

Question for written answer E-009817/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Regulation (EU) No 508/2014

A scientific body of a Member State plans to develop an innovation in aquaculture within the scope of Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 (the EMFF Regulation), to which end an industrial building is constructed and technical plant is installed in it. Both are to be paid for the EMFF and national funds. A minimum period of six years is laid down for the development, split for budgetary reasons into two sub-periods of three years each. It is possible that costs may exceed €1 million for each sub-project (Article 61(7)(b) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013). An option exists to sell the building together with the technical equipment at the end of the project to a private investor if the aim of the development has been achieved. Should this aim not be achieved at the end of the six years, the idea is that any further development required should be paid for either from the scientific body's own funds or by subsidies.

It is objectively not possible to determine the revenue (in this case, the sale proceeds) in advance as per Article 61(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, as this revenue will depend on the utility of the objects and on whether the plant can be successfully sold by the end of the programme/within three years of completion of the operation (Article 61(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

How should theoretically possible revenues be dealt with?