



## Allocation of Community initiative funds among the Member States

**On 13 July the Commission approved the indicative allocation among the Member States of funds available under nine of the thirteen Community initiatives**

Readers will recall that the Community initiatives have a total budget of ECU 13.467 billion in 1994-99, of which ECU 8.16 billion are to go to regions lagging behind in their development (Objective 1) and ECU 1.6 billion are being set aside as a reserve. For each of the initiatives, the allocation has been calculated on the basis of objective criteria such as the size of the population covered, regional GDP and so on.

In the interests of overall balance between the Member States in the complete package of

Structural Fund assistance available up to 1999 (Community initiatives, Community support frameworks and single programming documents), the Commission has further decided to use ECU 250 million from the reserve for the Community initiatives to top up the allocations to Spain (which will receive an extra ECU 110 million), Ireland (ECU 80 million), the United Kingdom (ECU 50 million) and the Netherlands (ECU 10 million). The breakdown of these adjustments between individual initiatives will be determined later.

The national allocations under the four remaining initiatives (Rechar, Resider, Konver, Retex) will be decided by the Commission once the areas to be eligible have been agreed on.

MECU = millions of ecus	B	DK	D	GR	E	EE	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
Interreg	82.0	17.7	402.2	595.0	564.7	246.0	133.5	347.4	3.5	69.1	339.7	99.4
Regis	-	-	-	-	214.0	262.0	-	-	-	-	124.0	-
Leader	8.0	8.0	174.0	146.0	330.0	187.0	46.0	282.0	1.0	7.0	116.0	61.0
Employment	32.1	11.0	156.8	64.4	366.6	146.5	46.1	348.7	0.3	40.7	40.3	146.5
Adapt	31.2	29.5	228.8	30.1	256.4	249.7	21.2	190.0	0.3	55.2	21.0	286.6
Portuguese textiles industry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.0	-
SMEs	12.1	2.5	183.0	82.2	227.7	57.7	28.4	187.8	0.3	9.8	122.3	61.3
Urban	10.5	1.5	96.8	45.2	130.4	55.0	15.5	115.3	0.5	9.9	43.7	75.6
Pesca	2.0	16.4	23.0	27.1	41.5	27.9	3.7	33.7	-	10.2	25.6	33.9

# The last CSFs and SPDs under Objective 1

In July, the European Commission approved the final versions of the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for regions lagging behind in their development, i.e. under Objective 1, in Germany, Greece, Ireland and Italy (see Inforegio News No 6), together with single programming

documents (SPDs) for Objective 1 regions in France and the United Kingdom. The Commission has also approved a number of operational programmes (one in Portugal, four in Ireland and nineteen in Greece). Details will be given in the next edition of Inforegio News.

## Objective 1 SPDs for France and UK:

MECU = millions of ecus	Total investment planned (MECU)	Total investment planned (in national currency - millions)	Contribution from the Structural Funds (MECU)	Contribution from the Structural Funds (in national currency - millions)
Corsica	680	4482	250	1648
Guadeloupe	7945	5234	345	2274
French Guiana	304	2004	165	1088
Martinique	623	4107	330	2175
Réunion	1267	8352	660	4350
Avesnes, Douai, Valenciennes	1340	8833	440	2900
Highlands and Islands	1012	793	311	244
Merseyside	2000	1567	816	639
Northern Ireland	2658	2083	1233	966

At ECU rates for July 1994.

## In Brief

### Appointments

- Mr Roberto Speciale, an Italian Member of the European Parliament (DSP) who also sat in the outgoing Parliament, has been elected chairman of the Parliament's Regional Policy Committee.
- Mr Dietrich Pause of Germany has been named Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions.

### Interpartenariat for Corsica

Bastia and Ajaccio in Corsica will be the venues from 30 September to 2 October of the first EC/Mediterranean session to be held on the island. This event is being organized by the French assembly of chambers of commerce and industry, with the support of the European Commission. The aim is to promote cooperation between Corsican small and medium-sized businesses and businesses in other Community regions as well as regions outside the Community as well.

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## Reports

The European Commission has recently adopted two reports relating to Community regional policies. Inforegio subscribers will receive these once they are published.

### "Competitiveness and cohesion: regional trends"

The Fifth Periodic Report on the socio-economic situation and development of the Community's regions covers trends in population, economic development and employment around the regions of the Community. It tries to pinpoint the causes of inter-regional inequalities and to analyse the contribution of public regional policies, national and Community, towards closing these gaps. Finally, it looks at the impact on the regions of Community enlargement and deepening.

### "Europe 2000+"

This is the title of a report on cooperation for spatial development within Europe which reviews the analyses currently being made of transnational and Community dimensions in regional planning. The report will be presented at the informal Council of ministers responsible for regional policy and planning to be held in Leipzig on 21/22 September next.



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