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REGIONAL FUND GRANTS OF 144 MUA (£64m)*

Third 1977 Allocation

The Commission has approved a third allocation of grants for this year from the European Regional Development Fund, totalling 144.35 mua. This brings the total approved since the first grants, made in October 1975, to 1090 mua.

The new grants relate to 304 investment projects in six Member States, representing a total investment of 1312 mua. 42.7mua are granted for 113 projects in the industry, handicraft and service fields and 99 mua for 181 infrastructure projects.

The attached tables give a national and regional breakdown of the grants made under the new allocation, plus cumulative figures for all grants since October 1975.

Payments are made to the national governments in line with their own expenditure in connection with the projects concerned. The governments are entitled, in accordance with the Fund regulation (1), to pass on the money to the investor, or to treat it as partial reimbursement of their own expenditure. In the latter event, the additional resources thus made available to them are to be used for other regional development purposes, so that the total regional development effort is increased correspondingly.

There will be one further allocation, later this year, under the present Regional Fund budget, which was fixed in late 1974 at 1,300 mua for the three years 1975-77 (1975: 300 mua; 1976: 500 mua; 1977: 500 mua). The Commission has proposed that in future the resources of the Regional Fund will be fixed annually as part of the general Community budget, and has proposed a total of 750 million EUA (2) for the Fund for 1978.

The Commission's new proposals on the reform of the Regional Fund, included in the document "Guidelines for Community Regional Policy" (3), are also before the Council.

(1) Council Regulation (EEC) no 724/75 (OJEC no L 74 of 21.3.75)

(2) The "new" European unit of account to be used from 1978. For the purpose of comparison, the 500 million "old" units of account available to the Fund this year is the equivalent of about 400 million EUA.

(3) Document COM(77) 195 of 7.6.1977.

* Actual Expenditure at exchange rate 11.7.1977.

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

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(Third allocation of grants, June 1977)

Grants to the United Kingdom : £23.8 million

Attached is a list of the projects in respect of which grants have been approved. The money will be paid to the United Kingdom Government in step with national expenditure on the projects concerned.

As far as industrial projects are concerned, the Community grants now announced represent a fund contribution of up to half the cost of the assistance given to individual projects by the United Kingdom Government.

European Regional Development Fund grants are not paid to the companies concerned in addition to the assistance they receive from the Government because it is not the purpose of the fund to enable the individual investor systematically to get an additional grant from the Community over and above what he would have received from the Government in any case. If that were to be done generally, it would simply mean that the same number of investments was undertaken but selected individual companies each got more. The main objective of the Fund is rather to enable a larger volume of regional industrial development, and associated investment in infrastructure, to take place than would have been possible if the Government had had to rely on national resources alone.

The Community grants towards infrastructure projects are passed on in full to the local and other public authorities concerned, thus reducing the amount they have to borrow to finance the investment in question.

Applications for grants in respect of projects with a total investment cost exceeding 10 million units of account (approximately £4.1 million) are dealt with separately. Smaller projects are grouped in a global application and a grant is made in respect of the whole group. It is not possible to give a figure for the aid granted to individual projects in this second category.

The United Kingdom had previously received £113.3 million of grants from the Regional Fund since October 1975. The present allocation brings the total grants to £137.10 million.

NORTHERN ENGLAND

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£10 622 128

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A. Industrial projects

- Lackenby, Langbaugh - British Steel Corporation £1 250 000
(The project is part of the Redcar Steelworks Stage II Phase B development and consists of the installation of a second slab caster. The project comprises foundations, slab caster, site buildings, water treatment plant, electrics and services, computer controls and peripherals).

- Sunderland - Coles Cranes Ltd £930 575
(The project involves the rationalisation, modernisation and expansion of existing facilities to increase production which mainly be for export)

- Sunderland - Corning Ltd £1 567 000
(The project involves the modernisation of existing production facilities for heat resistant glassware, the introduction of a new product range in dense opal glass)

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Allorby, Cumbria - Sandpiper Hotel, West End Farm
(Provision of a hotel on a working farm)
- Beal, Northumberland - Haggerston Castle
(Provision of 250 touring caravan pitches and associated facilities)
- Neasham, Darlington - The Newbus Grange Hotel
(Purchase and conversion of a property into a hotel)

Total aid in respect of 3 industry projects (global application)

£29 852

Total (all industry projects)

£3 777 427

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NORTHERN ENGLAND (cont'd)

