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Foreword

The 123 operational programmes for regional development presented in this booklet were agreed jointly by the European Commission, the Member States and the regions in which they are implemented.

Each programme is cofinanced by national budgetary resources and a Community contribution from one or more of the Structural Funds - the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund), EAGGF (guidance section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund) and ESF (European Social Fund).

A national or regional authority is appointed to manage each programme. Progress is supervised by a monitoring committee consisting of representatives from the national and regional authorities concerned, as well as from the European Commission.

Economic operators may present to the programme management authority projects which correspond to the measures contained in the programme. Once a project has been approved, it is granted the appropriate funding. The maximum rate of Structural Fund intervention is 75% of the total costs of the project in Objective 1 regions and 50% of total project costs in Objective 2 and 5b regions.

The 12 global grants also included in this booklet are a different form of intervention provided under the Community's regional policies.

In the case of global grants, the resources from the Structural Funds are not channelled through the budget of a national or regional authority, but are paid directly to the regional development organisation responsible for implementing the grant.

Explanatory notes

The reform of the Community's Structural Funds took effect on 1 January 1989. As part of this reform, the Community set out five priority objectives for its structural policies:

- Objective 1: development and structural adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind;
- Objective 2: reconversion of regions seriously affected by industrial decline;
- Objective 3: combatting long-term unemployment;
- Objective 4: occupational integration of young people;
- Objective 5a: modernisation of agricultural structures;
- Objective 5b: development of rural areas.

Objectives 1, 2 and 5b are specifically regional in nature since they involve measures which concern only regions or sub-regions. Objectives 3, 4 and 5a, on the other hand, are sectoral in nature and cover the whole of the Community's territory.

In addition to fixing priority objectives, the reform of the Structural Funds also created a decision-making process based on the principle of partnership. This process is as follows:

- The Member State submits a DEVELOPMENT PLAN to the Commission. This contains the priority requirements identified at national and regional level.
- The Commission, in consultation with the Member State, draws up a COMMUNITY SUPPORT FRAMEWORK (CSF) which defines the priorities of the policy to be implemented, the financial allocation, and the forms of assistance to be used.
- Within the framework of the CSF, the Member State submits to the Commission proposed measures covering different forms of intervention (OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES (OPs), GLOBAL GRANTS (GGs), etc).
- Once these measures have been adopted by the Commission, the authorities of the Member States become responsible for their IMPLEMENTATION.

Not all of the Operational Programmes were adopted under the CSFs. Since 1989, the Commission has launched various COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (CIs) designed to help resolve specific problems with a Community-wide impact. In 1992, almost half of the Operational Programmes adopted had been submitted within the context of these Initiatives.

In addition, Article 10 of the ERDF regulation allows for the financing of a number of PILOT PROJECTS, notably those which encourage actions in cross-border zones.

BELGIUM



Fact Sheet N° 92/02

RENAVAL; Community Programme for the reconversion of shipbuilding areas

BELGIUM - St. Niklaas

The Commission has adopted, within the framework of the Community Initiative RENAVAL, an Operational Programme amounting to 6.5 MECUs for the development of new economic activities in the Sint-Niklaas area of Antwerp.

This grant falls within a programme comprising a total of 12.8 MECUs.

Through this programme measures will be financed to:

- ▶ develop economic activities by renovating the infrastructure thus leading to new employment; the private sector oriented actions should benefit small and medium sized companies;
- ▶ strengthen and diversify the industrial structure in order to broaden the economic base of the area;

The specific measures to be submitted for financial support include:

- ▶ the improvement of run-down premises or unoccupied industrial and commercial buildings;
- ▶ the construction and adaptation of infrastructure projects;
- ▶ business advice and counselling;
- ▶ common services and risk capital for SMEs;
- ▶ sector studies and technical assistance.

The financial management and control will be carried out by the Administration for the Economy of the Flemish Community. The follow-up will be supervised by a Steering Committee, the secretariat of which is provided by the Regional Development Authority (GOM-Antwerp). For the implementation of the total programme, public cofinancing is planned by the Flemish Community and local authorities.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - St. Niklaas

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.10.10.004
 Date of decision : 30.01.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 97

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Infrastructure, innovation, technology transfer, quality, advice	5.222	2.611
Upgrading of small industrial areas	5.222	2.611
Common services	0.925	0.509
Other activities	1.481	0.795
Total	12.852	6.528

The Commission is contributing 50.8 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/37

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ the Flemish region (Furnes, Ypres and Courtrai) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (Dunkirk, Hazebrouck, Lille and Roubaix-Tourcoing);

The total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will be 13.87 MECUs:

- ▶ 13.9 MECUs (BEF 584 million or FF 96.5 million) for the Flanders - Nord-Pas-de-Calais programme, out of a total cost of 28.33 MECUs (BEF 1192 million or FF 197 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ support for economic and technological development,
- ▶ environmental protection,
- ▶ exploitation of the heritage of interest to tourists
- ▶ definition of common cross-border policies (transport, town planning),
- ▶ the promotion of joint social policies and training activities.

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for the development of projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.001
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic development	5.065	2.526
Tourism	11.387	5.502
Environment	5.854	2.927
Transport	1.272	0.571
Educational and social measures	0.735	0.338
Local initiatives	3.164	1.582
Technical assistance	0.854	0.427
Total	28.331	13.873

The Commission is contributing 48.9 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.9 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.1 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/38

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ Walloon area (Mouscron, Ath, Mons, Thuin and Charleroi) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (Lille, Roubaix-Tourcoing, Valenciennes, Cambrai, Sambre-Avesnois).

Total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will amount to 15.85 MECUs:

- ▶ 15.9 MECUs (BEF 667 million or FF 110 million) for the Walloon - Nord-Pas-de-Calais PACTE programme, out of a total cost of 32 MECUs (BEF 1350 million or FF 223 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ economic development,
- ▶ RTD,
- ▶ image-information,
- ▶ training-employment,
- ▶ educational and social measures,
- ▶ tourism and the environment,
- ▶ urban policy,
- ▶ coordination and monitoring.

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for developing projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.002
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic development	10.088	5.044
RTD	5.624	2.812
Image-information	1.288	0.644
Training-employment	2.743	1.187
Educational and social measures	8.888	4.444
Tourism and the environment	1.412	0.706
Urban policy	0.680	0.170
Coordination and monitoring	1.356	0.678
Total	32.079	15.855

The Commission is contributing 49.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	92.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	7.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/39

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ Walloon region (Charleroi, Thuin, Namur, Philippeville, Dinant, Virton, Neufchateau) and Champagne-Ardenne (Ardennes Department).

Total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will amount to 6.5 MECUs:

- ▶ 6.5 MECUs (BEF 274 million or FF 45 million) for the Walloon-Champagne-Ardenne programme, out of a total cost of 14.7 MECUs (BEF 616 million or FF 102 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ access to the area,
- ▶ tourism and culture,
- ▶ human resources,
- ▶ economic and agricultural development,
- ▶ dissemination and sustainability,

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for developing projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.004
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Access to the area	0.4900	0.2450
Tourism and culture	6.7331	2.9680
Human resources	2.9438	1.2137
Economic and agricultural development	3.5840	1.6264
Dissemination and sustainability	0.9050	0.4524
Total	14.6559	6.5055

The Commission is contributing 44.3 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	86 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	12 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	2 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/44

Operational Programme

BELGIUM - Aubange

The Commission has approved ERDF assistance amounting to 0.3 MECUs (BEF 13.9 million) for an Operational Programme (1992-1993) intended to bolster economic development in the Aubange area of the province of Luxemburg. The area directly involved is restricted to the single commune of Aubange. The influence of the European Development Pole (EDP) in Belgium is, however, far wider, since this cross-border scheme can be considered to affect the whole of "Belgian Lorraine", which encompasses the Arlon and Virton arrondissements. It should be borne in mind that the EDP also covers the steel-making areas of Longwy (France) and Rodange (Luxemburg). This assistance is part of a programme whose total cost is 0.7 MECUs.

The Operational Programme reflects the priorities set out in the Community Support Framework and builds on previous measures.

The main objective of the Operational Programme is to improve the area's appeal and environment.

The continuing rehabilitation of the various disused sites is absolutely essential to the complete conversion of the area. This is why the Walloon region and IDELUX (the intermunicipal economic development corporation) intend, for the time being, to concentrate all the limited funds available on this measure.

