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Joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS-169)

Proposal for a decision
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Amendment 5
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Title

Text proposed by the Commission

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on participation by the Community in a
Joint Baltic Sea Research and
Development programme (**BONUS-169**)
undertaken by several Member States

Amendment

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on participation by the Community in a
Joint Baltic Sea Research and
Development programme (**BONUS**)
undertaken by several Member States

Or. en

Amendment 6
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) Science **can** contribute to addressing these challenges and finding solutions to the environmental problems in the Baltic Sea. However, the gravity of the present situation calls for a qualitative and quantitative stepping up of current research in the Baltic region through the development and implementation of a fully-integrated approach whereby the relevant research programmes of all the bordering States can be streamlined and focused in order to address the complex and urgent issues in a coordinated, efficient and effective manner.

Amendment

(5) Science **must** contribute to addressing these challenges and finding solutions to the **urgent** environmental problems in the Baltic Sea. However, the gravity of the present situation calls for a qualitative and quantitative stepping up of current research in the Baltic region through the development and implementation of a fully-integrated approach whereby the relevant research programmes of all the bordering States can be streamlined and focused in order to address the complex and urgent issues in a coordinated, efficient and effective manner.

Or. en

Amendment 7
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) By and large, BONUS ERA-NET and ERA-NET PLUS have worked well and it is thus important to ensure the continuity of the research efforts in order to address the pressing environmental challenges.

Or. en

Amendment 8
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a decision
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) While largely focused on environmental research, the BONUS-169 initiative cross-cuts a number of related Community research programmes on a range of human activities having accumulated impacts on the ecosystem such as fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, infrastructure, transport, training and mobility of researchers as well as socioeconomic issues. The initiative is of considerable relevance to a number of Community policies and Directives including Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the Common Fisheries Policy, the Common Agricultural Policy, Directive 2000/60/EC of the

(12) While largely focused on environmental research, the BONUS-169 initiative cross-cuts a number of related Community research programmes on a range of human activities having accumulated impacts on the ecosystem such as fisheries, aquaculture, agriculture, infrastructure (***particularly in the field of energy***), transport, training and mobility of researchers as well as socioeconomic issues. The initiative is of considerable relevance to a number of Community policies and Directives including Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive), the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, the Common Fisheries Policy, the Common Agricultural Policy, Directive

European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy and international EU commitments such as the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan. As a result, many other areas of Community Policy will benefit from BONUS-169.

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Or. It

Justification

More attention should be paid to planned energy-infrastructure projects, as these may have perhaps the greatest influence on the Baltic Sea environment in future.

Amendment 9 **Jens Rohde**

Proposal for a decision **Recital 15**

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) At the end of the strategic phase, the Commission, assisted by independent *expert* should *evaluate the maturity and the readiness* of the *initiative to enter* the implementation phase.

Amendment

(15) At the end of the strategic phase, the Commission, assisted by independent *experts*, should *assess the quality* of the *strategic phase and, if appropriate, suggest improvements*. The *transition to the* implementation phase *should be seamless and without unnecessary delays*.

Or. en

Amendment 10 **Justas Vincas Paleckis**

Proposal for a decision **Recital 15**

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) At the end of the strategic phase, the Commission, *assisted by*

Amendment

(15) At the end of the strategic phase, the Commission should *verify* the readiness of

independent expert should **evaluate the maturity and** the readiness of the initiative to enter the implementation phase.

the initiative to enter the implementation phase **and proceed to it without unnecessary delays.**

Or. en

Amendment 11
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) In order to efficiently implement BONUS-169, during the implementation phase, financial support should be granted to participants in BONUS-169 projects selected at the central level under the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG following calls for proposals.

Amendment

(24) In order to efficiently implement BONUS-169, during the implementation phase, financial support should be granted to participants in BONUS-169 projects selected at the central level under the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG following calls for proposals. ***The grant and payment of such financial support to participants in BONUS-169 should be in accordance with common rules in line with the Seventh Framework Programme.***

Or. en

Amendment 12
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) In order to efficiently implement **BONUS-169**, during the implementation phase, financial support should be granted to participants in **BONUS-169** projects selected at the central level under the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG following calls for proposals.

Amendment

(24) In order to efficiently implement **BONUS**, during the implementation phase, financial support should be granted to participants in **BONUS** projects selected at the central level under the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG following calls for proposals. ***The grant of such financial***

support to participants in BONUS and its payment should be transparent and unbureaucratic.

