



Adoption of four new programmes

On 22 May and 1 and 7 June the Commission approved Community finance for four new operational programmes: for Apulia, for the development of tourism in the Mezzogiorno, for declining industrial areas in La Rioja, and to implement the Rechar II Community Initiative in the former coal-mining area of Châtelet in Wallonia.

Apulia (Italy)

This programme covers the whole region from 1994 to 1999. It provides for investment totalling ECU 2 406 million, to which the Community will contribute ECU 1 148.4 million. The measures announced include upgrading of infrastructure for communications (roads and railways) and support (energy and water), the development of services for businesses and craft industries, support for tourism, the integration and reintegration of those seeking employment, the rationalization of traditional agricultural crops and rural development. The programme will be financed jointly by the three Structural Funds: the European Regional Development Fund (47% of the Community contribution), the European Social Fund (25%) and the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (28%).

Tourism in the Mezzogiorno (Italy)

This programme covers the whole of the Mezzogiorno from 1994 to 1999. Investment planned totals ECU 303 million, to which the

ERDF will contribute ECU 130 million. The measures financed will concentrate on innovation to exploit the natural and cultural potential of southern Italy (protected areas, routes for cultural tourism, etc.).

La Rioja (Spain)

This programme covers 29 municipalities in northern Rioja for 1994 to 1996. Planned public investment amounts to ECU 25 949 000, to which the Community will contribute ECU 11 867 000. Examples of finance under the programme include a number of schemes to assist small and medium-sized firms (productive investment, quality, research and industrial design), the provision of natural gas to the industrial areas of Logroño and Agoncillo-Arrubal, dualling of part of the Logroño ring road, the development of the departments of chemistry and agricultural engineering in the regional university and training in research and for workers in small firms. This programme is the first for the implementation of the Community support framework in the declining industrial areas of Spain.

Rechar II, Châtelet (Belgium)

This programme concerns 94 000 people living in Châtelet in the province of Hainaut. The ERDF will contribute ECU 930.000 to investment totalling ECU 1.86 million to be concentrated on remedying the damage to the water distribution network caused by mining.

Community Initiatives in the new Member States

In April, the Commission adopted the planned breakdown among the new Member States of the Community Initiatives. Overall, Austria will receive ECU 146 million, Finland ECU 153 million and Sweden ECU 128 million.

These amounts were allocated among the various Community Initiatives using objective criteria relating to them (population covered, per capita GDP, jobs lost in certain sectors, etc.). In view of the long frontiers which the new Member States share with non-member countries, 33% of the resources available will go to the Interreg Initiative. The 12% reserve will be allocated later.

ECU million 1995 prices	Austria	Finland	Sweden	New Member States
INTERREG	42.68	43.73	39.47	125.88
LEADER	23.27	24.70	14.17	62.14
EMPLOYMENT	23.01	29.15	20.69	72.85
ADAPT	11.57	19.70	11.25	42.52
RECHAR	1.80	0.00	0.00	1.80
RESIDER	5.13	0.00	0.00	5.13
KONVER	0.00	0.00	3.26	3.26
RETEX	2.57	0.00	0.00	2.57
SMEs	8.74	10.80	16.76	36.30
URBAN	9.77	3.89	3.37	17.03
PESCA	0.00	3.00	3.49	6.49
Reserve	17.53	18.40	15.34	51.27
Total	146.07	153.37	127.80	427.24

New publications

Objective 1

A number of complete texts of the programming documents for Objective 1 (regions whose development is lagging behind) have been published and may be obtained from the Office for Official Publications.

Information: fax +352 40 79 15.

Summaries of all the CSFs and SPDs for Objective 1 are also available in English, French and the language of the country concerned. They may be obtained free of charge from DG XVI (fax: +32 2 296 60 03).

Community Support Frameworks (CSFs):

Country	Languages available
Italy (CX-85-94-284-C)	IT
Greece (CX-85-94-462-C)	GR, EN
Portugal (CX-82-94-771-C)	PT, EN

Reports

Two reports discussed recently by the European Parliament may also be bought from approved bookshops. These are the "Europe 2000+" report on the Community aspect of physical planning and "Competitiveness and cohesion: trends in the regions", which looks at the changing socio-economic situation of the regions of Europe.

Single Programming Documents (SPDs)

Region	Language available
Northern Ireland - UK (CX-85-94-365-C)	EN
Highlands and Islands - UK (CX-85-94-357-C)	EN
Corsica - F (CX-85-94-325-C)	FR

Report	Languages available
Europe 2000+ (CX-85-94-486-C)	DE, GR, EN, FR, IT, NL
Competitiveness and cohesion: trends in the regions (CX-85-94-147-C)	ES, DE, GR, EN, FR, IT, NL, PT

Erratum

Inforegio News 16 reported that Tallaght Hospital (IRL) received ECU 39.37 in Community assistance, this figure should have read ECU 39.37 million.



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