for Tender.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€550 000
<b>Description</b>	Studies to support impact assessment and evaluation for activities in relation to cross-sectoral tools. Examples include: (1) assessment of cost and benefits of obligatory reporting of marine data obtained by operators of licensed offshore activities; (2) evaluation of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and management of activities carried out under the umbrella of the marine knowledge 2020 initiative; (3) ex post evaluation of the impact, efficiency and effectiveness of two Preparatory Actions on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Baltic Sea and in the North Sea.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contract to be concluded under the future framework contract for Evaluation and Impact Assessment activities for the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries/Lot 1 (ref. MARE/2011/01).
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Contracts to be spread over 2012 and 2013. Evaluation of Maritime Spatial Planning projects to be launched 4Q 2012.

2.2.4. *Knowledge base for growth and innovation in ocean economy. Assembly and dissemination of marine data and seabed mapping through internet portals.*

The objective of the EMODNet project on marine knowledge is to create a data platform to pool publicly held information on the sea, seabed and ecosystems in order to make it available to all other public and private sector organisations across the EU. EU authorities currently spend around €1.5 billion on collecting marine data annually, but this information is not widely disseminated. By making marine data accessible and available, we will help to unlock the largely untapped commercial potential of the sea. An impact assessment (SEC(2010)998) has estimated increased competitiveness of €300 million per year for existing users of sea data – for industry, local authorities and researchers – if the present fragmented infrastructure were rationalised. The unlocking of data will also allow small enterprises and researchers to develop new services and products. The value of this innovation has been estimated at €200 million per year.

The 2012-13 phase of EMODNet will build on platforms developed under earlier EU budget funding by extending the coverage of available marine data to all European seas. It is likely that the planned projects will be implemented by consortia of national hydrographic offices, national geological surveys, nature protection agencies, information technology companies and research laboratories from coastal Member States. Indeed, a total of 53 organisations participated in the preparatory phases of EMODNet. Given the wider geographical coverage that the 2012-13 work on EMODNet will entail, it is expected that there will be even broader participation of consortia in this second round of development.

Planned projects will benefit private business working offshore and the small companies that provide services to them. Researchers will also benefit from access to a wider pool of data, as well as public authorities. Lack of reliable data has also been identified as the principal barrier to effective implementation of spatial planning or coastal protection and is an area where EU action can provide most added-value.

The method and information technology used for the earlier phases of the EMODNet project have been endorsed by an independent evaluation. It builds on efforts by Member States to build their own marine data infrastructure and supports their implementation of EU INSPIRE-compliant standards. The projects will also be set up to facilitate reporting for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive as requested by the Member States' Marine Directors at their meeting of 8-9 December 2011 in Warsaw. This action will be conducted taking into account the work carried out in the framework of the Research Joint Programming Initiative on "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans" (JPI Oceans).

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€7 590 000
<b>Description</b>	Provide access to quality checked metadata, data and data products on seabeds. There will be three portals – bathymetry (water depth), geology, and physical habitats. They will extend the types of marine data dealt with and the geographical coverage of the services developed under the integrated maritime policy preparatory actions.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Direct contracts
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for tenders launched in 2 Q 2012.

### 2.2.5. *Knowledge base for growth and innovation in ocean economy - convergence and monitoring of thematic portals*

The project aims to provide technical assistance in monitoring and supporting the single interface (web portal) for all the data assembled under EMODNet preparatory actions and the projects supported by this budget. Indeed, a single entry point for all data assembled under the "preparatory actions" was a priority raised during the independent evaluation of EMODNet. The project will be implemented by a marine research laboratory or other organisation with a maritime role that has some recognised expertise in information technology.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€600 000
<b>Description</b>	To provide technical assistance to the marine knowledge projects through development of a one-stop- shop web portal providing access to data, metadata and data products from all the thematic assembly groups and assist with the monitoring of the projects.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Direct contracts
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for tenders launched in second quarter 2012.