The monitoring of the Operational Programme will also be carried out in partnership between the Wallon region and the Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - Aubange

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.10.09.002
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)682/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of SMEs	-	-
Appeal and environment	0.66	0.33
Total	0.66	0.33

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/45

Operational Programme

BELGIUM - Liège

The Commission has approved ERDF assistance amounting to 24.6 MECUs (BEF 1039 million) for an Operational Programme designed to boost economic development in the district of Liège. This assistance forms part of a programme whose total cost is 95 MECUs.

The district of Liège is continuing to suffer from an acute structural crisis. The decline of those sectors which represent the backbone of the area's economy is still causing numerous job losses and business closures. While the rise in unemployment has been halted, in the last few years, thanks to commerce and the services, numerous steel and metal workers are still being made redundant. The Meuse Valley communes from Seraing to Herstal are the hardest-hit.

New efforts must therefore be deployed to complete the conversion of the economy in the Liège area.

Improving conditions for the development of SMEs through support for investment and developing the endogeneous potential and business facilities (for example, a feasibility study for a teleport at Herstal) will draw increased investment.

The technological capabilities of research centres will be upgraded in order to promote technological innovation. The activities of the university-industry interface group at the University of Liège will be continued and stepped up within the framework of another project. The measures planned also include making SMEs aware of quality certification.

The area's appeal and environment will be improved by rehabilitating disused industrial sites, ensuring a reliable water supply and protecting the environment (studies and implementation of a special unit to treat sludge and other solid wastes collected in the filtering phase using the anaerobic digestion process. This produces methane and compost which can be used to improve cultivated land).

The fourth development thrust is the enhancement of the tourism potential by equipping a number of tourist locations (e.g. at Comblain-au-Pont, Chaudfontaine or the Maison de la Métallurgie in Liège).

The development of Liège-Bierset airport will improve transport links.

The Operational Programme reflects the priorities identified in the Community Support Framework for Liège for the period 1992-1993. The monitoring of the Operational Programme will also be carried out via partnership between the Wallon region and the Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - Liège

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.10.09.003
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)682/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of SMEs	61.079	11.516
Technological innovation	9.513	4.756
Drawing power and environment	5.978	2.397
Tourist potential	4.809	2.404
Transport and economic development	13.624	3.554
Total	95.000	24.630

The Commission is contributing 25.9 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Operational Programme

BELGIUM - Charleroi

The Commission has approved ERDF assistance of 25.3 MECUs (BEF 1066 million) for an Operational Programme intended to strengthen economic development in industrial areas of Charleroi and the Centre. This assistance forms part of a programme whose total cost is over 100 MECUs.

The Charleroi and Centre area still bear the scars of a series of industrial crises.

30,000 jobs were lost with the restructuring of steel mills and the rationalisation of secondary sector enterprises. There is a high number of long-term unemployed people with few skills.

An effective system of aids for economic growth is, therefore, an absolute priority and is the main objective of this Operational Programme.

Improving conditions for the development of SMEs through support for investment and developing the endogenous potential and business facilities will increase the volume of investment.

The promotion of technological innovation will be encouraged by upgrading the technological capabilities of research centres, creating a university-industry interface group at Charleroi University Centre (CUNIC), making SMEs aware of quality certification and drawing up sectoral studies.

The area's appeal and environment will be improved by rehabilitating disused industrial sites and ensuring reliable water supply. The development of Charleroi-Gosselies Airport will improve transport links.

The Operational Programme reflects the priorities identified in the 1992-1993 Community Support Framework for Charleroi and the Centre.

The Operational Programme will also be monitored in partnership between the Walloon region and the Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - Charleroi

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.10.09.004
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)682/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of SMEs	70.623	13.864
Technological innovation	6.525	3.262
Appeal and environment	9.840	4.588
Transport and economic development	13.624	3.554
Total	100.253	25.270

The Commission is contributing 25.2 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

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Operational Programmes

BELGIUM - Limburg

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 42.5 MECUs under the Objective 2 programmes for Limburg and Turnhout in Flanders (Belgium).

The programmes will be implemented within the Community Support Frameworks in the period 1992/1993. Estimation of the total cost is 104 MECUs. The Community Support Frameworks were adopted by the Commission at the end of 1991.

The general aim is to help the regions concerned to reduce unemployment substantially. Consequently, special attention will be given to promoting the setting up and expansion of new firms, in particular SMEs, and to technology transfer. These priorities should make a real contribution to industrial renewal, diversification and the expansion of the tertiary sector. The creation of new jobs presupposes an adequate supply of skilled manpower.

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- ▶ industrial expansion, diversification and renewal;
- ▶ expansion of applied scientific research;
- ▶ promotion and improvement of tourist potential;
- ▶ redevelopment of industrial areas and improvement of the socio-economic structure.

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example :

- ▶ innovation, technology transfer, promotion of quality improvement, creation of vocational training infrastructure projects, advice concerning export, production processes, the internal market, etc.
- ▶ upgrading of industrial and services estates.
- ▶ promotion and coordination of tourism activities.
- ▶ cross-border development, including technology transfer and vocational training, marketing.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - Limburg

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.10.09.001
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 997/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Expansion of the industrial sector	32.91	14.62
Scientific research	4.72	2.31
Tourism	7.54	2.60
Redevelopment industrial areas	22.32	7.76
Technical assistance	1.63	0.73
Total	69.12	28.02

The Commission is contributing 40.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	52 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	48 %

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Operational Programmes

BELGIUM - Turnhout

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- ▶ cross-border development, including technology transfer and vocational training, marketing.

Technical and Financial Information

BELGIUM - Turnhout

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.10.09.002
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 997/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Expansion of the sectors of industry and service	8.58	3.98
Tourism	8.31	3.13
Scientific research	5.05	2.40
Infrastructure & environment	12.66	4.87
Technical assistance	0.12	0.06
Total	34.52	14.44

The Commission is contributing 42 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	82 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	18 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/97

INTERREG - Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBURG

The Commission has approved financial assistance of 18.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 0.5 MECUs from the ESF for cross-border cooperation in the European Development Pole area (EDP). This assistance is provided within the framework of the Operational Programme adopted under the 1991-1993 INTERREG Community Initiative for the border between France, Belgium and Luxemburg.

The main objective of the EDP is to create 8,000 jobs in the space of 10 years (5,500 in France, 1,500 in Belgium and 1,000 in Luxemburg). In terms of development, considering the assets to be exploited and the joint means employed to benefit from them, the multiplier effects achieved have led to far better all-round results than would have been possible by following 3 separate national policies.

In that context, the strategy adopted for the second phase of the European Development Pole is centred on the following objectives and measures within the framework of the INTERREG programme:

- ▶ Pursuit of efforts to create jobs. The International Business Park and its integrated networks will be completed. In concrete terms of actual measures, this will involve (to a greater extent than in the first phase) designing it to suit the specific situations encountered in the cross-border employment area (in particular Longwy) and offering a broad range of facilities tailored to the investment needs of budding or expanding 'businesses' (e.g. investment in business property).
- ▶ Integrated steering of the measures undertaken by formalising the coordination carried out thus far by the International Technical Team (which will develop into a legally constituted body).
- ▶ Environmental rehabilitation and improvement of the attractiveness of the cross-border urban conurbation through a combined approach.
- ▶ Support for the activities of the European College of Technology (monitoring, initial and continuing training and retraining, research, innovation and economic and social redeployment of the EDP).

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBURG

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b and art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.026
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1707

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
European Technology Centre (ETC)	2.416	1.208
Cross-border cooperation	0.649	0.324
Business development	12.194	6.097
Regional planning	17.210	6.823
Environment	18.393	4.915
Total	50.865	19.369

The Commission is contributing 38.03 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.44 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.56 %

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DENMARK



Fact Sheet N° 92/26

Operational Programme

DENMARK - Nordjylland

The Commission approved the European Community's commitment to an integrated regional development programme covering the period 1992-93 for the Objective 2 area in North Jutland, Denmark.

The North Jutland programme is a continuation of the programme approved in 1990, and it covers the municipalities of Aalborg, Aabybro, Brønderslev, Dronninglund, Hals and Sejlfjord. The European Commission had originally designated this area under Objective 2 because of job losses in the industrial sector.

The programme includes a contribution of 5.5 MECUs (approximately Dkr 43.5 million) from the Community's Structural Funds - 3.3 MECUs (almost Dkr 26 million) from the European Regional Development Fund, and 2.2 MECUs (almost Dkr 17.4 million) from the European Social Fund.

