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Structural Funds 1994-99

Allocation of appropriations Definition of eligible areas

Important further steps have been taken in implementing the Structural Funds for the period 1994-99. The Commission recently finished allocating appropriations from these Funds to their priority Objectives and defining the areas which could benefit from specifically regional aids.

Of the ECU 141.471 billion (at 1992 prices) available for these six years, ECU 96.346 billion had already been allocated to Objective 1 (structural adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind) by the Framework Regulation for the Structural Funds adopted in July 1993.

On 21 December 1993 the Commission decided on the allocation of the remaining ECU 45.125 billion (at 1992 prices):

- ECU 15.316 billion for Objective 2 (conversion of declining industrial areas);
- ECU 15.84 billion for Objectives 3 and 4 (combating long-term unemployment, facilitating the integration into working life of young people and of persons exposed to exclusion from the labour market and

facilitating adaptation to industrial changes through measures to prevent unemployment);

- ECU 6.143 billion for Objective 5(a) (adjustment of agricultural structures and fisheries);
- ECU 6.296 billion for Objective 5(b) (development of rural areas);
- ECU 1.53 billion for transitional and innovative measures.

As regards the definition of the areas eligible under the regional Objectives (1, 2 and 5(b)), the July 1993 Framework Regulation included the full list of areas eligible under Objective 1. It then remained for the Commission to decide on the areas eligible under Objectives 2 and 5(b), on the basis of proposals from the Member States and after consulting the appropriate committees. The official lists of the areas eligible under Objectives 2 and 5(b) were adopted on 21 and 24 January 1994. The population of the areas eligible under Objective 2 is 58.1 million, or 16.8% of the total population of the Community and that of the areas eligible under Objective 5(b) is 28.523 million, or 8.2% of the population of the Community.

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Population of the eligible areas (1)		B	DK	D	E	F	I	L	NL	UK	EC total
Objective 2 1994-1996	('000)	1400	440	7000	7900	14600	6300	130	2600	17700	58100
	as % of total population of each country	14.0	8.8	8.8	20.3	25.9	10.8	34.2	17.3	31.0	16.8
Objective 5b 1994-1999	('000)	448	360	7725	1731	9759	4827(2)	30	800	2841	28523
	as % of total population of each country	4.5	7	9.6	4.4	17.3	8.4	7.8	5.4	4.9	8.2

(1) Ireland, Greece and Portugal as a whole are eligible under Objective 1

(2) Including Abruzzi, eligible only from 1997

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As provided for in the revised regulations governing the Structural Funds, the Commission also made indicative

allocations by Member State for each of the Objectives 1 to 4 and 5(b) of the resources available for the future Community support frameworks.

Resources available for the CSFs (ECU million, 1994 prices)		B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
Objective 1	1994-1999	730	-	13640	13980	26300	2190	5620	14860	-	150	13980	2360
Objective 2	1994-1996	160	56	733	-	1130	1765	-	684	7	300	-	2142
Objectives 3 and 4	1994 - 1999 (1)	465	301	1942	-	1843	3203	-	1715	23	1079	-	3377
Objective 5b	1994 - 1999	77	54	1227	-	664	2238	-	901	6	150	-	817

(1) Excluding amounts made available to the Objective 1 regions.

Last operational programmes for 1989-93

On 17 and 22 December, the Commission approved the last 23 operational programmes for 1989-93.

Of these, 19 came under the **KONVER** Community Initiative, which aims to promote economic diversification in areas affected by the run-down of the defence industry, military bases and related activities. They concern the following Member States and regions:

Germany (16 Länder)

Total cost: ECU 72.73 million

Contribution from the Structural Funds: ECU 25 million

France (23 employment areas in 14 regions)

Total cost: ECU 77.015 million

Contribution from the Structural Funds: ECU 32.6 million

Italy : Provinces of Naples, L'Aquila and Genoa and the Colleferro district in the province of Rome

Total cost: ECU 56.94 million

Contribution from the Structural Funds: ECU 17.93 million

Spain : Regions of Murcia, Extremadura, Asturias, Basque Country, Catalonia and Madrid

Total cost: ECU 15.1 million

Contribution from the Structural Funds: ECU 7.55 million

Two programmes for Germany under the **RETEX** initiative to assist the conversion of regions affected by the crisis in the textiles sector were adopted :

Baden-Württemberg

Total cost: ECU 1.6 million

Contribution from the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund): ECU 0.8 million

Bavaria

Total cost: ECU 12.6 million

Contribution from the ERDF: ECU 6.3 million

A programme for the Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany under the **STRIDE** Community Initiative designed to increase the competitiveness of the footwear industry by introducing innovative processes was adopted.

Total cost: ECU 647.940

Contribution from the ERDF: ECU 101.241

A global grant was made to the **BIC** (Business and Innovation Centre) of Palermo (Italy) for the establishment of an incubator for businesses

Total cost: ECU 2.898 million

Contribution from the ERDF: ECU 2.173 million

Forthcoming events

Directoria

"Directoria" meetings are intended to bring representatives of the local and regional authorities into direct contact with each other and with experts and Community officials. The first such meeting, from 2 to 4 June 1993, was attended by 480 representatives from 347 authorities, 60 experts from 36 companies and 40 officials concerned with 21 Community programmes or initiatives. Directoria '94 will also be held at the Espace Pyramide in **Brussels, from 21 to 23 March.**

Community local authorities

A conference of Community local authorities will be held in Brussels **from 6 to 8 April.** Organized on the initiative of the Commission and Parliament, this conference will bring together more than 1 000 local authorities from all the Community Member States. This meeting is a follow up to the one held in November 1991 when Members of Parliament met representatives from the regions of the Community



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