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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **21 - 64**

**Draft report**  
**Lena Ek**  
(PE438.278v01-00)

Proposal for a 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

Proposal for a decision  
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**Amendment 21**  
**Adam Gierek**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 3**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(3) The Baltic Sea ecosystem, a semi-enclosed European inland sea, is one of the world's largest brackish water bodies and ***is today*** seriously affected by many natural and human-caused pressures, such as pollution from heavy ***metals, persistent organic pollutants***, radioactive material, oil spills ***and other harmful and hazardous substances***, excessive inputs of ***nutrients*** and organic material leading to advanced eutrophication, the introduction of ***harmful*** alien organisms, the unsustainable exploitation of fish stocks, ***negative*** climate change ***impacts, loss of*** biodiversity, ***and increasing encroachment*** of human ***activities on coastal and offshore areas including*** ecologically unsustainable tourism. ***These pressures have seriously reduced*** the capacity of the Baltic Sea to sustainably provide the goods and services upon which humans depend directly and indirectly for social, cultural and economic benefits.

*Amendment*

(3) The Baltic Sea ecosystem, a semi-enclosed European inland sea, is one of the world's largest brackish water bodies and ***has been*** seriously affected by many natural and human-caused pressures, such as pollution ***from warfare agents, for example war gases, dating back to the Second World War and*** from heavy metal ***compounds***, organic ***substances***, radioactive material, ***and heating oil and petroleum*** spills. ***The development of agriculture in the Baltic Sea drainage basin has likewise caused*** excessive inputs of ***fertilisers*** and organic material, leading to advanced eutrophication; ***and*** the introduction of ***non-endemic*** alien organisms ***into the environment***, the unsustainable exploitation of fish stocks, and climate change ***are causing the original*** biodiversity ***to be lost. These factors, as well as continuing*** human activity, ***including the construction of gas pipelines, directly on, and in the immediate vicinity of, the coast and in the Baltic Sea drainage basin, among other things to promote*** ecologically unsustainable tourism, ***are destroying the natural environment. All this is*** seriously ***reducing*** the capacity of the Baltic Sea to sustainably provide the goods and services upon which humans depend directly and indirectly for social, cultural and economic benefits.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*The Baltic Sea ecosystem is being threatened both by relics of the Second World War and by present-day investment activity taking place directly in the Baltic region.*

**Amendment 22**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Eija-Riitta Korhola**

**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 should *verify that the Strategic Research Agenda, Stakeholder Consultation Platforms and implementation modalities are in place for* the initiative to enter the implementation phase. *The Commission should, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda. The transition to the implementation phase should be seamless and without delays.*

Or. en

*Justification*

*For a good understanding of the two phases, it is necessary to clearly lay out the actors involved in the transition from the strategic phase to the implementation phase.*

**Amendment 23**

**Angelika Niebler**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Recital 15**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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*the readiness of* the initiative to enter the implementation phase.

***Consultation Platforms and implementation modalities are in place for the initiative to enter the implementation phase. The Commission should, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda. The transition to the implementation phase should be seamless and without delays.***

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Satu Hassi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
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Or. en

**Amendment 25**

**Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Andrzej Grzyb, Jolanta Emilia Hibner**

**Proposal for a decision**

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Or. en

**Amendment 26**

**Ivari Padar**

**Proposal for a decision**

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Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Algirdas Saudargas**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 15**

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 28**  
**Adam Gierek**

**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 representing all of the States participating in the evaluation, will*** evaluate the maturity and the readiness of the initiative to enter the implementation phase. ***The Commission may, if it thinks fit, recommend improvements to the agenda and the research field. The transition to the implementation phase should be seamless and without delays.***

Or. pl

*Justification*

*The strategic phase should be organised in such a way as to ensure that corrections, should any such need arise, will not delay the transition to the implementation phase proper.*

**Amendment 29**

**Lena Ek**

**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. ***While a real common pot would be preferable in the longer term to guarantee funding for the researchers and to ensure EU added value, existing obstacles in certain Participating States to funding external research should not delay the efficient implementation of BONUS. It is therefore appropriate, in specific cases, to allow a Participating State to temporarily devote its contribution exclusively to domestic research that is selected at central level, without jeopardising the overarching criterion of scientific excellence.***

Or. en

**Amendment 30**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Proposal for a decision**

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Or. en

#### *Justification*

*In line with the overall rules of FP7, the grant of financial support to participants shall be as transparent and non-bureaucratic as possible.*

### **Amendment 31** **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 32**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 28**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(28) In line with the objectives of the Seventh Framework Programme, participation by any other countries in BONUS-169 should be possible where such participation is provided by the relevant international agreement and where both the Commission and the participating Member States agree to it. In accordance with the Seventh Framework Programme, the *Community* should have the right to agree on the conditions relating to its financial contribution to BONUS-169 with regard to the participation by other countries in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in this Decision.