## 2.3. **Protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of the marine and coastal resources**

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(c), 3.3 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

### 2.3.1. *Development of methodological standards in relation to good environmental status*

The objective is to develop further or prepare new methodological standards and specifications which will ensure the harmonised or, at least, comparable implementation of

descriptors, criteria and indicators for good environmental status as described in Commission Decision 2010/477/EU. The outcome of this work will be the basis for revising this Decision if and when appropriate. The potential beneficiaries are primarily the public authorities involved in the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC). Those actions will also promote the exchange of best-practices between stakeholders, and the improvement of dialogue with the Commission. It benefits research and industries who can share innovative ideas; NGOs who call for more coherent management of the sea; authorities with duties related to economic regulation or environment protection.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€900 000
<b>Description</b>	Development of methodological standards in relation to good environmental status of the seas under Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC).
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract (“support to the implementation of the MSFD”), which will be launched through an open call for tender.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Procurement procedure for framework contract to be launched in Q 2 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013.

### 2.3.2. *Marine litter and other emerging pressures on the marine environment*

The objective is to identify emerging pressures on the marine environment, their scale and importance and their impact. On this basis, suggestions for possible measures should be made with the view to informing and assisting Member States in the preparation of their national programme of measures as provided for by Article 13 of Directive 2008/56/EC. The potential beneficiaries are primarily the public authorities involved in the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC). Those actions will also promote the exchange of best-practices between stakeholders, and the improvement of dialogue with the Commission. It benefits research and industries who can share innovative ideas; NGOs who call for more coherent management of the sea; authorities with duties related to economic regulation or environment protection.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€1 250 000
<b>Description</b>	Project on the origin, extent and possible measures in relation to emerging pressures on the marine environment, in particular marine litter, invasive species, etc. addressing a cross-sector concern in the framework of the ecosystem approach (link to descriptors in Annex I of MSFD). Their impact on the marine environment and in particular on marine protected areas and possible measures at global, EU and (sub-) national level should be identified in particular for marine litter, including the emerging so-called plastic soup problems. The data and information exchange should be linked to WISE-MARINE and the project will include a substantial awareness raising component.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract (“support to the implementation of the MSFD”), which will be launched through an open call for tender.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Procurement procedure for framework contract to be launched Q2 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013.

## 2.4. Development of sea basin strategies

### 2.4.1. *Expert support for the development of maritime governance and cooperation at Sea Basin level, including to ensure the success of Sea Basin Strategies*

Efforts will be launched to solicit and collect stakeholder opinion, to summarise the salient points, to stimulate debate and to ensure that stakeholders are aware of EU matters that they can influence. The actions will probably be implemented by consultants with access to experts in maritime issues from academia. Industries that work in the sea basin concerned, public authorities that manage it and coastal communities that live by it will benefit.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€700 000
<b>Description</b>	Providing technical expertise to the Commission as well as to the respective national authorities at sea-basin level. Experts will analyse data and provide research and suggestions for coherent activities and integrated solutions in preparation of maritime strategies, support for development of maritime policy plans, and content preparation of conferences.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract which will be launched through a call for tenders (“Technical expertise on IMP”). Up to five direct contracts to cover expert assistance may also be awarded. Alternatively, the specific contracts could be implemented using existing framework contracts such as MARE/2008/04 or MARE/2008/08.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Procurement procedure for Framework Contract to be launched in the first half of 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013.

## 2.5. External cooperation and coordination of international dimension of the IMP

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(e), 3.5 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

### 2.5.1. Conference with Black Sea stakeholders

Bulgaria and Romania support increased cooperation in maritime affairs and fisheries at the sea basin level and are eager to develop initiatives which can show its added value. Indeed, one of the conclusions adopted by the two Member States and the Commission at the brainstorming event hold in October 2011<sup>5</sup> was the need to involve all coastal Black Sea countries in a dialogue to identify such initiatives. Representatives from the six coastal countries, both public authorities and private actors, as well as regional and international organisations dealing with the Black Sea will be invited to attend a conference bringing together stakeholders from all Black Sea coastal countries.