B. Infrastructure projects

Eden/South Lakeland, Cumbria - North West Water Authority (Shap aqueduct water supply scheme)	£346 000
Eston, Cleveland - Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority (Construction of two berths at Tees Dock)	£168 506
Tynedale, Northumberland - Northumbrian Water Authority (Construction of Kielder water reservoir and Tyne-Tees Aqueduct)	£5 363 249

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Allerdale - Workington Dock
(Provision of roads, drainage, water, electricity and telephone services. Resurfacing of quayside for industrial site)
- Aycliffe Industrial Estate
(Construction of an access road)
- Blyth Harbour - Northumberland
(Provision of two 6 ton cranes, transfer of existing 5 ton cranes, improvement to quay and electricity supply)
- Copeland - Millom, Dalton, Askam
(Installation of a new substation)
- Copeland, Whitehaven Harbour
(Provision of two cranes)
- Harker, Carlisle
(Provision of a 120 MVA transformer, switching equipment and cables)
- Hutton, South Lakeland
(Diversion of 400 KV line for a future supergrid supply point)
- Norton, Stockton-on-Tees
(Provision of two 240 MVA transformers, switching equipment and cables)
- Salt Holme, Stockton-on-Tees
(Installation of substation)
- Seal Sands, Stockton-on-Tees
(Provide a telephone exchange building and exchange equipment and lineplant)
- Seal Sands, Stockton-on-Tees
(Provision of 12" gas pipeline to Seal Sands Development)

- Sperrynmoor, Sedgefield
(Provision of 240 MVA transformers, switching equipment and cables)
- Sunderland - Leechmere West Industrial Estate
(Levelling of land and the provision of roads and drainage facilities)

Total aid in respect of 13 infrastructure projects £966 946
(global applications)

Total (all infrastructure projects) £6 844 701

NORTH WEST ENGLAND

Total Aid (all projects)

£1 807 159

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A. Industrial projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Birkenhead - Britannia Refining Co Ltd
(Refining and blending of edible oils and fats)
- Skelmersdale - Keyes Huntsman Ltd
(Plastic containers for meat and egg packing)
- St Helens - The Ravenhead Co Ltd
(Glass tableware)

Total aid in respect of 3 industry projects (global application) **£1 048 619**

B. Infrastructure projects

- Hyndburn, Lancashire - North West Water Authority **£279 000**
(Phase 2 construction of the Martholme Sewage Treatment Works, comprising inlet works, primary settlement and storm tanks, aeration plant and associated pumping stations)

- Wigan - North West Water Authority **£39 060**
(Extensions to Hoscarr sewage treatment works)

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Burnley - Heasandford Industrial Estate
(Provision of access road and services)
- Ellesmere Port
(Surfacing of container yard extension, extension of crane rail, provision of additional crane power supply, fencing)
- Fiddlers Ferry, Halton, Chester
(Provision of two 240 MVA transformers, switching equipment and cables)
- Fleetwood - Copse Road
(Construction of Link road from Copse Road to new dock entrance and industrial complex in the dock area)
- Haresfinch, St Helen
(Construction of sewer for industrial development)

NORTH WEST ENGLAND (cont'd)

- Manchester, Denton West
(Rebuilding a primary substation)
- Manchester, Stuart Street
(Replacement of obsolete switchgear)
- St Helens
(Increase supplies of electricity)

Total aid in respect of 8 infrastructure projects
(global applications)

£420 480

Total (all infrastructure projects)
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£738 540

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE

Total Aid (all projects)

£772 135

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A. Industry projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Scarborough - Granville Hotel
(Hotel modernisation)

Total aid in respect of 1 industry project (global application)

£24 000

B. Infrastructure projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Barnsley, Aldham Industrial Estate
(Provision of access roads)
- Barnsley, Heelis Street/Fleet Street Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads and sewers)
- Barnsley, Grange Lane Industrial Site
(Provision of roads and sewers)
- Barnsley, Carlton Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads and sewers)
- Barnsley, West Melton
(Replacement of existing overhead line with larger capacity line)
- Boothferry, Humberside - Hamburg Yard, Goole Docks
(Erection of three 6 ton cranes, with crane rails, drainage and electricity supply. Levelling of quay area. Construction of shed)
- Boothferry, Humberside, Low End, Goole Docks
(Provision of access road to derrick crane berth at Ship Dock. Surfacing of marshalling area)
- Bradford, Common Road Industrial Site
(Site reclamation, provision of estate roads)
- Bradford, Walker Drive, Thornton Road
(Site levelling, provision of roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Bradford, Canal Road, Power Station Site
(Site clearance, provision of roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Doncaster - Carcroft Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, sewers and power supplies)

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YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE (cont'd)