These European Community funds will be matched by a commitment from central government and local authorities in the area amounting to 6.8 MECUs (almost Dkr 53.7 million), and about 17.3 MECUs (almost Dkr 136.7 million) from private companies.

The aim of the programme will be to prepare the region and its SMEs for the increased competition which will result from the completion of the Single Market.

The programme contains support for:

- ▶ productive investments in SMEs;
- ▶ business consultancy measures covering preliminary market research, management aid and procurement of information;
- ▶ improvement of the physical environment for job-creating activities (infrastructure).

In addition to these regional development activities the North Jutland programme includes a range of measures to assist with training, both for those in employment and the unemployed.

This programme will provide courses for more than 3 500 people in the eligible area.

The programme has been agreed by the partnership consisting of the European Commission, the Danish Government and the local authorities of North Jutland. This partnership will be responsible for running the programme, with decision-making at a local level.

Technical and Financial Information

DENMARK - Nordjylland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.01.09.001
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 558

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive investments	16.24	1.02
Consultancy and development	3.72	0.93
Vocational training	5.98	2.15
Improvement of physical environment	3.50	1.30
Technical assistance	0.20	0.10
Total	29.64	5.50

The Commission is contributing 19 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	60 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	40 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/66

Operational Programme

DENMARK - West Lolland

The Commission has adopted an integrated regional development programme covering the period 1992-93 for the Objective 2 area in West Lolland, Denmark. The West Lolland programme is the continuation of a programme approved in 1990, and it covers the municipalities of Nakskov, Ravnsborg, Højreby and Rudbjerg. The European Commission had originally designated this area under Objective 2 because of job losses in the industrial sector, primarily in shipbuilding.

The programme includes a contribution of 1.5 MECUs (approximately Dkr 12 million) from the Community's Structural Funds - 1.1 MECUs (almost Dkr 9 million) from the European Regional Development Fund, and 0.38 MECUs (almost Dkr 3.0 million) from the European Social Fund.

These European Community funds will be matched by a commitment from central government and local authorities in the area amounting to 1.7 MECUs (almost Dkr 13.6 million), and about 2.5 MECUs (almost Dkr 19.5 million) from private companies.

The aim of the programme will be to support product development and the transfer of research and development results into production in local firms.

The programme contains support for:

- ▶ productive investments in SMEs;
- ▶ business consultancy measures covering product development, the use of research and development results in production and the establishment of network cooperations.

In addition to these regional development activities the West Lolland programme includes a range of measures to assist with training, both for those in employment and those unemployed.

The programme has been agreed between the partnership consisting of the European Commission, the Danish Government and the regional and local authorities in West Lolland. This partnership will be responsible for running the programme, with decision-making at a local level.

Technical and Financial Information

DENMARK - West Lolland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.01.09.002
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1008

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive investments	1.88	0.19
Consultancy and development	2.79	0.89
Vocational training	0.85	0.34
Technical assistance	0.17	0.08
Total	5.69	1.50

The Commission is contributing 26 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	74.6 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	25.4 %

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GERMANY



Fact Sheet N° 92/25

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE

ERDF assistance under the INTERREG Community Programme for the border areas in the Southern part of the Upper Rhine area (Programme "Upper/South").

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 9.413 MECUs under the INTERREG Community Programme for the Upper Rhine area comprising the regions of South Baden (D), of Middle and South Alsace (F) and of adjacent border areas of North West Switzerland (Community assistance is restricted to the French and German regions).

The INTERREG programme was adopted in 1990 with a total budget of 900 MECUs to help border regions as they face the completion of the Single Market. It is intended in particular to help these regions overcome their specific development problems and to promote transfrontier cooperation.

The Upper Rhine-Centre/South programme focusses on five fields of action:

- ▶ Cross-frontier cooperation
- ▶ Territorial planning and environment
- ▶ Economy (including labour market and tourism)
- ▶ Transport (preparatory studies)
- ▶ Research, telecommunication, qualification.

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Information and counselling centres for cross-border questions
- ▶ Strasbourg/Ortenau clean air preservation plan
- ▶ Tourist guide to the Upper Rhine
- ▶ Development of the European management institute in Colmar
- ▶ Preliminary study on a tri-national engineering training structure.

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, Art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.023
 Date of decision : 09.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 367

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Cross frontier cooperation	2.732	1.366
Territorial planning and environment	5.315	2.657
Economy, incl. labour market and tourism	7.406	3.671
Transport (studies)	2.412	1.206
Research, telecommunication, qualification	1.025	0.512
Total	18.890	9.412

The Commission is contributing 49.8 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/27

STRIDE; Community Initiative for research and technology transfer

GERMANY - Emden

The Commission has adopted a measure for the promotion of new technologies in Emden, Lower Saxony. Within the framework of the Community Initiative STRIDE, this measure will receive support amounting to 128,490 ECUs (around DM 260,000) from the European Regional Development Fund.

Commissioner Millan noted that while only a relatively small allocation is involved, it must be seen in connection with the other Community measures in Emden.

The Emden project focuses on developing a technology which, using chitosan (a substance derived from shrimp shells), removes heavy metals from compost and sludge. A measurement technology for toxicity monitoring is also being developed.

The Community Initiative STRIDE for the promotion of regional research, technology and innovation potential has been allocated a total amount of 400 MECUs by the EC structural Fund for the 1990 to 1993 period. Its support measures focus on research potential, linking together research programmes and networks, and strengthening ties between research centres and industry in Objective 1 and 2 regions of the Community.

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - Emden

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.02.10.006
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 534

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measure	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Single project concerning the development of a new technology to use the shells of shrimp to clean polluted soil	0.257	0.128
Total	0.257	0.128

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/48

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

FRANCE - GERMANY

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 3,842 MECUs under the INTERREG Community programme for the German-French border regions in Northern Alsace, Southern Palatinate and the middle upper Rhine valley (PAMINA).

The PAMINA programme focusses on four fields of action:

- ▶ Promotion of economic activities
- ▶ Environmental measures and transport (studies)
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Vocational training

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Technology network between the technology agencies in Landau, Hagenau and Karlsruhe
- ▶ Transborder study on public transport
- ▶ Transborder marketing concept
- ▶ German-French technological college.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - GERMANY

► Technical Information :

Objective : Art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.024
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 837

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Cross frontier economic development	1.281	0.640
Territorial planning and environment	1.964	0.982
Tourism	4.493	1.975
Vocational training	0.489	0.244
Total	8.226	3.842

The Commission is contributing 46.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/49

Operational Programme

GERMANY - Bremen

The Commission has approved four Operational Programmes for the Objective 2 regions of North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin, Bremen and the Saar. The total Community contribution is 288 MECUs, including 213 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 75 MECUs from the European Social Fund.

These integrated programmes are part of the Community Support Framework drawn up for the four Länder in close cooperation with the German authorities. Their purpose, in the 1992-1993 period, is to promote regional and social restructuring in the Objective 2 regions of the four Länder.

The Regional Fund will contribute 18.07 MECUs and the Social Fund 9.73 MECUs for Bremen. The greater part of the city of Bremen is eligible, along with the city of Bremerhaven.

The main measures are the following:

- ▶ Diversification and modernisation of the industrial sector (reconstruction of derelict industrial areas; support for the conversion of the Bremen weapons industry; flanking measures at employment policy level).
- ▶ Strengthening of the service sector (promotion of technology transfer; promotion of tourism, particularly in Bremerhaven; flanking measures at employment policy level).
- ▶ Measures to enhance environmental protection (reclamation of derelict industrial land; information and guidance for SMEs; infrastructure measures for the elimination of dangerous waste; flanking measures at employment policy level).
- ▶ The installation of training centres.

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - Bremen

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.001
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)838/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial diversification	53.19	7.19
Service sector	23.77	11.11
Environmental protection	18.28	6.26
Technical assistance	6.34	2.85
Flanking measures/assessment	0.85	0.39
Total	102.43	27.80

The Commission is contributing 27.1 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	65 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	35 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/50

Operational Programme

GERMANY - Berlin

The Commission has approved four Operational Programmes for the Objective 2 regions of North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin, Bremen and the Saar. The total Community contribution is 288 MECUs (213 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 75 MECUs from the European Social Fund).

These integrated programmes are part of the Community Support Framework drawn up for the four Länder in close cooperation with the German authorities. Their purpose, in the 1992-1993 period, is to promote regional and social restructuring in the Objective 2 regions of the four Länder.