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<sup>5</sup> The brainstorming event with Bulgarian and Romanian authorities on maritime affairs in the Black Sea; for further information: [http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/events/2011/10/events\\_20111014\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/events/2011/10/events_20111014_en.htm)

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€100 000
<b>Description</b>	Organisation of a conference aimed at promoting and facilitating the sharing of information, the exchange of best practices and dialogue with stakeholders, including social partners in the Black Sea region.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contract will be concluded under the framework contract for the organisation of conferences and seminars on the CFP and Maritime Affairs (ref. MARE/2008/08) or the framework contract "Information and communication activities relating to the CFP and to the EU Integrated Maritime Policy" (ref. MARE 2008/04).
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Specific contract signed in Q2 2012

## **2.6. Sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies**

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(f), 3.6 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

In 2012, the *Commission Communication on Sustainable Growth from the Oceans, Seas and Coasts* will have pointed to the main areas where there is potential for growth, in particular in emerging and prospective maritime sectors. This follow up action will allow to identify specific projects at national and sea basin level that can be supported by public or private funds. In addition the framework conditions conducive of growth and employment (finance/research/innovation/skills/training) will be considered in each case to develop best practices to encourage investment in these sectors.

2.6.1. *Identifying and supporting Blue Growth projects in emerging sectors*

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	2 600 000 €
<b>Subject or title</b>	<p>Objectives: Identifying specific projects in emerging and prospective maritime sectors taking into account the constraints and specific conditions in each sea basin. Sharing best practices for investment strategies and for the promotion of maritime employment and education. Supporting the consolidation of maritime clusters. Supporting tools for anticipating skills, jobs and occupations. Promoting Blue growth including its employment objective. Cooperating as appropriate with all relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify how marine and maritime economic activities with high growth and employment potential can be promoted at the most appropriate level (local, regional, transnational or sea basin).</li> <li>2. On the basis of these findings make proposals to address the gaps in finance/research/innovation/skills/training in each case, for instance by developing early-warning and forecasting systems to improve the matching of skills supply and demand.</li> <li>3. Facilitate and accompany through appropriate actions the beneficial interactions amongst marine and maritime economic sectors.</li> <li>4. Organise a series of national, regional and trans-regional events to discuss the findings, including a workshop on maritime employment and education.</li> <li>5. Disseminate best practices for investment strategies on the basis of indicators for action at the most appropriate level.</li> </ol>
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract which will be launched through a call for tenders (“Blue Growth”) and under the framework contract for the organisation of conferences and seminars on the CFP and Maritime Affairs (ref. MARE/2008/08).
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Framework contract to be launched 1Q 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013.

2.6.2. *Growth and innovation in ocean economy- Gaps and priorities in sea basin observation and data*

The objective is to support the deployment of a marine observation infrastructure that offers the most effective support to the blue economy. The cost-effectiveness, reliability and utility of the existing monitoring infrastructure will be assessed by developing products based on these data and determining whether the products are meeting the needs of workers, industry and public authorities for creating jobs and growth.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€1 800 000
<b>Subject or title</b>	To (1) assess the availability, relevance, quantity, quality of existing marine observations and data and (2) analyse gaps and priorities according to the needs of industry and public authorities for creating jobs and growth within one sea basin. There will be two projects – one on the North Sea and one on the Mediterranean
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Direct contracts.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Two calls launched in second quarter 2012.

*2.6.3. Investors Conference to support maritime development and cooperation with Mediterranean partner countries, in conjunction with the EIB*

A high-level agreement was reached between the European Commission, the International Maritime Organisation and the European Investment Bank in autumn 2010 on the need for stronger cooperation across the three institutions on maritime development in the Mediterranean, notably in terms of stimulating private investments in Mediterranean partner countries and sustainable growth. Consequently, a feasibility study was launched thereafter under the FEMIP Trust Fund, with the objective of identifying best practices and recommendations for stimulating public-private partnerships and investments in (1) maritime infrastructure, (2) social aspects and training, (3) maritime surveillance and safety.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€200 000
<b>Subject or title</b>	The objective of this action is to support the organisation of an Investors Conference bringing together private and public actors and financing institutions. The target result is the identification of an action plan for the development of the maritime sector in Mediterranean partner countries.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded under the framework contract for the organisation of conferences and seminars on the CFP and Maritime Affairs (ref. MARE/2008/08) or the framework contract "Information and communication activities relating to the CFP and to the EU Integrated Maritime Policy" (ref. MARE 2008/04).
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Specific contract signed in Q2 2012