Or. en

Amendment 13
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Recital 30

Text proposed by the Commission

(30) It is essential that the research activities carried out under **BONUS-169** conform to *basic* ethical principles, *including those reflected in Article 6 of the Treaty on the European Union and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union*, and follow the principles of gender mainstreaming *and* gender equality.

Amendment

(30) It is essential that the research activities carried out under **BONUS** conform to ethical principles in *accordance with the general principles laid down in the Seventh Framework Programme*, and follow the principles of gender mainstreaming, gender equality *and sustainable development*.

Or. en

Amendment 14
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a decision
Recital 32 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

(32a) The successful implementation of the projects already carried out under the BONUS-169 programme brought to light the disastrous condition of the Baltic Sea, particularly in those places where extensive energy-infrastructure projects are planned; the state of the Baltic Sea environment should therefore continue to be monitored actively.

Amendment

Justification

This underlines the importance of successful implementation of projects under the BONUS-169 programme.

Amendment 15
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a decision
Recital 32 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(32b) Flawed practices revealed during the implementation of projects under the BONUS-169 programme should be discontinued, and projects submitted by the research centres of certain Member States should not be unduly favoured when the list of projects to be financed is established, as this would discriminate against other Member States in the Baltic Sea region.

Justification

When the projects to be financed are selected, practice shows that projects submitted by the research centres of certain Member States are unduly favoured while other Member States' research centres are ignored. Such discrimination should be avoided when the ranking list is established.

Amendment 16
Dan Jørgensen

Proposal for a decision
Article - 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article -1a

Subject Matter

The aim of this Decision is to support the environmentally sustainable development of the Baltic Sea region by facilitating the coordination of regional research efforts with the common goal of implementing an ecosystem-based management of the region.

Or. en

Amendment 17
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 - paragraph 3 - introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The strategic phase of the Programme shall last up to **two years**. It shall prepare the implementation phase. During the strategic phase, BONUS EEIG shall carry out the following tasks:

3. The strategic phase of the Programme shall last up to **one year**. It shall prepare the implementation phase. During the strategic phase, BONUS EEIG shall carry out the following tasks:

Or. en

Amendment 18
Dan Jørgensen

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 - paragraph 3 - point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) preparation of the Strategic Research agenda – defining the part on scientific content of the programme focusing on calls for proposals, in conformity with the objectives set in the Seventh Framework Programme;

Amendment

(a) preparation of the Strategic Research agenda – defining the part on scientific content of the programme focusing on calls for proposals, in conformity with ***the common goal of sustainable ecosystem-based management in the Baltic Sea region and with*** the objectives set in the Seventh Framework Programme;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 - paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The implementation phase shall last for a minimum of five years. During the implementation phase ***at least three*** calls for proposals shall be published with a view to funding projects which address the objectives of the ***BONUS-169***. These calls shall be targeted at multi-partner and trans-national projects, and include research, technological development, training and dissemination activities. Projects shall be selected according to the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent evaluation, co-financing, no-profit, financing not cumulated with other Community sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity.

Amendment

4. The implementation phase shall last for a minimum of five years. During the implementation phase ***the*** calls for proposals shall be published with a view to funding projects which address the objectives of the ***BONUS***. These calls shall be targeted at multi-partner and trans-national projects, and include research, technological development, training and dissemination activities. Projects shall be selected according to the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent evaluation, co-financing, no-profit, financing not cumulated with other Community sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity.

Or. en

Amendment 20
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 - paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The implementation phase shall last for a minimum of five years. During the implementation phase at least three calls for proposals shall be published with a view to funding projects which address the objectives of the BONUS-169. These calls shall be targeted at multi-partner and transnational projects, and include research, technological development, training and dissemination activities. Projects shall be selected according to the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent evaluation, co-financing, no-profit, financing not cumulated with other Community sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity.

Amendment

4. The implementation phase shall last for a minimum of five years. During the implementation phase at least three calls for proposals shall be published with a view to funding projects which address the objectives of the BONUS-169. These calls shall be targeted at multi-partner and transnational projects, and include research, technological development, training and dissemination activities. Projects shall be selected according to the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent evaluation, co-financing, no-profit, financing not cumulated with other Community sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity. ***The grant and payment of financing to participants in BONUS-169 shall comply with common rules in line with the Seventh Framework Programme.***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The ***Community financial contribution for the implementation phase shall be provided under the following conditions:***

Amendment

3. The ***Commission shall before the end of the strategic phase assess the following:***

Or. en

Amendment 22
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The **Community financial contribution for the implementation** phase shall be provided under the following conditions:

Amendment

3. The **Commission shall before the end of the strategic** phase assess the following:

Or. en

Justification

The Community financial contribution should not be conditional creating unnecessary interruption and unpredictability.