The Regional Fund will contribute 45.2 MECUs and the Social Fund 24.9 MECUs to the Berlin programme. The western districts of the city are eligible under Objective 2. The main measures involve:

- ▶ the rehabilitation and exploitation of derelict industrial areas;
- ▶ schemes to protect and enhance the environment (assistance for investment in SMEs; establishment of shared infrastructure for SMEs; vocational training);
- ▶ schemes to promote SMEs (development of industrial estates; promotion of East-West cooperation between SMEs in the framework of the "Ost/West-Wirtschaftsakademie"; technological and management training);
- ▶ strengthening of the role of Berlin as an international conference, service and trade fair centre (expansion of the Berlin fair grounds; vocational training).

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - Berlin

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.002
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)838/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of industrial sites	23.0	11.3
Environmental measures	80.5	31.4
Small and medium-sized enterprises	27.8	9.9
Exhibition sites	122.1	17.0
Flanking measures/assessment	1.0	0.5
Total	254.4	70.1

The Commission is contributing 27.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	64 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	36 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/51

Operational Programme

GERMANY - North Rhine-Westphalia

The Commission has approved four Operational Programmes for the Objective 2 regions of North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin, Bremen and the Saar. The total Community contribution is 288 MECUs (213 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 75 MECUs from the European Social Fund).

These integrated programmes are part of the Community Support Framework developed for the four Länder in close cooperation with the German authorities. Their purpose, in the 1992-1993 period, is to promote regional and social restructuring in the Objective 2 regions of the four Länder.

The Regional Fund will contribute 136.64 MECUs and the Social Fund 34.16 MECUs to the North Rhine-Westphalia programme. Eligible regions in North Rhine-Westphalia include the greater part of the Ruhr basin, the Aachen coalmining area and the Borken district of western Münsterland.

The objectives of the programme are as follows:

- ▶ diversification of industrial structures (the promotion of investment, particularly in SMEs, construction and development of infrastructure to meet the needs of the economy, and technology transfer);
- ▶ quality of the environment and industrial areas (rehabilitation of derelict industrial land, particularly old plants, environmental protection measures, international competition for the redevelopment of disused industrial areas at Emscher Park (Internationale Bauausstellung Emscher Park);
- ▶ human resources development (upgrading of skills and employment measures to support the measures described in points 1 and 2 above);
- ▶ cross-border cooperation.

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - North Rhine-Westphalia

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.003
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)838/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Diversification of industrial structures	238.0	109.8
Support, quality, environment	42.5	21.2
Development of human resources	75.9	34.2
Cross-border cooperation	9.9	5.0
Assessment	1.2	0.6
Total	367.5	170.8

The Commission is contributing 46.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/52

Operational Programme

GERMANY - The Saar

The Commission has approved four Operational Programmes for the Objective 2 regions of North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin, Bremen and the Saar. The total Community contribution is 288 MECUs (213 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 75 MECUs from the European Social Fund).

These integrated programmes are part of the Community Support Framework developed for the four Länder in close cooperation with the German authorities. Their purpose, in the 1992-1993 period, is to promote regional and social restructuring in the Objective 2 regions of the four Länder.

In the Saar, the Regional Fund will contribute 13.3 MECUs and the Social Fund 5.7 MECUs. Parts of the Saarbrücken conurbation and the Saarlouis and Neunkirchen districts are eligible.

The measures planned include:

- ▶ The promotion of initiatives, primarily for small and medium-sized enterprises (promotion of investment, support for business start-ups, services for SMEs, technology transfer, occupational specialisation);
- ▶ Adaptation of infrastructure to the needs of the economy (development of industrial areas, rehabilitation of derelict industrial land; infrastructures for tourism, organisation of vocational training and occupational specialisation).
- ▶ Cross-border schemes (binational qualifications)

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - The Saar

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.004
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 838/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Promotion of business activities	16.6	7.1
Upgrading of production infrastructures	21.2	10.6
Cross-border schemes	2.7	1.2
Flanking measures/assessment	0.2	0.1
Total	40.6	19.0

The Commission is contributing 47.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	70 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	30 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/96

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

FRANCE - GERMANY

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 9,8 MECUs under the Interreg Community Initiative for the French-German border regions in Lorraine, Saarland and Western Palatinate.

The main aim of this initiative is to assist the border areas of the Community to prepare for the Single Market. The main means of achieving this is the promotion of closer cooperation between regions on different sides of national borders and the revitalization of the economies of the areas located on Member States' external borders.

The present programme focuses on six fields of action:

- ▶ Common marketing for the border region
- ▶ Integration of the economies of the border regions
Integration of transborder traffic networks
- ▶ Adaptation of vocational training systems to transborder needs
- ▶ Promotion of interregional social dialogue
- ▶ Common promotion of tourism

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Coordination agency of the Chambers of Commerce for common marketing activities.
- ▶ World Trade Centre in Metz to support common activities for the border region.
- ▶ Technology transfer of the Transfer Agency for Technical and Economic Mathematics of the University of Kaiserslautern.
- ▶ Transborder touristic routes "route de faïences" and "route de la culture industrielle".
- ▶ Centres for European Languages and for European Integration and Cooperation at the University of Saarbrücken.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - GERMANY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2 + Article 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.025
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1638

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Common marketing for the border regions	3.78	1.89
Integration of the economics of the border regions	5.54	2.77
Integration of the transborder traffic networks	1.88	0.94
Adaptation of the vocational training systems to transborder needs	3.70	1.85
Promotion of the interregional social dialogue	0.22	0.11
Common promotion of tourism	4.54	2.27
Total	19.66	9.83

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/101

Operational Programme

GERMANY - Emden

The Commission has approved the financing of infrastructure projects by the European Regional Development Fund for the Objective 2 areas in Emden. ERDF assistance for Emden amounts to 1.3 MECUs.

The projects were developed in close cooperation with the German authorities within the framework of the Community Support Frameworks for the areas in Lower Saxony. They are intended to support regional restructuring in these Objective 2 areas through opening and restoring industrial areas during the period 1992-1993.

Emden:

- ▶ Partial opening of a commercial area on the Kaiser Wilhelm Polder
- ▶ Regeneration of the "Old Slaughterhouse" area in Emden

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - Emden

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.005
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)2109/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of a commercial area on the Kaiser Wilhelm Polder	2.24	1.12
Regeneration of the central area in Emden	0.30	0.15
Total	2.54	1.27

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/102

Operational Programme

GERMANY - Peine-Salzgitter

The Commission has approved the financing of infrastructure projects by the European Regional Development Fund for the Objective 2 areas in Peine-Salzgitter. ERDF assistance for Peine-Salzgitter amounts to 3.5 MECUs

The projects were developed in close cooperation with the German authorities within the framework of the Community Support Framework for the areas in Lower Saxony. They are intended to support regional restructuring in these Objective 2 areas through opening and restoring industrial areas during the 1992-1993 period.

The following projects will be supported:

- ▶ Opening of a commercial and industrial area in Broistedt;
- ▶ Second section of a commercial and industrial area in Ilsede
- ▶ Establishment of industrial estates in Salzgitter
- ▶ Rehabilitation and reactivation of the former headquarter of the steel plant "Stahlwerke Peine-Salzgitter AG" in Peine

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY - Peine-Salzgitter

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.02.09.006
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)2109/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Opening of a commercial and industrial area in Broistedt	1.77	0.88
Second section of a commercial and industrial area in Ilsede	1.37	0.68
Establishment of industrial estates in Salzgitter	2.20	1.08
Rehabilitation of the steel plant "Stahlwerke Peine-Salzgitter AG" in Peine	1.98	0.82
Total	7.32	3.46

The Commission is contributing 47 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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GREECE



Fact Sheet N° 92/23

PRISMA; Community Initiative for the adaptation of SMEs to the Single Market

GREECE

The Commission has adopted a PRISMA-programme for Greece (Objective 1).

The Community Initiative PRISMA is intended to help organisations in Member States adapt better to the requirements of the internal market and specifically those related to product quality standards and public procurement.

In Greece, PRISMA should have a significant impact. It will help the public and the private sectors, with cooperation from organisations in other Member States, to develop techniques and improve processes to establish production and quality standards comparable to those in other Member States and acceptable throughout the Community.