### 3. OTHER ACTIONS

#### **BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05**

##### **3.1. Continuity of administrative arrangement with the Joint Research Centre in relation to Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE)**

**Legal basis:** Article 2(b), 3.2(b) and 5.1 (c) of the IMP Regulation and Article 2 d) Regulation (EC) 1406/2002

**Subject:** Support to Common Information Sharing Environment (CISE) technical studies and management of TAG (Technical Advisory Group), in line with the individual steps as defined in the "Draft Roadmap towards creating the CISE" (COM/2010/584 final) The Joint Research Centre will also be involved in technical set up of operational testing.

**Amount:** €350 000

**Approximate timetable:** Extension of current Administrative Arrangement (Agreement No. 31830 210-07 NFP ISP) with the Joint Research Centre beyond 2012, signature of the extension in Q4 2012.

## ANNEX 2

### The Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (2011-2013) - Work Programme for 2012

#### 1. GRANTS

##### BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05

##### 1.1. Development of cross-cutting tools

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(b), 3.2 and 5.1(a) Regulation (EU) No 1255/2011 of European Parliament and Council of 30 November 2011 establishing a Programme to support the further development of an Integrated Maritime Policy (hereafter referred to as “IMP Regulation”)

##### *1.1.1. Project on Maritime Spatial Planning in the Atlantic, including the Celtic Sea/Bay of Biscay*

Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) is widely accepted as a crucial tool to support sound management of seas and oceans. Despite the ongoing activities of some EU Member States in implementing MSP at national or regional level, cross-border cooperation between Member States remains limited at this point in time. The Commission therefore seeks to stimulate the development of a cross-border, ecosystem based approach towards MSP in the European sea areas, among other actions through projects with EU co-financing in various EU sea basins. The potential beneficiaries in these projects are public bodies of the Member States bordering the sea area (in this case, the Atlantic including the Celtic Sea and the Bay of Biscay) as well as the relevant regional sea Conventions (in this case, the OSPAR Convention). The project must involve authorities engaged in marine activities that involve spatial implications.

<b>Type</b>	Grant agreement for an action – Calls for Proposals
<b>Budget</b>	€1 000 000
<b>Description</b>	Test project to gather practical knowledge and experience in the implementation of MSP in one or more cross-border sea areas situated within the Atlantic, including the Celtic Sea/Bay of Biscay, to be selected by the project partners. Within the area(s) selected, the partners should test concretely the implementation of MSP, including making an initial assessment, developing a maritime spatial plan and suggesting a monitoring and evaluation process. The project should provide added value to the co-operation activities that is already going on in this area and should identify existing and potential barriers and formulate recommendations on the application of MSP in cross-border areas. It should also explore the links between MSP and ICZM and thereby contribute to a better understanding of similarities and differences between the two concepts.

<p><b>Objectives and expected results</b></p>	<p>The aim is to stimulate the development of a cross-border, ecosystem based MSP in accordance with the 10 key principles of the 2008 Roadmap Communication. Existing and potential barriers should be identified and recommendations should be formulated to benefit cross-border MSP application throughout the EU. Links between MSP and ICZM should also be explored.</p>
<p><b>Essential selection and award criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Selection criteria:</u> Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed project. The application must show the legal status of the applicant and his financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project.</p> <p><u>Award criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Relevance:</i> Applicants should describe how they understand the objectives of the project, how their proposal addresses these objectives and to which extent the project will have an impact in relation to existing issues related to MSP in the selected area(s).</li> <li>– <i>Added value and innovation:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the project would add to the existing knowledge and experience relevant for the development of a common approach to MSP within the EU, and to what extent the proposal represents an innovative approach to MSP. In particular, attention should be given to the selection of appropriate area(s) for cross-border MSP.</li> <li>– <i>Methodology:</i> Applicants should describe their proposed working methodology to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should provide a detailed timetable/work plan. Applicants should also describe how they will ensure a sufficient exchange of data that are required for MSP between the participants in the project and where they see the main challenges for such data exchange (e.g. legal, administrative or technical obstacles).</li> <li>– <i>Means of implementation of the project:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the resources (personnel, equipment, financing, etc.) that will be mobilised are adequate to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should demonstrate that their implementation means are cost-effective.</li> <li>– <i>Project management:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and establish a real Partnership.</li> <li>– <i>Dissemination and visibility:</i> Applicants should describe their dissemination plan and how they intend to ensure that</li> </ul>

