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Subject: Internal consultation of project selected within the framework of the Black Sea ENPI CBC Programme – Your letter dated 05.11.2010

Dear Mr Bara,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 November 2010 on the selected projects within the first call for proposals of your programme. We have received a number of comments from our line DG's. Please find below a summary of those comments to the various projects:

Seq no 88 SRCSSMBSF Project and Seq no 92 - SymNet Projects - There is a potential synergy with the following projects funded through FP6 or FP7:

SESAME - Southern European Seas: Assessing and Modelling Ecosystem Changes (FP6)
(<http://www.sesame-ip.eu/>)

PEGASO - People for Ecosystem Based Governance in Assessing Sustainable Development of Ocean and Coast (FP7) (<http://www.pegasoproject.eu/>)

MESMA - Monitoring and Evaluation of Spatially Managed Areas (FP7)
(<http://www.mesma.org/>)

KnowSeas - Knowledge-based Sustainable Management for Europe's Seas (FP7)
(<http://www.knowseas.com/>) and

SEAS-ERA (an ERA-Net project) - Towards integrated European marine research strategy and programmes (FP7)
(http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=FP7_ENV_PROJ_EN&ACTION=D&DOC=29&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=0127e98821d4:a1da:64f21950&RCN=94413)

There is also potential complementarity with a project from a current call for 'The Ocean of Tomorrow' which addresses "assessing and predicting the combined effects of natural and human-made pressure in the Med and Black sea". The deadline for this call is 14 January 2011.

Seq no 88 - SRCSSMBSF Project - There is a possible overlap with a new project (CREAM) which is now in negotiation for an EU contribution of € 1 million. The objective is to improve coordination in the field of fishery scientific advice in the Med and Black Sea. We recommend that links should be created between the two projects to avoid duplication of work (The scientific officer in DG RTD/E4 is Philippe.Moguedet@ec.europa.eu).

Seq no 142 - MAREAS project: There is no direct overlap with any current FP project. There could however be a complementarity with the above-mentioned project from the current call for 'The Ocean of Tomorrow'. It may be justified to discuss possible twinning of projects during the negotiation if a proposal is selected for funding from the FP7 call.

There is also potential synergy with the FP7 project PROMITHEAS-4 - Knowledge transfer and research needs for preparing mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios (no project website as yet, see <http://www.promitheasnet.kepa.uoa.gr/> for information on earlier complementary projects). The project aims to develop and evaluate mitigation/adaptation policy portfolios and to prioritise research needs and gaps for 12 emerging economies, which include 5 out of the 6 Black Sea countries (with an exception of Georgia). In addition to having some potential synergies in its activities, these projects have one partner in common - TUBITAK Marmara Research Centre.

Additionally, the MAREAS project may potentially benefit from links with another partner of PROMITHEAS-4 -- the Black Sea Regional Energy Centre (Bulgaria), which acts as a focal point for activities related to energy and climate change, and aims to develop cooperation between Black Sea countries and the EU.

Seq no 36 - ECO-Satellite project - there is possible synergy with the FP7 project EnviroGRIDS - Building Capacity for a Black Sea Basin Observation and Assessment System supporting Sustainable Development (<http://www.envirogrids.net/>). The project aims at developing a Black Sea Basin Observation System that will store, analyse, visualise and disseminate information on past, present and future states of the region to assess and predict its sustainability and vulnerability.

This project also needs to be properly coordinated with the SEIS flagship project in the Eastern Partnership framework. It needs to be stipulated that this project should avoid overlapping with actions already underway in the ongoing SEIS project.

An addition attention should be paid to avoid duplication with regard to:

- link with the Black Sea Commission (BSC) and its activities, in particular on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) must be explicit and strong in the work programme of the project
- link must be made also with relevant EU policies/instruments such as the Water Framework directive and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive
- AIDCO is preparing another project for the Black sea and its rivers which also cover ICZM - these two contracts must be carefully coordinated

Seq no 83 - The project "Raising Public Awareness on Solid Municipal Waste – Management in the North-West of the BS Region (Less Waste in the North Waste) (should be "West"?) suits the capacities and mission of REC-Moldova very well.

Seq no 88 – Black Sea Fisheries Momentum - there is a risk of double funding with the data collection framework, (DCF). In principle, no funding should therefore be provided to RO and BG under this project in relation to the collection of data as covered by the DCF. (See attached the respective regulations for reference.)

Moreover, it should be ensured that the project takes account of the regulations for stock assessments, data collection and monitoring, etc. as established under the CFP.

In this regard, either cooperation from DG Mare should be offered and/or the involvement of external expertise (STECF for example) for the finalisation and subsequent follow-up and evaluation of the project be suggested.

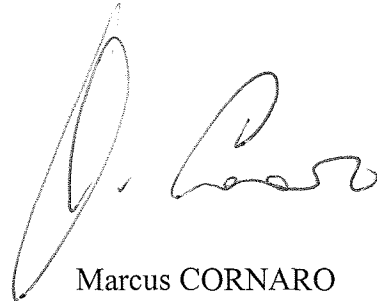
In addition, a project proposals is currently being prepared by FAO (BlackSeaFish) and UNDP/GEF and therefore it should indeed be ensured that these projects do not overlap with regards to their objectives and targets (see attached descriptions are).

Seq no. 80 - ESNET – It would be interesting to follow up on possible synergies with the upcoming PPRD East programme (civil protection in the ENPI East countries) managed by Aidco (see list of projects managed by Aidco A3).

Seq no 99 - INTEGR-ABLE could be useful for synergies with the CIUDAD programme managed by Aidco (see list of projects managed by Aidco A3).

Given all these comments we would strongly advise you to follow up with those projects and to make sure that there will be no double-funding. However, as we have not received any objections from the line DG's during our internal consultations to finance these projects we can herewith give our approval to them.

Yours sincerely,



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- Annexes
- 1) New GEF International Water. Project for the Black Sea Countries
 - 2) Project Document
 - 3) Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008
 - 4) Commission Decision of 6 November 2008 (2008/949/EC)
 - 5) List of projects managed by Aidco A3