The creation of a new metrology organisation and the establishment of new internationally recognised accreditation laboratories will be the principal efforts in the Greek PRISMA programme. In addition, existing laboratories in areas such as health and food products, electrical equipment and various materials, which conduct tests on the quality of products will be assisted to improve their equipment and processes so they can eventually offer properly recognised certificates.

Furthermore, technical know-how will be offered to private enterprises who wish to improve their production processes and quality standards. It is envisaged that in parallel the relevant legal environment will be enhanced by the Greek authorities.

In part of the programme relating to public procurement, small and medium sized enterprises will be assisted heighten their awareness and improve their ability to partake in public procurement competitions within Greece and other Community countries.

PRISMA in Greece represents a total investment of 32.9 MECUs of which 23.2 MECUs will be provided by the European Regional Development Fund over the next two years.

Technical and Financial Information

GREECE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.08.10.002
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 238

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Improvement of production methods and quality control mechanisms	24.680	17.341
Support of SMEs regarding public procurement	5.893	4.170
Activities related to the repeal of Art. 115 of the Treaty	1.010	0.758
Implementation of the "Technical Assistance" programme	1.277	0.958
Total	32.860	23.227

The Commission is contributing 70 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/63

REGEN, Community Initiative for the Energy Sector

ITALY - GREECE

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme under the REGEN Community Initiative, involving Community assistance of 35 MECUs (31 MECUs for Italy and 4 MECUs for Greece) for the period up to 31 December 1993.

The programme is designed to set up a 400 kw link between the Italian and Greek electricity networks, joining Arachthos (Greece) to Galatina (Italy). It involves:

- ▶ building two AC-DC transformer stations,
- ▶ installing a 160 km 300 kw submarine cable to carry 600 MW between Porto Badisco (Italy) and Aetos (Greece),
- ▶ setting up two overland DC lines to connect the stations mentioned in a) to the submarine cable mentioned in b).

The programme is of particular significance insofar as it will bring an end to the isolation of the Greek electricity network and contribute to completing the internal energy market. It will also improve the electricity supply situation in Southern Italy and in Greece.

The programme was developed in accordance with the principle of partnership between the EC Commission and the Italian and Greek central authorities.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - GREECE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.00.10.001
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1009

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Greece	19.138	4.000
Italy	149.045	31.000
Total	168.183	35.000

The Commission is contributing 20.81 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/64

TELEMATIQUE: Community Initiative for improving communications and telecommunications

GREECE

The Commission has approved the Telematique programme for Greece. This will run until 31 December 1993 and will receive Community assistance totalling 32.5 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). ERDF assistance accounts for 53% of the total budget of 60.7 MECUs for the programme.

The purpose of the programme is to continue the measures undertaken within the framework of the STAR Community Initiative for advanced telecommunications services.

The main objectives of the Telematique programme in Greece are:

- ▶ to improve the existing communications network and equip it to implement specific advanced telecommunications services projects,
- ▶ to encourage SMEs to introduce and use advanced telecommunications services,
- ▶ to install data transmission facilities in order to modernise agencies in the public sector.

The Greek Telematique programme has been organised into three sub-programmes for the implementation of these objectives:

- ▶ the upgrading of the infrastructure required to implement programmed projects,
- ▶ measures to support the development of SMEs through the use of advanced telecommunications services in tourism, transport, industry, services, health, training and culture,
- ▶ applications for the transmission of data to the public sector.

Technical and Financial Information

GREECE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.08.10.003
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)995

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Infrastructural improvements	20.500	10.250
Advanced services for SMEs (private sector)	21.800	10.900
Public sector applications	17.417	10.600
Implementation	1.000	0.750
Total	60.717*	32.500*

* Price 1991

The Commission is contributing 53.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/98

Operational Programme

GREECE

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme to improve the competitiveness of Greek businesses.

The programme has been allocated 137.8 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 143.1 MECUs from the European Social Fund (ESF).

This Operational Programme corresponds to priority 3 of the Greek Community Support Framework (increasing the competitiveness of industrial and service businesses) and involves measures aimed at:

- ▶ promoting productive investment and establishing new, modern units by co-financing the existing aid system;
- ▶ accelerating the pace of modernisation in existing units;
- ▶ raising the workforce's level of training and specialisation.

The following sub-programmes are planned:

- ▶ aid for industrial and service enterprises,
- ▶ infrastructure to attract productive investment,
- ▶ training for personnel in private and public sector undertakings,
- ▶ implementation and monitoring.

Technical and Financial Information

GREECE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.08.09.002
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1709

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Aid for industry and services	254.168	68.250
Infrastructure to attract productive investment	114.071	68.016
Training for personnel in private sector undertakings	259.680	97.380
Training for personnel in public sector undertakings	61.044	45.783
Implementation and monitoring	2.000	1.500
Total	690.963	280.929

The Commission is contributing 40.66 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	49.04 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	50.96 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/99

Operational Programme

GREECE - Tourism

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the development of tourism in Greece.

The programme has been allocated 34.7 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 36.4 MECUs from the European Social Fund (ESF).

This Operational Programme corresponds to priority 4 of the Greek Community Support Framework (balanced development of tourism) and is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- ▶ encourage development in regions where there is little tourist activity and simultaneously discourage excessive concentration of tourist units in regions which are already saturated;
- ▶ encourage the installation or modernisation of high quality tourist units under the existing aid system;
- ▶ promote the construction of additional tourist facilities to upgrade the quality of Greek tourism by financing business infrastructures in the private and public sectors;
- ▶ develop new forms of tourism;
- ▶ raise the general standard of service offered by the tourist sector;
- ▶ protect the environment in tourist regions.

These objectives will be implemented under the following sub-programmes:

- ▶ aids for businesses in the tourist sector and for the promotion of tourism;
- ▶ ESF programme for vocational training in the tourism sector.

Technical and Financial Information

GREECE - Tourism

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.08.09.003
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1710

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Aid for undertakings in tourism and the promotion of tourism	134.228	34.695
ESF vocational training in tourism	88.024	36.372
Total	222.252	71.067

The Commission is contributing 31.97 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	48.82 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	51.18 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/108

Operational Programme

GREECE - Telecommunications

The Commission has approved a new programme for the development of telecommunications in Greece. Under the programme 104.7 MECUs in aid within the Community Support Framework for Greece are allocated to an investment/technical assistance programme totalling 207.6 MECUs.

The programme was drawn up following a strategic study on the modernisation of Greek telecommunications, jointly managed by the Greek authorities and the Commission. The specific initiative known as the "Crash Programme" constitutes part of an overall approach for the development of the telecoms sector in Greece. It is a short-term programme and its principal objectives are to relieve urgent pressures on the present analog telephone network and to lay the foundation for a new regulatory environment. The programme also paves the way for organisational changes to enable the Greek authorities better to respond to the management challenge inherent in the modernisation process.

This first step to long term strategic development includes the following measures :

- ▶ Technical assistance for the development of the new legal and regulatory framework.
- ▶ Improvement of Network Infrastructure.
The measures under this heading concentrate on:
 - Attica Network which will provide the digital switches and connections for a new overlay network in Athens.
 - Refurbishment and maintenance of local networks.
 - Network efficiency.
- ▶ Special Projects.
These projects cover among others:
 - Rhodes Network involving improvement of the island's network with new value added services catering primarily for tourist users.
 - Improvement of the data network (Hellaspac).
 - Piraeus Data Network. The creation of high speed backbone data network.
- ▶ Organisational Improvement.
In this context, special emphasis is put on:
 - Pricing structure
 - Subscriber waiting-list management
 - Key-Customer Department
- ▶ Monitoring and Implementation. Special monitoring arrangements have been made for the planning and implementation phases of the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

GREECE - Telecommunications

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.08.09.001
 Date of decision : 10.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2444

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of a new legal framework	1.00	0.75
Network infrastructure improvement	155.70	77.85
Special projects	44.00	22.00
Management improvements	4.30	2.15
Control and implementation	2.60	1.95
Total	207.60	104.70

The Commission is contributing 50.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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SPAIN



Fact Sheet N° 92/03

Operational programme

SPAIN - Bajo Guadalquivir

The first of the operational programmes adopted concern the area of the "Comarca del Bajo Guadalquivir", which has been granted ERDF assistance totalling 132 MECUs.

The aim of the programme is to foster a social and economic context likely to lead, through job-creating activities, to a substantial improvement in the population's living conditions while preserving the natural areas and environment of the region.