- Kingston-upon-Hull - Sutton fields Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads and sewers for industrial estate)
- Kingston-upon-Hull
(Provision of a moveable barrier gate to be operated in the case of high surge tides to protect industrial development)
- Rotherham, Eastwood Trading Estate
(Extension of estate. Site stabilisation and roads)
- Wakefield, Hoyle Mill Lane, Kinsley
(Widening of highway to improve access industrial estate)
- Wakefield, Minsthorpe Lane, South Kirkby
(Access road improvement to Langthwaite Grange industrial estate)

Total aid in respect of 16 infrastructure projects (global application)

£748 135

EAST MIDLANDS

Total Aid (all projects)

£85 500
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Infrastructure projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Chesterfield - Whittington Hill
(Provision of combined trunk sewer)
- Chesterfield - Sheepbridge Industrial Estate
(Completion of site works. Roads, water mains, sub-station, off-site drainage)
- Louth - Fairfield Estate
(Sewage pumping station and main, completion of roads and sewers on industrial site)

Total aid in respect of 3 infrastructure projects (global application) :

£85 500

SOUTH WEST ENGLAND

Total Aid (all projects)

£234 495

Infrastructure projects :

- Caradon, Cornwall - South West Water Authority
(Reservoir and ancillary works)

£52 245

Aid is given under a global application to the following project :

- Cornwall
(Provision of telephone exchanges and ancillary equipment for local and trunk telephone exchanges at Bodmin, Penzance, Plymouth, St Austell and Truro)

Total aid in respect of 1 infrastructure project (global application)

£182 250

SCOTLAND

Total Aid (all projects)

£4 438 764

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A. Industry projects

- Irvine, Ayrshire - Beecham Pharmaceuticals £1 248 893
(The project involves the expansion of the firm's capacity at Irvine by the use of additional buildings, plant and machinery for processes of fermentation, antibiotic, solvent recovery in the preparation of penicillin G intermediate (Pen G) and amoxycillin precursor (amoxy another intermediate product) for export.)

B. Infrastructure projects

- Glasgow - Strathclyde Regional Council £1 135 000
(Modernisation and enlargement of Shieldhall Sewage Treatment Works)
- Glendevon, Perthshire/Clackmannanshire - Fife Regional Council £271 300
(Reservoir and water treatment works)

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects:

- Alexandria, Dumbarton, Murtoch Bridge
(Replacement of existing bridge)
- Annan
(Extension of sewage treatment works)
- Annan - Jockstown service reservoir
(Laying of water main from Jockstown service reservoir to Annan)
- Annan - Eastriggs and Dornock
(Construction of sewage treatment works, pump stations and rising main)
- Ayr - Doonview Terrace Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, water, drainage and other services)
- Ayr - Heathfield Road Industrial Estate
(Improvement of access road)
- Bathgate, West Lothian, Whitehill Industrial Estate
(Construction of spur road to allow further development at industrial estate)
- Blairgowrie, West Tayside - Lintrathen West Trunk Main
(Provision of water supply)
- Bo'ness, Falkirk - Bo'mains Industrial Estate
(Provision of road and other services)
- Bonnybridge, Falkirk - Winchester Avenue, Denny Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage water services)

SCOTLAND (cont'd)

- Broxburn, West Lothian - East Mains Industrial Estate
(Construction of spur road to open up new sites at industrial estate)
- Caithness - Wick Industrial Estate
(Provision of drainage)
- Cambuslang
(Construction of pipe bridge to provide drainage outfall)
- Cambuslang Industrial Estate
(Provision of water supply)
- Cowdenbeath, Fife - Glenfield New Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage, water and other services)
- Clydebank - Riverside Industrial Estate
(Construction of access road)

- Cumnock/Auchinleck - Barony Road Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, water, drainage and other services)
- Cumnock - Cairn Road Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, water, drainage and other services)
- Dundee - Riverside Airstrip
(Surfacing of existing grass runway, taxiway and apron at airstrip)
- Dunfermline - Hillend Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage, water and other services)
- Eyemouth, Berwickshire
(Construction of 33 kv substation)
- Falkirk - Bankside Industrial Estate
(Improved access road and provision of water and drainage services to permit extension of Industrial Estate)

- Fife - Whitehill Booster Station
(Provision of booster pumps on trunk water main)
- Gales - Irvine
(Provision of electricity supply to drainage pumping station and inlet works)
- Galashiels - Station Yard Industrial Estate
(Provision of access road, water, drainage and other services. Augmentation to Galashiels water supply and improvement to Galashiels sewage treatment works)
- Glasgow, Lesmahagow - Milton Farm Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, water and other services - Phase 1)