	the results of the project are used optimally by others not participating in it.
<b>Co financing involved</b>	Maximum 80% of the eligible costs
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for Proposals to be launched in 1st quarter 2012

## 1.2. Sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(f), 3.6 and 5.1(a) of the IMP Regulation

### 1.2.1. Maritime employment and education

The maritime economy is a prime potential contributor of growth and jobs, in coastal regions and across Europe, while it is facing huge challenges. In order to unlock this potential and better manage restructuring and change, certain constraints related to maritime employment and education must be solved. Constraints relate for instance to a lack of attractiveness, knowledge and visibility of the maritime economy and its career potential, restrictions on labour mobility and mismatches in available training opportunities and in skills supply and demand. The Commission therefore seeks to stimulate the development of initiatives that will mobilise stakeholders, in particular social partners and education and training representatives, to address maritime skills and jobs mismatches and allow more students and professionals to benefit from professional and/or geographical mobility. Potential beneficiaries include employers, employees (incl. job seekers), students, teaching staff and public bodies, including education institutes, across the EU. With the aim of increasing the qualifications, employability and understanding of the maritime economy, the action will allow for these parties to take part in initiatives and programmes that envisage mobility and better matching of education and industry world.

<b>Type</b>	Grant agreement for an action – calls for proposal
<b>Budget</b>	€400 000
<b>Description</b>	Project on maritime skills and jobs: remedy mismatches (such as the coexistence of shortages and surpluses of seafarers within the EU), favour mobility and exchanges of good practices in training and professional experiences.
<b>Objectives and expected results</b>	The project seeks to stimulate the development of initiatives and programmes that will address maritime skills and jobs mismatches, equip people with the right skills for employment and also allow more students and professionals to benefit from professional and/or geographical mobility with the aim of acquiring more and better skills. This will be done among others through facilitating the exchange of students and professionals in maritime activities.

<p><b>Essential selection and award criteria</b></p>	<p><u>Selection criteria:</u> Applicants must have the economic, financial, technical and professional capacity required to implement and complete the proposed project. The application must show the legal status of the applicant and his financial and operational capacity to carry out the proposed project.</p> <p><u>Award criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Relevance:</i> Applicants should describe how they understand the objectives of the project, how their proposal addresses these objectives and to which extent the project will have an impact in relation to existing bottlenecks to maritime employment and education.</li> <li>– <i>Added value and innovation:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the project would add to the existing knowledge and experience relevant for addressing burdens to maritime employment and education, and to what extent the proposal represents an innovative approach to maritime employment and education.</li> <li>– <i>Methodology:</i> Applicants should describe their proposed working methodology to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should provide a detailed timetable/work plan.</li> <li>– <i>Means of implementation of the project:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the resources (personnel, equipment, financing, etc.) that will be mobilised are adequate to achieve a timely and successful implementation of the project. In particular, applicants should demonstrate that their implementation means are cost-effective.</li> <li>– <i>Project management:</i> Applicants should demonstrate that the organisation and management structure proposed for the project are sufficient to achieve the required quality, meet the deadlines and establish a real Partnership.</li> <li>– <i>Dissemination and visibility:</i> Applicants should describe their dissemination plan and how they intend to ensure that the results of the project are used optimally by others not participating in it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Co financing involved</b></p>	<p>Maximum 80% of the eligible costs</p>
<p><b>Approximate timetable</b></p>	<p>Call for proposals to be launched in 3Q 2012</p>

## 2. PROCUREMENT

### BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05

#### 2.1. Maritime governance

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(a), 3.1 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

2.1.1. *Development and implementation of integrated governance of maritime and coastal affairs and visibility of IMP*

The objective is to ensure that progress is made by Member States and regions in adopting own integrated maritime strategies, promoting exchanges of best-practices and the dialogue with stakeholders as well as raising awareness concerning IMP.