*Amendment*

(28) In line with the objectives of the Seventh Framework Programme, participation by any other countries in BONUS-169, ***such as the Russian Federation, other countries of the Baltic Sea basin, and Norway***, should be possible where such participation is provided *for* by the relevant international agreement and where both the Commission and the participating Member States agree to it. In accordance with the Seventh Framework Programme, the *Union* should have the right to agree on the conditions relating to its financial contribution to BONUS-169 with regard to the participation by other countries in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in this Decision.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The Russian Federation, other countries of the Baltic Sea basin, and Norway should have the opportunity to participate in this programme if they wish to.*

**Amendment 33**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**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

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Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and follow the principles of gender mainstreaming and gender equality.

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, **and the Seventh Framework Programme**, and follow the principles of gender mainstreaming and gender equality.

Or. en

*Justification*

*Ethical principles are part of the Treaty on European Union, the Charter of Fundamental Rights and also of the Seventh Framework Programme and should therefore also be mentioned in the text.*

**Amendment 34**  
**Adam Gierek**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Recital 31**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(31) The Commission should **conduct interim evaluations, assessing the quality and efficiency of** the implementation of **BONUS-169** and progress towards the objectives set, as well as a final evaluation.

*Amendment*

(31) **In the light of interim evaluations conducted by independent experts representing all Participating States**, the Commission should **assess** the implementation of **the research programme and the research agenda** and progress towards the objectives set, as well as **conducting** a final evaluation.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*Experts have to be politically independent and, when assessing the implementation of the research programme and the research agenda, must take into account its quality and efficiency.*

**Amendment 35**  
**Adam Gierek**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 3 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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:

*Amendment*

3. The strategic phase of the Programme shall last up to two years. It shall prepare the implementation phase. ***Its purpose shall accordingly be to:***

***– determine priority objectives with a view to achieving a good status of the Baltic Sea,***

***– gradually develop the necessary research infrastructure.***

During the strategic phase, BONUS EEIG shall carry out the following tasks:

Or. pl

*Justification*

*The strategic phase must not be cut short. The implementation phase should cover all necessary research objectives having a decisive bearing on good ecological status of the Baltic Sea.*

**Amendment 36**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 3 – introductory part**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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:

*Amendment*

3. The strategic phase of the Programme shall last up to ***18 months***. It shall prepare the implementation phase. During the strategic phase, BONUS EEIG shall carry out the following tasks:

Or. en

### *Justification*

*The Strategic Research Agenda will be completed in summer 2011. This might create a time gap between the end of BONUS-169 and the start of the new programmes. However, too tight a time frame might cause problems for the implementation. The production of such a fundamental document for a research programme is very sensitive issue, and it should be done very carefully, including transparent methodology and broad consultation. This process will not be completed in less than one year.*

#### **Amendment 37**

**Adam Gierek**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 3 – point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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

(a) preparation of the ***implementation modalities including legal and financial rules and procedures, provisions governing the intellectual property rights arising from activities under the research programme laid down, human resources and communication aspects;***

Or. pl

### *Justification*

*The BONUS EEIG must operate according to a coherent plan, that is to say, the legal framework has to be created first, and the advisory research committees should then be called upon to draw up a specific strategic research programme.*

#### **Amendment 38**

**Adam Gierek**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Article 2 – paragraph 3 – point c**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

(c) preparation of ***the implementation modalities including legal and financial rules and procedures, provisions***

(c) preparation of ***a specific Strategic Research Agenda for the Baltic Sea region as a whole – defining the most***

*governing the intellectual property rights arising from the BONUS-169 activities, human resources and communication aspects.*

*urgent needs as regards the scientific content of the programme and its priorities, focusing on calls for tenders for research contracts and on the groundwork for research activities, in conformity with the objectives set in the Seventh Framework Programme.*

Or. pl

#### *Justification*

*The BONUS EEIG must operate according to a coherent plan, that is to say, the legal framework has to be created first, and the advisory research committees should then be called upon to draw up a specific strategic research programme.*

#### **Amendment 39**

**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, *and* financing not cumulated with other *Union* sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity. ***The grant and payment of financing to participants in BONUS-169 shall follow common rules in line with the Seventh Framework Programme.***