Amendment 23
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) **a positive evaluation** of the strategic phase **carried out by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts; this evaluation shall cover** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in **Article 2(3) and Annex I;**

Amendment

(a) **the outcomes** of the strategic phase **described in Article 2(3), as well as** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, **section 2;**

Or. en

Amendment 24
Boguslaw Sonik

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - introductory part and point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The Community financial contribution for the implementation phase shall be **provided under the following conditions:**

(a) **a positive evaluation of the strategic phase carried out by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts; this evaluation shall cover** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in **Article 2(3) and** Annex I;

3. The Community financial contribution for the implementation phase shall be **conditional upon:**

(a) **the establishment by the Participating States of the Strategic Research Agenda, Stakeholder Consultation Platforms, as well as upon the implementation modalities referred to in Article 2(3) and** the progress made towards the achievement of **the** objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, **section 2;**

Or. en

Amendment 25
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - point (a)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) **a positive evaluation** of the strategic phase **carried out by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts; this evaluation shall cover** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in **Article 2(3) and** Annex I;

(a) **the outcomes** of the strategic phase **described in Article 2(3), as well as** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, **section 2;**

Or. en

Justification

The Community financial contribution should not be conditional creating unnecessary interruption and unpredictability.

Amendment 26
Dan Jørgensen

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - point (b)

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) demonstration by the BONUS EEIG of its capacity to implement BONUS-169 including receiving, allocating and monitoring the Community financial contribution under indirect centralised management in accordance with Articles 54(2)(c) and 56 of the Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (hereinafter ‘Financial Regulation’) and Articles 35, 38(2) and 41 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 and in accordance with sound financial management.

Amendment

(b) demonstration by the BONUS EEIG of its capacity to implement BONUS-169 including ***achieving the objectives of the Baltic Sea region’s environmentally sustainable development***, receiving, allocating and monitoring the Community financial contribution under indirect centralised management in accordance with Articles 54(2)(c) and 56 of the Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 (hereinafter ‘Financial Regulation’) and Articles 35, 38(2) and 41 of Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2342/2002 and in accordance with sound financial management.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Article 3 - paragraph 3 - point (e)

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) a commitment by each participating State to contribute its share of the financing to ***BONUS-169 and the payment of cash and the effective provision of in kind infrastructure contribution when this is requested; these commitments shall be included in a financing plan agreed by the competent national authorities in order to contribute to the joint execution of the BONUS-169 implementation phase;***

Amendment

(e) a commitment by each participating State to contribute its share of the financing to ***BONUS*** and the effective ***payment of their financial contribution, in particular the funding of participants in the BONUS projects selected following the calls for proposals;***

Amendment 28
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 1 - point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) launch **at least three** cross-thematic, strategically focused and multi-partner joint calls for proposals

Amendment

(g) launch cross-thematic, strategically focused and multi-partner joint calls for proposals

Or. en

Amendment 29
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 1 - point g a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ga) actively invite all third countries bordering the Baltic Sea or providing its drainage basin to join the initiative as a Participating State

Or. en

Justification

Adding countries that are included drainage basin for the Baltic Sea to Draftspersons amendment 2.

Amendment 30
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 2.2 - subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The BONUS EEIG shall send to the Commission the deliverables set out in the following paragraphs no later than **18** months from the start of the strategic phase.

Amendment

The BONUS EEIG shall send to the Commission the deliverables set out in the following paragraphs no later than **nine** months from the start of the strategic phase.

Or. en

Amendment 31
Satu Hassi

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 2.2.1 - subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Strategic Research Agenda shall be developed and agreed upon in consultation among Participating States, a broad range of stakeholders and the Commission. It shall be the basis for a policy-driven programme. It shall broaden the research focus to embody, in addition to the marine ecosystem, a basin approach that addresses the key issues affecting the quality and productivity of the Baltic Sea Region ecosystems.

Amendment

The Strategic Research Agenda shall be developed and agreed upon in consultation among Participating States, a broad range of stakeholders and the Commission. It shall be the basis for a policy-driven programme. It shall broaden the research focus to embody, in addition to the marine ecosystem, a basin approach that addresses the key issues affecting the quality and productivity of the Baltic Sea Region ecosystems. ***It shall include an estimate of the economic cost of environmental damages and the loss of biodiversity in the region.***

Or. en

Justification

Adding economic assessment of environmental damage in general (e.g. eutrophication) in addition to the biodiversity loss to Draftspersons amendment 3.