The projects financed include the building of a tunnel under the Guadalquivir river, which will considerably improve access to the entire area; the programme also provides for the extension and modernisation of the ports of Chipiona and Rota, along with conversion and infrastructure work in a major tourist area known as the "Recreo de la Ballena". The programme will also make it possible to solve severe problems of water supply and sewage.

The investment planned totals 242 MECUs.

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Bajo Guadalquivir

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.11.09.001
 Date of decision : 30.01.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 101

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Integration and opening-up of the area	93.260	52.267
Assistance for industry, crafts and services, local development, industrial parks	12.088	5.179
Tourism	46.911	23.905
Support infrastructure for economic activity	89.712	50.646
Flanking measures	0.070	0.035
Total	242.040	132.033

The Commission is contributing 54.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/04

RENAVAL; Community Programme for the conversion of ship-building areas

SPAIN - Basque country

The Commission has just approved the RENAVAL programme for the province of Biscay in the Basque country.

This approval follows the Commission's decision to include this province, which has been hard-hit by job losses in the ship-building sector (5,696 redundancies between 1.1.87 and 31.12.89), among the areas eligible under RENAVAL. It concerns assistance from the European Regional Development Fund totalling 18.2 MECUs, out of total public investment amounting to 36.5 MECUs planned for the period up to the end of 1993.

The programme is based on the two priorities set out in the Community Support Framework for the Spanish regions of Objective 2 (1992-1993).

Priority No. 1: creation and development of productive activities

Within the framework of the programme, this priority brings together public assistance for the creation and development of businesses (in particular SMEs), their technological adaptation and the improvement of their competitiveness and, therefore, for job creation and preservation. It is being developed through measures relating to industrial infrastructure, endogenous development and the technological modernisation of businesses.

Priority No. 2: environmental protection and improvement

The programme provides for public assistance with a direct impact on the protection of the environment, with a view to improving certain areas' attractiveness for relocating businesses.

This priority includes, inter alia, measures regarding the treatment of industrial waste and polluting emissions as well as the rehabilitation of derelict areas.

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Basque country

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.11.10.003
 Date of decision : 30.01.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 98

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Creation and development of productive activities	21.339	10.669
Environmental protection and improvement	15.116	7.558
Total	36.455	18.227

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/81

Operational Programme

SPAIN - La Rioja

The Commission has approved two European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Operational Programmes in the Catalonia and **La Rioja** regions for 1992 and 1993. They have been allocated 226.7 MECUs and 8.1 MECUs respectively.

The areas targeted by the Operational Programmes are those coming under Objective 2 of the Community's Structural Funds. The programmes comply with the Community Support Framework (1992-1993) for the Spanish declining industrial areas, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991.

Under the programme, La Rioja will receive 16.2 MECUs in public sector investment, including ERDF assistance of 8.1 MECUs.

The purpose of the programme is to establish and develop productive activities. It consists of a system of aids to promote investment and modernise SMEs in the area. Assistance can cover up to 20% (depending upon the circumstances) of investment aimed at preserving and creating jobs and promoting business diversification.

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - La Rioja

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.11.09.001
 Date of decision : 17.06.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1196

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment and development of productive activities	149.68	8.10
Total	149.68	8.10

The Commission is contributing 5.41 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/82

Operational Programme

SPAIN - Catalonia

The Commission has approved two European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Operational Programmes in the **Catalonia** and La Rioja regions for 1992 and 1993. They have been allocated 226.7 MECUs and 8.1 MECUs respectively.

The areas targeted by the Operational Programmes are those coming under Objective 2 of the Community's Structural Funds. The programmes comply with the Community Support Framework (1992-1993) for Spanish declining industrial areas, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991.

The total cost of the programme for Catalonia is 740.8 MECUs. It includes 28 measures in all. 10 fall under the regional sub-framework (co-financed by the regional authorities) and 18 under the multi-regional sub-framework (co-financed by the central authorities, public undertakings or local bodies).

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Catalonia

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.11.09.009
 Date of decision : 17.06.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1250

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment and development of productive activities	138.51	57.39
Environmental protection and improvement	65.24	16.81
Support for R&D and training facilities	72.12	36.06
Improving the communications network	464.68	116.18
Assessment, monitoring and studies	0.24	0.24
Total	740.79	226.68

The Commission is contributing 30.60 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/93

Operational Programme

SPAIN - Navarre

The Commission has approved a multifund Operational Programme for 1992-1993 in the Navarre region. Community financial assistance totalling 25.3 MECUs will be provided. 19.7 MECUs of this will be provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 5.6 MECUs by the European Social Fund (ESF).

The programme falls under Spain's Community Support Framework (1992-1993) for industrial conversion (Objective 2), which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991.

The total public expenditure for the programme is 72.5 MECUs (approximately Ptas 9,310 million). In addition to the Community, it will be financed by the central government (21 MECUs), the regional government (24 MECUs) and the local authorities (2 MECUs).

The part of the programme financed by the ERDF contains 13 measures, 9 under the multi-regional sub-framework (7 co-financed by the central government and central public businesses, 2 co-financed by local bodies) and 4 under the regional sub-framework (co-financed by the regional government).

These measures are organised into five priorities as follows:

- ▶ Priority 1: establishment and development of productive activities
- ▶ Priority 2: protection and upgrading of the environment
- ▶ Priority 3: support for research and development
- ▶ Priority 4: improvement of the transport and communications network
- ▶ Priority 5: monitoring and assessment measures

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Navarre

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.11.09.002
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1466

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment and development of productive activities	28.05	10.78
Protection and improvement of the environment	6.74	2.42
Support for R&D and training equipment	2.02	1.86
Improvement of the transport and communications network	40.92	10.23
Monitoring and assessment measures	0.10	0.04
Total	77.83	25.33

The Commission is contributing 32.55 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	78 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	22 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/106

Operational Programme

SPAIN - Aragon

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the industrial conversion of the Aragon region (Objective 2) over the 1992-1993 period, with assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) of 39.3 MECUs (about PTA 5,150 million).

The total public expenditure on the programme will be 90.3 MECUs (about PTA 11,830 million). Community assistance will complement financing from the central government, the regional authorities and the Municipality of Saragoza of 21.9, 21.4 and 7.8 MECUs respectively.

The ERDF will take part in financing the following measures under the programme:

Priority 1: establishing and developing productive activities, by

- ▶ establishing technical centres to provide advanced telecommunications, information and transport services for businesses;
- ▶ providing assistance for SMEs, co-financed by the regional government, to ease their access to financial markets (via mutual guarantees), shared services and technology transfer studies;
- ▶ developing new industrial areas (with co-financing from the regional authorities in some cases, and from SEPES, a State public undertaking, in others);
- ▶ modernising the equipment of Eléctricas Reunidas de Saragoza SA (ERZ) to serve industry.

Priority 2: protecting and upgrading the environment, by

- ▶ rehabilitating a number of abandoned industrial sites, tips, etc.;
- ▶ fitting out a number of municipalities with equipment for processing solid waste;
- ▶ restoring, cleaning up and protecting river banks and carrying out maintenance work on dams;
- ▶ providing equipment to clean up and purify urban and industrial waste water;
- ▶ building a collector system for the new Saragoza municipality waste water purification station.

Priority 3: providing assistance for research and development and for training equipment, by

- ▶ building and fitting out the "Severo Ochoa" Foundation research centres (Carbochemicals institute, "Aula Dei" institute for natural resources);
- ▶ building and expanding advanced technology centres (Advanced Technological Training Centre, Institute of Technology of Aragon).

Priority 4: improving the communications network, by

- ▶ improving access to several industrial areas;
- ▶ developing the national road system;
- ▶ developing the rail network and associated infrastructure (RENFE);
- ▶ expanding and fitting out Zaragoza airport (terminal, runways, generator unit);
- ▶ modernising the telecommunications network (Telefónica de España S.A.).

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Aragon

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.11.09.004
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2172

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment and development of productive activities	21.80	10.90
Protection and upgrading of the environment	33.32	16.66
Assistance for R&D and training equipment	11.22	5.61
Improvement of the communications network	23.80	5.95
Evaluation, monitoring and studies	0.20	0.20
Total	90.34	39.32

The Commission is contributing 43.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/117

Operational Programme

SPAIN - Madrid

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for the Madrid region (Objective 2), to cover the 1992-1993 period.

The programme has been approved further to the Commission decision of 14.12.91 establishing the Community Support Framework for Spanish Objective 2 areas for 1992-1993. The programme provides for financial assistance from the ERDF totalling 61.3 MECUs, out of a total planned public investment of 182.6 MECUs.