**Amendment 40**  
**Adam Gierek**

**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 **tender for research contracts** shall be published with a view to funding projects which address the **necessary scientific** objectives. These calls shall be targeted at multi-partner and *transnational* projects; **at least two States from the south-east of the Baltic Sea region must participate in each project. The projects in question shall** include research, technological development, training and dissemination activities. Projects shall be selected **in keeping with the main objectives of the strategic part, proceeding from** the principles of equal treatment, transparency, independent evaluation by experts **from all Participating States**, co-financing, no-profit, **and** financing not cumulated with other Community sources, as well as the principle of non-retroactivity.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*Joint representation is necessary because the scientists carrying out research into the Baltic Sea, especially those from new Member States, that is to say, from the south-east of the Baltic region, need to be involved to more useful effect.*

**Amendment 41**  
**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

*Justification*

*It is very important for SMEs to be involved in the process.*

**Amendment 42**  
**Silvia-Adriana Țicău**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 2 – paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

***4a. Small and medium-sized enterprises should receive a minimum allocation of funds (e.g. 15% of the total amount of the Programme) in the open calls published under BONUS.***



*Justification*

*It is very important for SMEs to be encouraged and to have good conditions to participate with project proposals.*

**Amendment 43**  
**Adam Gierek**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 3 – paragraph 2**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

2. The Community financial contribution for the implementation phase shall be up to EUR 48.75 million and match, within that limit, the contribution of the Participating States. This ceiling may be increased by any amount remaining after the implementation of the strategic phase. During the implementation phase, ***up to 25% of the*** contribution from the Participating States ***may consist in providing access to research infrastructures (hereinafter “in kind infrastructure contribution”).***

*Amendment*

2. The Community financial contribution for the implementation phase shall be up to EUR 48.75 million and match, within that limit, the contribution of the Participating States. This ceiling may be increased by any amount remaining after the implementation of the strategic phase. During the implementation phase, ***the value of the infrastructure provided (hereinafter “in kind infrastructure contribution”) may be treated as a*** contribution from the Participating States.

Or. pl

*Justification*

*Given the differences from one Participating State to another, there is no reason at all to put a figure of 25% on the in kind infrastructure contribution. A more flexible approach should be adopted on this point during the strategic phase.*

**Amendment 44**

**Lambert van Nistelrooij, Eija-Riitta Korhola**

**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 *Union* 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 and the implementation modalities referred to in Article 2(3), as well as*** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, ***section 2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda;***

Or. en

*Justification*

*For clarification matters for the Community financial contribution, it is important to lay out the specific actors involved in the implementation phase.*

**Amendment 45**

**Angelika Niebler**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – introductory part and point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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deliverables set out in *Article 2(3) and Annex I*;

made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, *section 2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 46**

**Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Andrzej Grzyb, Jolanta Emilia Hibner**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – introductory part and point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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(a) ***the establishment by the Participating States of the Strategic Research Agenda, Stakeholder Consultation Platforms and the implementation modalities referred to in Article 2(3), as well as*** the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, *section 2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda*;

Or. en

#### **Amendment 47**

**Ivari Padar**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – introductory part and point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

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(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;*

*upon:*

(a) *the establishment by the Participating States of the Strategic Research Agenda, Stakeholder Consultation Platforms and the implementation modalities referred to in Article 2(3), as well as* the progress made towards the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Annex I, *section 2. The Commission shall, if appropriate, make recommendations for improving the Strategic Research Agenda;*

Or. en

#### **Amendment 48**

**Algirdas Saudargas**

#### **Proposal for a decision**

**Article 3 – paragraph 3 – introductory part and point a**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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;*

*Amendment*

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

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Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**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, so as to avoid creating unnecessary interruption and unpredictability.*

**Amendment 50**  
**Adam Gierek**

**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) a positive evaluation of the strategic phase carried out by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts **from all Participating States**; this evaluation shall **serve to determine the key research agendas central to** the achievement of objectives and deliverables set out in Article 2(3) and Annex I, **not least through careful selection and preparation of the research infrastructure required during the implementation phase; the Commission may, if it deems it necessary, recommend in the course of the evaluation that the research programme be expanded;**

Or. pl

*Justification*

*When devising research projects it is always essential to know what research infrastructure is available, given that projects can be changed at any moment, even when they are about to be approved.*

**Amendment 51**

**Satu Hassi**

**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

*Justification*

*The Community financial contribution should not be conditional, so as to avoid creating unnecessary interruption and unpredictability.*

**Amendment 52**

**Jean-Pierre Audy**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Article 9**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The Commission and the Court of Auditors shall be entitled to carry out all the checks and inspections necessary to ensure proper management of the Community funds and to protect the Communities' financial interest against any fraud or irregularity. To this end, the Participating States and the

*Amendment*

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BONUS EEIG shall make available all the relevant documents to *the European Parliament*, the Commission and the Court of Auditors.