<b>Type</b>	Services & supplies
<b>Budget</b>	€1 900 000
<b>Description</b>	Objective of this action is to promote and facilitate the sharing of information, the exchange of best practices, the exploitation and reinforcement of synergies and dialogue with and among stakeholders, through organisation of conferences and seminars, such as conferences at sea –basin level to promote best practice on issues such as maritime spatial planning, Visibility actions may include, inter alia, the management of websites (MARATLAS, Maritime Forum), publications, audio-visual material, stands and fairs.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded under the framework contract for the organisation of conferences and seminars on the CFP and Maritime Affairs (ref. MARE/2008/08) and the framework contract "Information and communication activities relating to the CFP and to the EU Integrated Maritime Policy" (ref. MARE 2008/04) also under Framework Contracts managed by ESTAT and DIGIT, and through a cross-sub-delegation with DIGIT and Administrative Arrangements with other Directorates General (such as Joint Research Centre). Up to 5 direct contracts to cover organisation of conferences may also be awarded.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013

**2.2. Development of cross-sectoral tools**

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(b), 3.2 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

2.2.1. *Implementation of the Roadmap on the Common Information Sharing Environment and preparation of Communication to EP/Council in 2013*

The Commission's initiative to integrate maritime surveillance brings together relevant Member States' authorities across all maritime sectors to allow for the exchange of maritime surveillance data. Such cooperation will enhance the effectiveness and cost efficiency of surveilling and coping with real-time events at sea. Measuring such positive impacts, ensuring appropriate consideration of all legal parameters are the foundations of the impact assessment leading to possible policy proposals in 2013. Depending on the requested service, beneficiaries will be external contractors or Commission DGs under Administrative Agreement(s).

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€1 500 000
<b>Description</b>	Studies on the conceptual development of CISE. These studies will cover the technical, legal, financial, environmental and social aspects necessary for assessing the impact of creating CISE. The results of the studies will form part of the respective Impact Assessment and will support the process towards the adoption of a Communication to EP and the Council in 2013.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	The draft roadmap towards creating the CISE foresees that an impact assessment (IA) be carried out prior to the implementation of CISE. For this purpose a number of CISE related aspects such as the technical, legal, financial, social and environmental feasibility and impact need to be assessed both individually and in respect of their overall effects. This action also includes the possible development of operational testing of CISE in cooperation with EU agencies and possibly Member States. For this purpose it is foreseen to use existing framework contracts within the Commission (e.g. MARE/2011/01 Lot 1, DIGIT/ABCII/2) or administrative agreement with the Joint Research Centre (Agreement No. 31830 210-07 NFP ISP). Three direct contracts concerning the various aspects of the development of CISE may also be awarded.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013. Procedures launched in Q2 2012.

2.2.2. *Knowledge base for growth and innovation in ocean economy - Assembly and dissemination of marine data and seabed mapping through internet portals.*

The objective of the EMODNet project on marine knowledge is to create a data platform to pool publicly held information on the sea, seabed and ecosystems in order to make it available to all other public and private sector organisations across the EU. EU authorities currently spend around €1.5 billion on collecting marine data annually, but this information is not widely disseminated. By making marine data accessible and available, we will help to unlock the largely untapped commercial potential of the sea. An impact assessment (SEC(2010)998) has estimated increased competitiveness of €300 million per year for existing users of sea data – for industry, local authorities and researchers – if the present fragmented infrastructure were rationalised. The unlocking of data will also allow small enterprises and researchers to develop new services and products. The value of this innovation has been estimated at €200 million per year.

The 2012-13 phase of EMODNet will build on platforms developed under earlier EU budget funding by extending the coverage of available marine data to all European seas. It is likely that the planned projects will be implemented by consortia of national hydrographic offices, national geological surveys, nature protection agencies, information technology companies and research laboratories from coastal Member States. Indeed, a total of 53 organisations participated in the preparatory phases of EMODNet. Given the wider geographical coverage

that the 2012-13 work on EMODNet will entail, it is expected that there will be even broader participation of consortia in this second round of development.

