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## EURATOM FIVE-YEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM REORGANIZED; COUNCIL ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL FUNDS

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 14 --- The Euratom Council of Ministers, composed of the foreign ministers of the member states, unanimously approved yesterday in Brussels the modification of the Community's Five-Year Research Program for the period 1963-67.

The reorganization was proposed by the Commission in mid-1964 to offset the effects of inflationary pressures on the costs of equipment and construction since the program was first adopted in July 1962.

The modification places greater emphasis on the Orgel project (for an advanced type of heavy-water reactor consuming natural uranium as fuel), fast breeder reactors, certain joint research center establishments, and thermonuclear fusion. The budget was enlarged by \$5.58 million bringing the total amount of funds allocated for the five-year period to \$455 million.

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The Euratom research budget was altered as follows: (\$ million)

	<u>Original Allocation</u>	<u>Modification</u>
<b>Joint Research Centers</b>		
Ispira	78.6	+8
Karlsruhe	28.0	+0.5
Geel	11.32	+1
Petten	27.5	-2
<b>Reactors and associated research</b>		
Orgel	57.0	+7
Fast reactors	73.0	+9.5
Advanced gas reactors	31.0	-0.5
Operation of BR2 (Belgian) materials test reactor	12.0	+2
Proven-type reactors	29.5	-6.75
Treatment of irradiated fuel	14.0	-8.25
Treatment of radioactive waste	5.0	-2
New reactor types	9.0	-2
Ship propulsion	7.5	-1.5
<b>Fusion</b>		
Thermonuclear fusion studies	31.0	+3
<b>Radiation</b>		
RR Radioisotopes	5.0	-2
Health protection, biology	17.5	-1.5
Training	3.0	-1
Dissemination of information	9.5	-1
Reserve	--	+3.08
<b>Total</b>	<u>449.42</u>	<u>455.0</u>

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