Amendment 32
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 2.2.3 - point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) developing a financing structure of funding ***BONUS-169 project based on a pool of funds consisting of cash contributions of the Participating States and of the Community;***

Amendment

(h) developing a financing structure of funding ***BONUS projects;***

Or. en

Amendment 33
Bogusław Sonik

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 2.2.3 - point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) developing a financing structure of funding ***BONUS-169 project based on a pool of funds consisting of cash contributions of the Participating States and of the Community***

Amendment

(h) developing a financing structure of funding ***BONUS projects.***

Or. en

Amendment 34
Bogusław Sonik

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Provided that the ***results of the evaluation*** and the ex-ante audit of BONUS EEIG ***are*** positive, the

Amendment

3. Provided that the ***conditions as referred to in Article 3.3(a) are in place*** and the ex-ante audit of ***the*** BONUS EEIG ***is*** positive,

Commission and the BONUS EEIG shall conclude the Implementation Agreement.

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Or. en

Amendment 35
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. *Provided that the results of the evaluation and the ex-ante audit of BONUS EEIG are positive*, the Commission and the BONUS EEIG shall conclude the Implementation Agreement.

Amendment

3. The Commission and the BONUS EEIG shall conclude the Implementation Agreement *as described in Article 3(3)(a)*.

Or. en

Amendment 36
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 3.1

Text proposed by the Commission

During the implementation phase, *at least three* joint calls for proposals shall be published and implemented in view of funding strategically targeted **BONUS-169** projects addressing the objectives of the initiative. The topics shall originate from the **BONUS-169** Strategic Research Agenda, respect as much as possible the established roadmap and cover research, technological development, and training and/or dissemination activities.

Amendment

During the implementation phase, joint calls for proposals shall be published and implemented in view of funding strategically targeted **BONUS** projects addressing the objectives of the initiative. The topics shall originate from the **BONUS** Strategic Research Agenda, respect as much as possible the established roadmap and cover research, technological development, and training and/or dissemination activities.

Or. en

Amendment 37
Radvilė Morkūnaitė-Mikulėnienė

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 3.2 - subparagraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

The BONUS EEIG shall establish a funding list strictly in accordance with the results of the independent evaluation. The ranking list established by the independent experts shall be considered binding for the allocation of BONUS-169 funds.

Amendment

The BONUS EEIG shall establish a funding list strictly in accordance with the results of the independent evaluation ***and ensuring that projects are selected taking into account as even as possible a distribution between Member States in the Baltic Sea region.*** The ranking list established by the independent experts shall be considered binding for the allocation of BONUS-169 funds.

Or. It

Justification

When the projects to be financed are selected, practice shows that projects submitted by the research centres of certain Member States are unduly favoured while other Member States' research centres are ignored. Such discrimination should be avoided when the ranking list is established.

Amendment 38
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex I - section 3.4 - subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to ***BONUS-169*** shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG.

Amendment

As a general rule, the Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to ***BONUS*** shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG (***'real common pot'***). ***However, in justified cases, a Participating State may devote its cash contribution exclusively to domestic***

research ('virtual common pot').

Or. en

Amendment 39

Justas Vincas Paleckis

Proposal for a decision

Annex I - section 3.4 - subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to BONUS-169 shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG.

Amendment

The Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to BONUS-169 shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG, *with the possibility for Participating States to devote their cash contributions exclusively to domestic research projects ('virtual common pot').*

Or. en

Justification

'Virtual common pot' possibility is necessary for Participating States which have limitation to transfer money to common pot, or for Participating States which lack behind in research capacity, and a possibility to devote cash contribution exclusively for domestic research would help to reduce existing gap.

Amendment 40

Bogusław Sonik

Proposal for a decision

Annex I - section 3.4 - subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to **BONUS-169** shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG.

Amendment

As a general rule, the Community financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to **BONUS** shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG (*'real common pot'*). *However, in justified*

cases, a Participating State may devote its cash contribution exclusively to domestic research ('virtual common pot').

Or. en

Amendment 41
Jens Rohde

Proposal for a decision
Annex II - section 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The BONUS shall be managed by BONUS EEIG through its Secretariat. BONUS EEIG *shall establish* the following structures for the purposes of BONUS: Steering Committee, Secretariat, Advisory Board, Forum of Sector Research, and the Forum of Project Coordinators.

Amendment

1. The BONUS shall be managed by BONUS EEIG through its Secretariat. BONUS EEIG *has established* the following structures for the purposes of BONUS: Steering Committee, Secretariat, Advisory Board, Forum of Sector Research, and the Forum of Project Coordinators.

Or. en