The programme involves the following CSF priorities: creation and development of productive activities, protection and upgrading of the environment, support for research and development and improvement of the communications network.

Support will be granted for SMEs in order to facilitate growth, job creation and business diversification.

Environmental protection measures will be implemented in order to renovate the area's drainage system.

Research and development measures are targeted at equipping public research centres.

Communications infrastructure will be improved to eliminate traffic congestion and to reorganise the urban landscape.

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - Madrid

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.11.09.003
 Date of decision : 09.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2865

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Support facilities for economic activities	15.28	7.64
Environment and redevelopment of sites	31.80	15.90
Support for research and development	15.48	7.74
Improvement of the communications network	120.08	30.02
Total	182.64	61.30

The Commission is contributing 33.56 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/122

Operational Programme

SPAIN - The Basque Country

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for industrial conversion regions in the Basque Country.

The programme was adopted under the Community Support Framework for Spanish Objective 2 areas for 1992-1993. The European Regional Development Fund will contribute 135.6 million out of a total of some 363 MECUs of public investment.

The programme covers all the priorities in the CSF: establishment and development of productive activities; environmental protection and upgrading; support for research and development; improvement of the communications network and evaluation and monitoring activities.

- ▶ Support will be granted for SMEs in order to facilitate growth, job creation and business diversification.
- ▶ Environmental measures will be implemented in order to renovate the area's drainage system.
- ▶ Research and development measures will aim to provide equipment for research centres.
- ▶ Communications infrastructures are designed to eliminate traffic congestion and facilitate urban redevelopment.
- ▶ The evaluation and monitoring measures undertaken will provide a better understanding of the effects of investment and help in drawing up strategic plans for conversion.

Technical and Financial Information

SPAIN - The Basque Country

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.11.09.005
 Date of decision : 18.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 3290

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment and development of productive activities	127.73	52.22
Protection and upgrading of the environment	48.42	24.21
Support for research and development	47.08	23.54
Improvement of the communications network	138.96	34.73
Evaluation and monitoring measures	0.94	0.94
Total	363.13	135.64

The Commission is contributing 37.35 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/01

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Auvergne

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the Structural Funds amounting to 8.9 MECUs, including 7.1 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and 1.8 MECUs from the European Social Fund (ESF), for a 2-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the Montluçon and Issoire employment areas in the Auvergne region.

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund operations to assist industrial conversion in Montluçon and Issoire.

The Community funds will be used to create industrial or craft industry parks, with a view to enhancing the attractiveness of the employment areas.

The competitiveness of businesses will be reinforced via a set of measures including assistance for SME consultancy services, productive investment and technology transfer. These measures will be complemented by vocational training schemes.

The tourist potential of both areas will be developed through the provision of tourist amenities, complemented by tourism and training activities.

The measures planned reflect the priorities laid down in the Community Support Framework for the Auvergne region, adopted on 18 December 1991 further to negotiations between the Commission and its partners in France at national, regional and local level.

The Operational Programme will be managed via the same partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Auvergne

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.005
 Date of decision : 30.01.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 129

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Attractiveness of areas	6.2	2.4
Business development	19.1	4.5
Tourist and thermal resources	4.5	1.7
Technical assistance	0.4	0.2
Total	30.2	8.9

The Commission is contributing 29 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/11

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Poitou-Charentes, Marais

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the Poitou-Charentes Region, aimed at promoting the economic development of the Marais (Marsh) area of Charente-Maritime.

The total amount earmarked for the programme is 17 MECUs, with ERDF assistance of 4.8 MECUs to supplement the national and regional allocations. The programme covers the period from 26 October 1990 to 25 October 1993. It will contribute to achieving the priorities set out in the Community Support Framework for the Poitou-Charentes Region, which the Commission approved on 27 June 1990.

The area covers about 1,000 sq km and has a population of some 100,000 distributed over the islands of Ré and Oléron and the cantons of Marennnes, Saint-Agnant, Rochefort, Tonnay-Charente and Saint-Savinien.

The distinctive feature of the area is that much of it consists of marshlands. Some of them on the islands and the shore contain salt water only and feature a substantial shellfish industry (Marennnes-Oléron oysters). Further inland there are fresh water swamps, either kept humid through flooding by the rivers which cross them, or drained due to protection from floods by ditches or dikes.

There is a growing need for diversification to keep the working population in the area. The programme focuses particularly on strengthening activities in the fields of crafts, industry and tourism. Two types of measure are planned:

- development of the social and economic fabric by seeking out new prospects for local support and economic revitalisation; support for small industrial and craft businesses, setting up of business areas and shellfish farming (1.7 MECUs);
- support for tourism by promoting leisure activities and events, exploiting the heritage, developing tourist areas and increasing accommodation capacity (3.1 MECUs).

Originally, the intention was to provide support for the area through a multifund Operational Programme. The project was submitted to the Commission by the French authorities on 26 October 1990.

Since it proved impossible to finalise the EAGGF strand within a reasonable period of time, the decision was taken at the end of 1991 to separate the ERDF part of the project into a single fund programme so that work could begin on implementing the measures planned in the area without further delay.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Poitou-Charentes

► Technical Information :

Objective : 5b
 ERDF number of the programme : 90.03.09.031
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C (92) 368

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Support for local development initiatives	5.5	1.6
Development of tourism	10.6	3.1
Implementation and monitoring of the programme	0.2	0.1
Total	16.3	4.8

The Commission is contributing 30 % to the overall estimated costs

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/12

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Aquitaine

The Commission has approved financial assistance totalling 5.9 MECUs from the EC Structural Funds to support an integrated industrial conversion programme in the Lacq-Orthez area of Aquitaine.

The Commission has decided to grant 5.9 MECUs from the EC Structural Funds (4.7 MECUs from the ERDF and 1.2 MECUs from the ESF) to support a 2-year (1992-1993) integrated programme for the industrial conversion of the Lacq-Orthez local employment area.

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion of Lacq-Orthez.

In order to encourage the diversification of industrial activities, the area's attractiveness for local employment will be increased through the establishment of a centre of expertise in the industrial environment and improved access to areas of activity.

A number of measures will be taken to strengthen the competitiveness of businesses through assistance for investment in production, the modernisation of SMEs and support for local development initiatives, including tourism. This will be supplemented by vocational training activities.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Framework for the Lacq-Orthez area. This was approved on 18 December 1991 after negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level.

The same partnership will apply in the management of the Operational Programme.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Aquitaine

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.014
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C (92) 371/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Attractiveness of the area	7.3	2.1
Business development	12.5	3.8
Total	19.8	5.9

The Commission is contributing 29 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/13

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Rhône-Alpes

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 25 MECUs for an integrated industrial conversion programme in the St-Etienne area (Rhône-Alpes).

The Commission has decided to grant financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 25 MECUs (20 MECUs from the ERDF and 5 MECUs from the ESF), for a 2-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the St-Etienne local employment area.

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion of the St-Etienne local employment area.

With a view to diversifying industrial activity in the local employment area, the attractiveness of the region will be enhanced by setting up a centre of expertise in the industrial environment and improving access to areas of activity.

The competitiveness of businesses will be boosted by a series of measures to support productive investment, the modernisation of SMEs and support for local development initiatives (including tourism), complemented by vocational training activities.

These schemes reflect the priorities defined in the Community Support Framework for the St-Etienne area, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991 after negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level.

The same partnership will apply in the management of the Operational Programme.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Rhône-Alpes

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 90.03.09.016
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)371/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	28.280	8.999
Attractiveness of the area	28.638	10.856
Human resources	16.354	4.935
Technical assistance	0.504	0.210
Total	73.776	25.000

The Commission is contributing 33.8 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/14

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Poitou-Charentes

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 23.4 MECUs (19.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 4.5 MECUs from the ESF), for a 2-year integrated programme (1992-1993) designed to contribute to the industrial conversion of the La Rochelle and Châtellerault industrial areas (271,000 inhabitants) in the Poitou-Charentes region.

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion of these employment areas.

The competitiveness of businesses will be boosted by a series of measures to support productive investment and local development initiatives, and encourage vocational training activities.

To develop the potential attractiveness of these areas, business facilities will be enlarged and modernised. Business estates and infrastructure will be developed. The rehabilitation of run-down sites, particularly those abandoned by industry, will also contribute to achieving this objective. Tourism will be encouraged by providing support for the development of amenities and accommodation capacity.