SCOTLAND (cont'd)

- Granton, Leith - West Shore Road New Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage and other services)
- Haddington, Musselburgh, East Lothian & Macmerry Industrial Estate
(Construction of spur roads to allow further development at industrial estate)

- Inverness - Longman Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage, lighting and electricity to expansion area of estate)
- Inverness - Dalcross Industrial Estate
(Provision of water tank at Balnabual to supply water to industrial estate)
- Irvine New Town - Industrial Estate
(Provision of Railway underbridge to improve access to industrial estate and harbour area)
- Livingston - Williamston Industrial Estate
(Provision of water supply and drainage)
- Livingston, West Lothian - Brucefield and Williamston Industrial Estate
(Provision of water supply (Bal Green) for industrial estates)
- Livingston - Deans Industrial Estate
(Provision of water supply)
- Lochgelly, Fife, Cartmore Industrial Estate
(Provision of roads, drainage, water and other services)
- Peterhead, Banff and Buchan
(Phase 3 of Peterhead main drainage scheme)
- Renfrew - Inchinnan Industrial Estate
(Construction of pumping station and rising main)
- Shieldhall, Glasgow
(Provision of electricity supply to new sewage treatment works)

- Tobermory, Island of Mull
(Construction of 1.3 km of single track bituminous surfaced roadway as link between the A849 and the Fishnish ferry terminal)

Total aid in respect of 44 infrastructure projects

£1 783 571

(This grants includes for technical reasons, five other projects the details of which were published in the last list of Regional Fund grants, in May 1977)

Total (infrastructure projects)

£3 189 871

WALES

Total Aid (all projects)

£1 643 463.55

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Infrastructure projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Barry, South Glamorgan
(Conveyor system and stacking area for coal and coke at Barry docks)
- Blackwood
(Provision of roadway, footpaths and services on Penmaen Industrial Estate)
- Blaenavon, Gwent
(Improvement of William Street and Prince Street)
- Bridgend
(Improvement to Cowbridge road, A. 473)
- Bridgend
(Improvement of A 473 from Factory Lane to Coychurch roundabout)
- Cwmbran, Gwent
(Link to Greenforge Way at Clomendy road roundabout)
- Deeside
(New electricity supply)
- Neath, West Glamorgan
(Redevelopment of Briton Ferry Dock area, construction of access road and bridge)
- Newtown, Powys
(New access road to Tannery Industrial Site)
- Fontardave, West Glamorgan
(Making up of highway and foot paths with kerbs and roundabouts)
- Pontypool, Gwent
(New road to by-pass town centre)
- Pontlottyn - Glamorgan
(Pontlottyn link road)
- Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan
(Elwynpia road - improvement of A 4119)
- Rhymney Valley - Mid Glamorgan
(Rhymney flood relief scheme - stage 1)
- Sandycroft, Alyn and Deeside
(Pumping station and rising main)
- Swansea
(Improvement to Beaufort road)
- Tonypandy, Mid Glamorgan
(Improvement of A 4119 near Coedely Colliery)

WALES (cont'd)

- Tredegar, Gwent
(Widening and realignment of the A 4048 between Argoed and Markham)
- Tredegar, Gwent
(Widening and realignment of A 4048 between Hollybush and Pochin)

Total aid in respect of 19 infrastructure projects
(global application)

£1 643 463.55

NORTHERN IRELAND

Total Aid (all projects)

£4 195 027.81

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A. Industry projects

- Campsie, Londonderry - Courtaulds Ltd
(The investment is an integrated operation to manufacture sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers and workwear. The operation will comprise spinning, weaving, print/dyeing and making up. The raw materials will be polyester and viscose fibre.)

£1 412 812.81

B. Infrastructure projects

- Kilroot - Northern Ireland Electricity Service
(Electricity supply transmission works from the new Kilroot Generation Station to the main 275 000 volt grid connection points at Kells, Castlereagh and Tandragee substations)

£2 668 215

Aid is given under a global application to the following projects :

- Belleek
(Safe boating harbour and facilities)
- Castle Archdale, Enniskillen
(Motor cruiser base and facilities)

Total aid in respect of 2 infrastructure projects (global application)

£114 000

Total (infrastructure projects)

£2 782 215

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Regional Statistics: Amounts allocated in million units of account (figures rounded off; in brackets: number of investment projects)

