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Second Financial Report on the EAGGF - 1972*

The Commission of the European Communities has just submitted to the Council of Ministers and to the European Parliament its Second Financial Report for 1972, on the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF). The Report, provided for by Council Regulation No. 729/70, on the financing of the common agricultural policy, gives detailed information and many tables of figures on the working and transactions of the EAGGF.

Guarantee Section

Expenditure by the EAGGF for 1972 relating to refunds on exports and interventions intended to stabilise the agricultural markets amounted to 2,446 million u.a., as compared with 2,604 million u.a. in 1970 and 1,571 million u.a. in 1971. It should be noted that the figure for 1971 only represents 80% of the actual costs of the agricultural policy for that year because of delays in payments and because of the accounting rules introduced as a result of the implementation of the definitive financial arrangements.

As in previous years costs in relation to the cereals and milk products' sectors were predominant in the expenditure of the Guarantee Section. In 1972 those sectors alone represented 66% of the expenditure (see Annex 1). It should be remembered that in the Memorandum on the reorganisation of the common agricultural policy the Commission proposed to the Council a series of measures which would make possible important economies in those two sectors.

Cereals: Expenditure in this sector was the greatest: 997 million u.a., or 41% of total expenses. This figure is to be explained by the amount of refunds on exports: 616 million u.a. Nevertheless, the amount for refunds becomes very relative when compared with the contribution of 500 million u.a. made by the cereals sector to the Community budget in the form of import levies.

Milk products: For this sector 611 million u.a., or 25% of total expenditure, were paid out by the Guarantee Section. These expenses are due primarily to the amount of aid, representing 444 million u.a. (aid for skimmed milk, storage and special measures for marketing butter).

Guidance Section

During 1972 200 million u.a. were granted, for 723 projects, representing a total investment of 807 million u.a. The average amount of aid received by

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each project was 276,500 u.a., or 24.8% of the amount invested.

Since 1964 the Guidance Section of the EAGGF has granted 709 million u.a. to a total of 2,932 projects, representing a total investment of 3,254 million u.a.

Approximately 60% of the aid granted was used for the improvement of agricultural structures, which shows the importance of aid from the Guidance Section for the promotion of better agricultural structures throughout Europe. (See Annex 2 for a list of aid granted to individual countries.)

Audits and irregularities

The Commission finds that the effective implementation of Council Regulation No. 283/72 concerning irregularities and the recovery of sums wrongly paid has made it more aware of irregular transactions and enabled it to initiate various measures. At the same time it is forced to recognise an imbalance between the problems to be dealt with and the available personnel, an imbalance made greater as a result of the new tasks resulting from the enlargement of the Community. This situation has made it impossible to carry out a sufficient number of audits of relevant documents on the spot. In three cases the Commission has made use of the possibility of initiating an administrative enquiry when it considers that there has been any irregularity or negligence.

In the Guarantee Section, during the period covering 1971 and 1972, 42 cases of irregularity, representing a sum of 10.6 million u.a., were reported. Twenty-nine of those cases were dealt with and it was possible to recover a sum of 8.7 million u.a. Thirteen cases, concerning a sum of 1.9 million u.a. are still pending. In the Guidance Section 84 cases of irregularity were reported during the period covering 1971 and 1972, representing a sum of 232,000 u.a. Fifty-three cases were dealt with and a sum of 142,000 u.a. was recovered. Thirty-one cases remain outstanding; the sum concerned is 90,000 u.a.

ANNEXE I

Dépenses payées ou déclarées au titre de l'exercice 1972 par secteurs et types de financement