Or. fr

**Amendment 53**  
**Jean-Pierre Audy**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Article 11 – paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*Particular attention shall be given to Norway.*

Or. fr

**Amendment 54**  
**Satu Hassi**

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

*Text proposed by the Commission*

*Amendment*

*(ga) urge 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 in the drainage basin for the Baltic Sea to draftsperson's Amendment 2.*

**Amendment 55**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 2.2 – paragraph 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 **15 months** from the start of the strategic phase.

Or. en

*Justification*

*The BONUS EEIG shall send the deliverables of the strategic phase to the Commission before the end of this phase. Since the duration of the strategic phase has been shortened to 18 months the due date of deliverables should be shortened as well.*

**Amendment 56**  
**Satu Hassi**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 2.2.1 – paragraph 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*

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*Justification*

*Adding economic assessment of environmental damage in general (e.g. eutrophication) in addition to the biodiversity loss to drafts person's Amendment 3.*

**Amendment 57**

**Adam Gierek**

**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 for funding projects based, **having regard in particular to the selection phase and the preparation of the research infrastructure**, on a pool of funds consisting of cash **and in kind** contributions of the Participating States and of the Community;

Or. pl

*Justification*

*As regards financing, in kind contributions from Member States, in the form of necessary research infrastructure, should be taken into account.*

**Amendment 58**

**Eija-Riitta Korhola**

**Proposal for a decision**

**Annex I – section 3.4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment*

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***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.***

Subject to the conditions agreed in the annual financial agreements referred to in Article 5(2) the *Community* financial contribution shall be disbursed on the basis of evidence of payment of the cash contribution of the Participating States to the BONUS EEIG and of provision of in-kind infrastructure contributions for BONUS-169 projects.

The proper use of BONUS-169 funding by the beneficiaries is the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG, and shall be established by the independent financial auditing of projects to be carried out by the BONUS EEIG, or on its behalf.

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The proper use of BONUS-169 funding by the beneficiaries is the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG, and shall be established by the independent financial auditing of projects to be carried out by the BONUS EEIG, or on its behalf.

Or. en

## Amendment 59

Bogdan Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Andrzej Grzyb, Jolanta Emilia Hibner

### Proposal for a decision

#### Annex I – section 3.4

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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The proper use of BONUS-169 funding by the beneficiaries is the responsibility of the BONUS EEIG, and shall be established by the independent financial auditing of projects to be carried out by the BONUS EEIG, or on its behalf.

**Amendment 60**  
**Angelika Niebler**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 3.4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

## **Amendment 61**

**Ivari Padar**

### **Proposal for a decision**

#### **Annex I – section 3.4**

##### *Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

**Amendment 62**  
**Algirdas Saudargas**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 3.4**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

The implementation phase of BONUS-169 is co-funded by the Participating States and the *Community* over a minimum five-year period until the full life-cycle of all BONUS-169 funded projects is closed, provided that commitments from Community are done up to 2013 and all obligations to report to the Commission are fulfilled. The *Community* contribution during the implementation phase shall match the cash, in-kind infrastructure contributions of the Participating States to BONUS-169 **projects made through the BONUS EEIG** as well as the running costs incurred by the BONUS EEIG in the implementation phase. These running costs cannot exceed EUR 5 million.

***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.***

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*Amendment*

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Or. en

**Amendment 63**  
**Adam Gierek**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 3.4 – paragraph 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 **and in kind contributions** of the Participating States to **the BONUS research programme** shall be pooled and administered **directly** by the BONUS EEIG **or administered by it indirectly, that is to say, virtually in those cases where a participating Member State or third country assigns its cash and in kind contributions exclusively to national research projects connected with the implementation phase of joint projects under the research programme.**

Or. pl

*Justification*

*Wkład finansowy Wspólnoty oraz wkłady gotówkowe i rzeczowe uczestniczących państw na rzecz BONUS-169 są co do zasady łączone i zarządzane na poziomie centralnym przez BONUS EEIG. Jeśli jednak - z powodu wymogów prawnych lub konstytucyjnych - uczestniczące państwo nie może przenieść swojego wkładu gotówkowego do wspólnej puli, to w takich przypadkach powinno być możliwe przeznaczenie przez to państwo UE uczestniczące wkładu gotówkowego jedynie na badania krajowe, ale wynikające ze wspólnego programu. Dotyczyć to może również państw trzecich, w tym Rosji, oraz innych krajów znajdujących się w obszarze zlewni.*

**Amendment 64**  
**Lambert van Nistelrooij**

**Proposal for a decision**  
**Annex I – section 3.4 – second paragraph**

*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 Union* financial contribution and the cash contribution of the Participating States to BONUS-169 shall be pooled and administered centrally by the BONUS EEIG (*“common pot”*).

Or. en

*Justification*

*The financial contribution of the Commission and the Participating States shall be generally pooled and administrated by the BONUS EEIG. This should be referred to as the ‘common pot’.*