Planned projects will benefit private business working offshore and the small companies that provide services to them. Researchers will also benefit from access to a wider pool of data, as well as public authorities. Lack of reliable data has also been identified as the principal barrier to effective implementation of spatial planning or coastal protection and is an area where EU action can provide most added-value.

The method and information technology used for the earlier phases of the EMODNet project have been endorsed by an independent evaluation. It builds on efforts by Member States to build their own marine data infrastructure and supports their implementation of EU INSPIRE-compliant standards. The projects will also be set up to facilitate reporting for the Marine Strategy Framework Directive as requested by the Member States' Marine Directors at their meeting of 8-9 December 2011 in Warsaw. This action will be conducted taking into account the work carried out in the framework of the Research Joint Programming Initiative on "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans" (JPI Oceans).

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€8 760 000
<b>Subject or title</b>	Provide access to quality checked marine metadata, data and data products through internet portals. There will be four portals – chemistry, physics, biology and human activity. They will extend the types of marine data dealt with and the geographical coverage of the services developed under the integrated maritime policy preparatory actions.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Direct contracts
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Call for tender with four lots. Calls launched in 2Q 2012.

### **2.3. Protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of the marine and coastal resources**

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(c), 3.3 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

#### *2.3.1. Coordination between the different marine regions in implementing the ecosystem approach*

The implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC) requires coherent approaches within and between marine regions. This is particularly important for Member States which share marine waters in different regions. Therefore a permanent coordination mechanism and platform for inter-regional cooperation in relation to assessment, target setting and monitoring of marine waters, involving at least OSPAR, Barcelona Convention, HELCOM and Bucharest Convention. It is supported by a number of activities supporting all marine regions (North East Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic Sea and Black Sea), such as regular workshops, exchange of best practices, alignment of reporting or knowledge

exchange, progress towards good environmental status. The potential beneficiaries in these projects are public bodies of the Member States being contracting parties to the regional sea Conventions as well as the regional sea conventions themselves. The project must involve authorities engaged in the work of the regional sea Conventions.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€1 000 000
<b>Subject or title</b>	Setting up of a coordination platform between the different marine regions of the EU (North East Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic Sea and Black Sea) in implementing the ecosystem approach and exchange with other marine regions.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract which will be launched through a call for tenders (“Support to the implementation of the MSFD”).
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Framework contract to be launched in Q2 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013.

#### **2.4. Development and implementation of sea-basin strategies**

**Legal basis:** Articles 2(d), 3.4 and 5.1(b) of the IMP Regulation

##### *2.4.1. Expert support for the development of maritime governance and cooperation at Sea Basin level, including to ensure the success of Sea Basin Strategies*

Efforts will be launched to solicit and collect stakeholder opinion, to summarise the salient points, to stimulate debate and to ensure that stakeholders are aware of EU matters that they can influence. The project will probably be implemented by consultants with access to experts in maritime issues from academia. Industries that work in the sea basin concerned, public authorities that manage it and coastal communities that live by it will benefit.

<b>Type</b>	Services
<b>Budget</b>	€700 000
<b>Subject or title</b>	Providing technical expertise to the Commission as well as to the respective national authorities at sea-basin level. Experts will analyse data and provide research and suggestions for coherent activities and integrated solutions in preparation of maritime strategies, support for development of maritime policy plans, and content preparation of conferences.
<b>Implementing modalities</b>	Specific contracts will be concluded as part of a new Framework Contract (“Technical expertise for the IMP”) which will be launched through a call for tenders. Up to five direct contracts to cover expert assistance may also be awarded.
<b>Approximate timetable</b>	Procurement procedure for Framework Contract to be launched in the first half of 2012. Specific contracts spread over 2012 and 2013. Alternatively, the specific contracts could be implemented using existing framework contracts such as MARE/2008/04 or MARE/2008/08.