	I. Activités industrielles, artisanales et de service		II. Infrastructures		III. Infrastructures concernant l'agriculture de montagne		IV. Totaux	
	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>								
N. England	9,06 (6)	45,23 (89)	16,43 (16)	55,12 (245)	-	-	25,49 (22)	100,35 (334)
N.W. England	2,56 (3)	9,57 (35)	1,77 (10)	21,12 (183)	-	-	4,33 (13)	30,69 (218)
Yorkshire&Humberside	0,06 (1)	3,03 (25)	1,80 (16)	8,50 (150)	-	-	1,86 (17)	11,53 (175)
E. Midlands	-	0,43 (8)	0,20 (3)	1,56 (27)	-	-	0,20 (3)	1,99 (35)
S.W. England	-	1,22 (18)	0,56 (2)	3,52 (64)	-	-	0,56 (2)	4,74 (82)
Scotland	3,00 (1)	24,94 (59)	7,59 (45)	49,39 (233)	0,07 (1)	7,09 (42)	10,66 (47)	81,42 (334)
Wales	-	10,37 (47)	3,94 (19)	35,01 (233)	-	-	3,94 (19)	45,38 (280)
N. Ireland	3,39 (1)	25,98 (29)	6,68 (3)	25,79 (70)	-	1,09 (18)	10,07 (4)	52,86 (117)
W. Midlands	-	-	-	0,04 (2)	-	-	-	0,04 (2)
Total	18,07 (12)	120,77 (310)	38,97 (114)	200,05 (1207)	0,07 (1)	8,18 (60)	57,11 (127)	329,00 (1577)
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BELGIQUE/BELGIE	-	3,67 (16)	-	13,80 (91)	1,55 (1)	1,55 (1)	1,55 (1)	19,02 (108)
DANMARK	1,21 (8)	2,40 (27)	1,82 (20)	14,28 (106)	-	-	3,03 (28)	16,68 (133)
DEUTSCHLAND	2,06 (34)	19,73 (261)	3,27 (20)	27,71 (181)	-	-	5,33 (54)	47,44 (442)
FRANCE	-	43,97 (302)	-	74,64 (133)	-	3,88 (6)	-	122,49 (441)
IRELAND	3,85 (5)	38,29 (81)	5,89 (19)	33,83 (147)	1,26 (8)	11,10 (34)	11,00 (32)	83,22 (262)
ITALIA	17,49 (54)	132,54 (281)	48,84 (8)	301,21 (99)	-	22,08 (276)	66,33 (62)	455,83 (656)
LUXEMBOURG	-	-	-	0,75 (1)	-	-	-	0,75 (1)
NEDERLAND	-	-	-	15,58 (11)	-	-	-	15,58 (11)
UNITED KINGDOM	18,07 (12)	120,77 (310)	38,97 (114)	200,05 (1207)	0,07 (1)	8,18 (60)	57,11 (127)	329,00 (1577)
TOTAL	42,68 (113)	361,37 (1278)	98,79 (181)	681,85 (1976)	2,88 (10)	46,79 (377)	144,35 (304)	1090,01 (3631)

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, JULY 1977

Regional Statistics: Amounts allocated in national currency (figures rounded off; in brackets: number of investment projects)
(in £ million)

	I. Activités industrielles, artisanales et de service		II. Infrastructures		III. Infrastructures concernant l'agriculture de montagne		IV. Totaux	
	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77	3 ^o tranche 1977	Total 1975+76+77
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>								
N. England	3,78 (6)	18,85 (89)	6,84 (16)	22,96 (245)	-	-	10,62 (22)	41,81 (334)
N.W. England	1,07 (3)	3,99 (35)	0,74 (10)	8,80 (183)	-	-	1,81 (13)	12,79 (218)
Yorkshire & Humberside	0,02 (1)	1,26 (25)	0,75 (16)	3,55 (150)	-	-	0,77 (17)	4,81 (175)
E. Midlands	-	0,18 (8)	0,09 (3)	0,66 (27)	-	-	0,09 (3)	0,84 (35)
S.W. England	-	0,51 (18)	0,24 (2)	1,47 (64)	-	-	0,24 (2)	1,98 (82)
Scotland	1,25 (1)	10,39 (59)	3,16 (45)	20,59 (233)	0,03 (1)	2,95 (42)	4,44 (47)	33,93 (334)
Wales	-	4,32 (47)	1,64 (19)	14,59 (233)	-	-	1,64 (19)	18,91 (280)
N. Ireland	1,41 (1)	10,82 (29)	2,78 (3)	10,74 (70)	-	0,46 (18)	4,19 (4)	22,02 (117)
W. Midlands	-	-	-	0,01 (2)	-	-	-	0,01 (2)
Total	7,53 (12)	50,32 (310)	16,24 (114)	83,37 (1207)	0,03 (1)	3,41 (60)	23,80 (127)	137,10 (1577)