

KBBE-2010-1-2-08: Improving research in support to scientific advice to fisheries management in the Mediterranean and Black Seas - Mandatory ICPC Mediterranean Partner Countries and Black Sea region
Call: FP7-KBBE-2010-4

➔ **The project will support the development of a network** of research bodies and teams including third countries in the two regions, with the aim to further improve coordination of research programmes on fisheries management promoted by different actors (European Commission, EU-Members States, Associated countries, third countries and international organisations such as FAO). ➔ **The project will facilitate better coordination on mining data available and harmonisation of methodologies applied to collection, analysis, dissemination and management procedures**, in support to Ecosystem approach to fisheries management and scientific advice to fisheries management. Integration of environmental requirements and of socio-economic implications will be given a high priority. ➔ **The project will contribute to identify needs for further research** in order to maintain the basis for a sustainable use of the marine resources and facilitate the programming of national, Community and international funding organisations. It should also include a training component with the aim to increase the research capacities in the participating third countries. This could include, for example, participation to training programmes, short exchanges of staff, training workshops.

Funding Scheme: Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action).

The requested European Community contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000000.

Additional eligibility criteria: Minimum number of participants: 3 from different Member States or Associated countries and 3 from different ICPC, covering both the Mediterranean Partner Countries region and the Black Sea region (Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan).

Expected impact: The network will increase knowledge on Ecosystem approach to fisheries management and on the support to the formulation of scientific and technical advice in third countries. It will also contribute to the dissemination of the CFP principles and challenges through the improvement of dialogue with research communities, policy-makers and stakeholders in the concerned geographic areas in order to better take into account their needs. Through a better coordination of European research with ICPC countries outside EU waters, the project is expected to reinforce coordination and therefore avoid duplication and fragmentation of the research effort. The project should set the basis also for an evolving system for permanent and easier exchange of best practices and search of relevant scientific information in support to scientific advice to fisheries management.