### 3. OTHER ACTIONS

#### **BUDGET HEADING 11 09 05**

##### **3.1. Evolution of the SafeSeaNet**

**Legal basis:** Article 2(b), 3.2(b) and 5.1 (c) of the IMP Regulation and Directive 2002/59/EC as amended by Article 2 (d) Regulation (EC) 1406/2002

**Subject:** SafeSeaNet (SSN) is the EU system for the exchange, in electronic format, of vessel and voyage related information between designated authorities within the European Union. The current objective of the SSN system is to support EU and MS activities for the purpose of maritime safety, port and maritime security, marine environment protection and the safety and efficiency of maritime traffic. SSN, at the national and central levels, is built upon mandatory system functionalities which are crucial to the normal operation of the system. The mandatory SSN system functionalities are the sending, receipt, storage, retrieval and exchange of information by electronic means required by the SSN legal framework.

The project proposed for this subvention should allow the assessment, without prejudice to the role of the High Level Steering Group established in accordance with Directive 2002/59, of the available options for the future evolution of SSN to support:

- the development of a Common Information Sharing Environment "CISE" for the surveillance of the EU maritime domain by fostering cooperation between systems, sectors and relevant authorities at EU level in a decentralised manner;
- to evaluate, from a technical, organisational and financial point of view, the further development of SSN as a platform benefitting other user communities;

- the obligation to set-up at national level a single window for port reporting formalities and the exchange of FAL documents using SSN, based on Directive 2010/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States and repealing Directive 2002/6/EC within the context of work underway in the working group on maritime administrative simplification and electronic information services ("eMS group") established to address the technical aspects of this obligation;
- the possibility to exchange data between systems (for example between SSN and e-customs or between SSN and EUROSUR).

**Amount:** 700 000 €

**Approximate timetable:** Total duration of the action: 2 years. Development of specifications and procurement of external support for the requested assessment by EMSA through open tender: 9 months. Assessment stage: 9 months. Development and testing of concept demonstration: 6 months.

### **3.2. Administrative Arrangement with the Joint Research Centre (JRC) on coordination and development of methodological standards in relation to good environmental status of the seas under Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC)**

**Legal basis:** Article 2(c), 3.3 and 5.1 (c) of the IMP Regulation

**Subject:** Based on Commission Decision 2010/477/EU and the CSWP (SEC(2011) 1255), the methodological standards for many of the 11 descriptors of good environmental status need to be developed in more detail and, as far as possible, harmonised. The JRC will be asked to continue support and coordination in the implementation in particular in relation to good environmental status and its methodological standards.

**Amount:** 600 000 €

**Approximate timetable:** Administrative arrangement with the Joint Research Centre for 24 months starting in 2012.

## ANNEX 3

### General allocation of funds to areas of expenditure in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1255/2011

General objectives	Threshold	Amount proposed in the WP	%	Actions
(a) Development and implementation of integrated governance of maritime and coastal affairs and visibility of the IMP	at least 4 %	€3 300 000	8 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 2.1.1. <i>Annex 2:</i> 2.1.1.
(b) Development of cross-sectoral tools	at least 60 %	€23 750 000	60 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 1.1.1., 2.2.1., 2.2.2., 2.2.3., 2.2.4., 2.2.5., 3.1. <i>Annex 2:</i> 1.1.1., 2.2.1., 2.2.2., 3.1.
(c) Protection of the marine environment and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources	at least 8 %	€3 750 000	9 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 2.3.1., 2.3.2. <i>Annex 2:</i> 2.3.1., 3.2.
(d) Development and implementation of sea-basin strategies	at least 8 %	€3 500 000	9 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 1.2.1., 2.4.1. <i>Annex 2:</i> 2.4.1.
(e) External cooperation and coordination of the international dimension of the IMP	maximum 1 %	€400 000	1 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 1.3.1., 2.5.1.
(f) Sustainable economic growth, employment, innovation and new technologies	at least 4 %	€5 000 000	13 %	<i>Annex 1:</i> 2.6.1., 2.6.2., 2.6.3. <i>Annex 2:</i> 1.2.1.
		€9 700 000		