

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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INTEGRATED PROJECT

Socio-Economic Survey of Recreational Fishing in Europe (RECFISH)

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1. Aim of the Proposed Work:

The enclosed concept note addresses a research proposal to establish the scope and significance of recreational fishing in the European Union and the "Candidate Countries" (the 13 countries that are applying for European Union membership).

NEED & RELEVANCE: SCALE OF AMBITION & CRITICAL MASS

1.1.6 Contribution to Thematic Area: Sustainable Development, Global Change and Ecosystems

1.1.6.3 Global Change and ecosystems

Recreational Fishing is a sustainable industry and leisure sport and the project proposed corresponds excellent with the requirements given in the above mentioned items 1.1.6 and 1.1.6.3.

a) - The proposed pan-European socio-economic research project shall provide non-existing proper data of the recreational fishing sector in Europe in numbers of fishermen –identified and subdivided into sea fishermen, freshwater fishermen, the mix of the two groups and the total of fishermen.

b) – The project shall expose and measure in euros the recreational fishing sector volume in the European economy.

c) – The project shall prove and reveal European recreational fishing as a highly important sector of the European economy (as already proven in other countries like USA and Japan):

- with a huge sustainable industry with an impressive growth potential
- which counts estimated 25 million recreational fishermen
- which provides the European economic activity of estimated 25 billion euros
- which provides hundreds of thousands of jobs in mostly rural areas
- which is able to offer attractive alternative employment to many of the commercial fishermen to be made redundant by the EU CFP reform.

d) – In this project the collaboration of European University/-ies, Research companies, angling organisations, the tourism industry, the fishing tackle industry, the boating industry, bait suppliers and marine equipment and service suppliers will most likely give birth to new European profit- and knowledge giving projects; and new European alliances and/or organisations within the sector could be constituted as a side effect of this project.

e) - As this study has never been done before this Integrated Project –the design and outcome- would enhance European excellence in terms of scientific and technological advances and provide new knowledge.

f) Only a truly pan-European study using the same design and sample methods in all European countries involved could achieve the above mentioned objectives and benefits.

g) It is anticipated at this point that the research project would be required to run over a twelve-month period.

h) The project will of course draw on existing projects and knowledge from third countries (mainly USA, Australia and Japan) and the very few existing European national and regional projects but the final design will be drawn and decided by the participants in the RECFISH steering group.

2. Contribution to the European Research Area

- RECFISH uses well-known scientific methodology in the project but the overall design is unique for Europe. The project's objective and scale are never seen before in Europe and strengthens the European Research Area.
- RECFISH provides new knowledge for the benefit of all end users like all participants in this project, politicians, the EU institutions, EUROSTAT, and all equivalent national institutions.
- RECFISH addresses the urgent need for information on the recreational fishing sector, the numbers of European fishermen, the value and volume in the European economy and its potential in sustainable development.

3. The Role of SMEs in the Proposed Work

The collecting of data will include small and medium sized national research companies.

4. How the Project will be Managed

The project will be managed by a joint venture comprised of *EAA, European Anglers' Alliance* and *EFTTA, European Fishing Tackle Trade Association* together with a Core Group supported by Assistant Partners. The consortium will invite calls for proposals to invite new members to undertake specific tasks. There will be a Governing Council consisting of senior representatives from the Core Group Organisations.

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