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Issue: Reply to the opinion of SWW RAC no. 73

Your ref: *Opinion no. 73 of 14 March 2013*

Dear Mr. Guerin,

Thank you for the SWW RAC opinion requesting an increase in the financial aid from the POSEI-PÊCHE fund.

This compensation mechanism, governed until 31 December 2013 by Regulation (EC) 791/2007, will be integrated into the European fund for maritime affairs and fisheries (FEAMP), which will make the programming of the aid for the outermost regions more effective. The Commission's proposal relating to the FEAMP (FEAMP — COM(2011)804) has already taken account of a number of points expressed in your opinion.

The Commission proposes to maintain the current mechanism. The Commission's proposal for the FEAMP provides that all stakeholders in the sector that incur additional costs arising from the specific situation in the outermost regions should be eligible for the compensation mechanism. As is currently the case, it is the Member States' responsibility to determine the categories and quantities of products which will be able to benefit from the mechanism, to decide on the distribution of resources between the different stakeholders in the sector and to demonstrate the existence and the level of additional cost incurred. These data will be sent to the Commission in a compensation plan as was the case in the current regime. In order to ensure transparency but also to simplify the management and control of the new regime, the Commission has moreover proposed that the technical details on the type of these additional costs, the approach to be used for their assessment, and the methods to be used for future changes to the compensation plans should be specified in a delegated act.

As regards the level of aid allocated, the Commission has revised the amount to be allocated to the compensation mechanism in the context of the FEAMP. During the current negotiations, we have decided to propose to increase this amount by 50%, which means that the financial envelope allocated to the compensation mechanism will be 22.5 million euros per year.

I thank you for these constructive contributions. If you have any other questions, please contact Mrs Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Regional Consultative Councils ([evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu](mailto:evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu); +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lowri Evans', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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