Secteurs	Restitutions	Interventions 1ère catégorie	Interventions 2e catégorie (2)	Totaux	% 1972	% 1971
Céréales	615.930.513,86	341.029.013,77	40.217.014,07	997.176.541,70	40,76	30,16
Riz	47.989.638,00	2.487.936,21	-	50.477.574,21	2,06	3,17
Lait/pr. laitiers	166.730.591,15	294.139.210,97	149.688.238,91	610.558.041,03	24,96	36,03
Mat.Gras.						
huile d'ol.	982.742,60	186.954.583,56	-	187.937.326,16	7,68	3,88
Graines ol.	4.525.894,57	99.965.992,52	-	104.491.887,09	4,27	3,31
Sucre	69.612.380,80	91.510.844,67	30.283,36	161.153.509,83	6,59	7,02
Viande bov.	7.931.342,33	-	-	7.931.342,33	0,33	1,21
Viande porc.	55.393.705,05	219.179,03	-	55.612.884,08	2,27	3,33
Oeufs/vol.	13.771.068,21	-	-	13.771.068,21	0,56	0,76
Fruits/lég.	33.359.365,79	28.339.816,44	-	61.879.182,23	2,53	3,43
Vins	513.200,04	56.506.635,37	-	57.019.835,41	2,33	1,80
Tabac	-	101.952.323,23	-	101.952.323,23	4,17	4,67
Pêche	493.880,81	775.933,57	-	1.269.814,38	0,05	0,01
Lin et chanvre	-	11.531.601,53	-	11.531.601,53	0,47	0,04
Semences	-	370.753,60	-	370.753,60	0,02	0,-
Houblon	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prod.hors An.II	23.801.616,72	-	-	23.801.616,72	0,97	1,18
Mont. com.	-	432.954,65	-	- 432.954,65	0,02	0,-
Totaux	1.041.215.939,93	1.215.350.869,82	189.935.537,34	2.446.502.347,09	100	100
%	42,56	49,68	7,76	100		

ANNEXE II

Concours octroyés par le F.E.O.G.A., section orientation
pour le financement des projets de 1964 à 1971

ANNEE	ALLEMAGNE		BELGIQUE		FRANCE		ITALIE		LUXEMBOURG		PAYS-BAS		C.R.	
	nombre de projets	concours octroyés (UC)	nombre de projets											
64	9	2.557.635	7	703.751	10	1.951.487	27	3.069.464	—	—	4	774.585	57	9.652.22
65	21	4.968.976	6	754.985	21	3.692.070	40	5.865.889	I	275.000	8	1.577.338	97	17.112.17
66	59	11.600.152	20	3.279.496	33	8.924.174	119	13.771.303	3	899.342	20	3.112.408	254	41.152.15
67	31	7.239.940	9	2.040.664	34	5.745.508	59	8.835.445	2	150.600	I7	2.027.212	152	26.000.15
68	95	26.569.916	45	7.154.359	65	20.876.853	188	31.989.105	2	813.700	43	7.493.412	438	94.891.15
69	152	45.100.881	69	11.826.499	132	35.660.880	249	54.303.638	3	94.550	58	13.013.552	663	160.000.00
70	148	44.964.169	71	11.665.534	114	35.443.459	173	54.265.555	2	374.867	40	13.285.913	548	159.999.47
71	161	57.122.634	96	12.525.387	143	45.073.646	282	67.901.369	7	I.637.790	34	15.682.370	723	199.943.16
TOT.	676	200.124.333	323	49.950.675	552	157.368.077	I.137	240.001.768	20	4.145.849	224	56.966.790	2.932	708.657.92

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Environ 60 % des concours octroyés ont été utilisés pour l'amélioration des structures agricoles, ce qui indique l'importance des interventions de la section Orientation au bénéfice d'une meilleure structure agricole sur le plan européen (Voir annexe 2 pour une liste des aides octroyées par pays.)

Vérifications et irrégularités

La Commission constate que l'application effective du règlement 283/72 concernant les irrégularités et le recouvrement de sommes indûment payées, lui a permis d'avoir une meilleure connaissance des opérations irrégulières et de prendre diverses mesures. En même temps elle doit cependant constater un déséquilibre entre les problèmes à traiter et le personnel disponible, qui s'est accru suite aux tâches nouvelles découlant de l'élargissement de la Communauté. Cette situation n'a pas permis d'effectuer suffisamment de vérifications sur pièces et sur place. La Commission a fait usage, dans trois cas, de la possibilité de déclencher une enquête administrative lorsqu'elle estime que des irrégularités ou des négligences ont été commises.

Dans la section Garantie 42 cas d'irrégularités, représentant un montant de 10,6 millions d'UC, ont été signalés pour l'ensemble des années 1971 et 1972. De ces cas 29 ont été réglés et une somme de 8,7 millions d'UC a pu être recouvrée.

13 cas concernant une somme de 1,9 million d'UC sont encore en suspens. Dans la section Orientation les irrégularités signalées en 1971 et 1972 sont au nombre de 84 : elles représentent une somme de 232.000 UC. 53 cas ont été réglés et une somme de 142.000 UC a été récupérée. 31 cas sont encore à régler; la somme concernée est de 90.000 UC.

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