Finally, vocational training and research potential will be strengthened through support for the construction and fitting-out of higher and further technical and scientific education facilities and the establishment of technology parks and technology transfer centres.

These schemes reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Framework which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991, after negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level.

The same partnership will apply in the management of the Operational Programme.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Poitou-Charentes

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.018
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C (92) 371/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business (ERDF)	7.874	1.579
Business (ESF)	11.466	4.459
Attractiveness of the area (ERDF)	13.298	5.516
Research, higher and further education (ERDF)	23.537	11.769
Technical assistance (ERDF + ESF)	0.325	0.157
Total	56.498	23.480

The Commission is contributing 41.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	81 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	19 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/15

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Pays de la Loire

The Commission has approved assistance from the EC Structural Funds amounting to 42.96 MECUs (FF 300 million) for an integrated industrial conversion programme in the Saint-Nazaire, Cholet and Le Mans local employment areas.

This financial assistance (34.4 MECUs from the ERDF and 8.5 million from the ESF) has been approved for a two-year (1992-1993) integrated industrial conversion programme for the Saint-Nazaire, Cholet and Le Mans employment areas (748,000 inhabitants) in the Pays de la Loire region.

The programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion of these employment areas.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training activities.

In order to support the diversification of economic activities, tourist potential will be developed through support for accommodation, the upgrading of public amenities in municipalities that are popular with tourists and vocational training in the tourist sector.

To develop the potential attractiveness of these areas, businesses facilities will be enlarged and modernised. Business estates and infrastructure will be developed. The rehabilitation of run-down sites, particularly those abandoned by industry, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, vocational training and research potential will be boosted through support for the construction and equipment of advanced technical and scientific training facilities and the development of vocational training facilities.

These activities reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Framework, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991, after negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level.

The same partnership will apply in the management of the Operational Programme.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Pays de la Loire

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.019
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)371/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business (ERDF)	19.443	6.805
Business (ESF)	21.371	8.262
Attractiveness of the area (ERDF)	45.366	13.610
Tourism (ERDF)	22.683	6.805
Tourism (ESF)	0.545	0.245
Training (ERDF)	19.443	6.805
Technical assistance (ERDF + ESF)	0.877	0.428
Total	129.727	42.960

The Commission is contributing 33.1 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/25

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE

ERDF assistance under the INTERREG Community Programme for the border areas in the Southern part of the Upper Rhine area (Programme "Upper/South").

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 9.413 MECUs under the INTERREG Community Programme for the Upper Rhine area comprising the regions of South Baden (D), of Middle and South Alsace (F) and of adjacent border areas of North West Switzerland (Community assistance is restricted to the French and German regions).

The INTERREG programme was adopted in 1990 with a total budget of 900 MECUs to help border regions as they face the completion of the Single Market. It is intended in particular to help these regions overcome their specific development problems and to promote transfrontier cooperation.

The Upper Rhine-Centre/South programme focusses on five fields of action:

- ▶ Cross-frontier cooperation
- ▶ Territorial planning and environment
- ▶ Economy (including labour market and tourism)
- ▶ Transport (preparatory studies)
- ▶ Research, telecommunication, qualification.

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Information and counselling centres for cross-border questions
- ▶ Strasbourg/Ortenau clean air preservation plan
- ▶ Tourist guide to the Upper Rhine
- ▶ Development of the European management institute in Colmar
- ▶ Preliminary study on a tri-national engineering training structure.

Technical and Financial Information

GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, Art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.023
 Date of decision : 09.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 367

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Cross frontier cooperation	2.732	1.366
Territorial planning and environment	5.315	2.657
Economy, incl. labour market and tourism	7.406	3.671
Transport (studies)	2.412	1.206
Research, telecommunication, qualification	1.025	0.512
Total	18.890	9.412

The Commission is contributing 49.8 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/28

ENVIREG & STRIDE - Community Initiatives for the Environment and Research/Technology

FRANCE - Corsica

The Commission has approved a programme providing for 12.8 MECUs in Community assistance from the European Regional Development Fund, for the implementation of the ENVIREG & STRIDE Community Initiatives in Corsica.

The programme includes measures involving:

- ▶ under ENVIREG (more than 10 MECUs of ERDF assistance), studies for solid waste elimination and waste water treatment; the establishment of solid waste treatment facilities and the organisation of a number of biotope areas in the most vulnerable parts of the island;
- ▶ under the STRIDE programme, the establishment and development of research centres and laboratories within technological and scientific education institutions; participation in international cooperative research programmes and various schemes involving cooperation between research centres and businesses.

These various measures strengthen and complement those undertaken under the multifund Operational Programme approved in December 1990. They will be implemented at regional level under the joint responsibility of the Préfecture and the Regional Council.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Corsica

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.10.003
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)532

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Envireg (ERDF): Environmental protection	38.823	10.672
Stride (ERDF): Research, development, technology	4.363	2.134
Total	43.186	12.806

The Commission is contributing 29.65 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/29

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Burgundy

The Commission has earmarked 14.9 MECUs (FF 103 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- 14.9 MECUs (FF 103 million), of which 11.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 3 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme for the conversion of local employment areas of the Creusot, Montceau-les-Mines and Châlons-sur-Saône (269,000 inhabitants) in the Burgundy region.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Burgundy

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.001
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial and urban renewal	28.70	8.57
Economic development	14.37	3.57
Vocational training	6.01	2.61
Technical assistance	0.28	0.14
Total	48.73	14.90

The Commission is contributing 30 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/30

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Franche-Comté

The Commission has earmarked 23,870 MECUs (FF 166 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- 23.87 MECUs (FF 166 million), of which 19.1 MECUs from the ERDF and 4.77 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment areas of Montbéliard, Belfort and Lure-Luxeuil (413,000 inhabitants) in the Franche-Comté region.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Franche-Comté

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.002
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Appeal of the area	33.401	9.021
Business creation and development	46.546	11.457
Tourism	9.261	3.189
Technical assistance	0.235	0.113
Total	89.443	23.870

The Commission is contributing 27 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/31

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Picardy

The Commission has earmarked 47.8 MECUs (FF 332 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- 47.8 MECUs (FF 332 million), of which 38.25 MECUs from the ERDF and 9.56 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment areas of Abbeville, Vimeu, Amiens, Santerre (Somme), Saint-Quentin, Chauny, Soissons and Thiérache (922,000 inhabitants) in the Picardy region.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Picardy

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.006
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic modernisation	44.751	15.390
Appeal of the region	62.986	17.043
Tourism	16.971	4.243
Training - Research	57.421	10.678
Technical assistance	0.952	0.466
Total	183.081	47.820

The Commission is contributing 26 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/32

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Brittany

The Commission has earmarked 20.6 MECUs (FF 144 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- 20.6 MECUs (FF 144 million), of which 16.4 MECUs from the ERDF and 4.2 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment areas of Guingamp, Lannion and Saint-Brieuc (384,000 inhabitants) in the Côtes d'Armor (Brittany region).

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Brittany

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.012
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Businesses	41.60	10.89
Appeal-tourism	14.61	5.21
Research-higher education	9.48	4.43
Technical assistance	0.20	0.10
Total	65.89	20.63

The Commission is contributing 31 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/33

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Nord-Pas-de-Calais

The Commission has earmarked 166.7 MECUs (FF 1165 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- ▶ 166.7 MECUs (FF 1165 million), of which 130.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 35.7 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment areas of Boulogne, Calais, Dunkerque, Lille, Roubaix-Tourcoing, Béthune, Lens, Douai, Valenciennes, Cambrai and Sambre-Avenois (3,431,000 inhabitants) in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Nord-Pas-de Calais

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.013
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/5

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Appeal - Tourism	172.817	67.484
Economic development	179.937	51.014
Research-higher education	90.050	44.739
Innovative measures (ESF)	3.616	1.628
Technical assistance	3.719	1.810
Total	451.489	166.675

The Commission is contributing 37 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	78.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	21.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/34

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Lorraine

The Commission has earmarked 49.1 MECUs (FF 340 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- 49.1 MECUs (FF 340 million), of which 37 MECUs from the ERDF and 12.1 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment and coalmining areas of Meuse du Nord, Longwy, Thionville, Epinal and Saint-Dié (1,082,000 inhabitants) in the Lorraine region. This framework will subsequently be complemented by a specific programme for the Longwy area.

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Lorraine

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.010
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/6

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	85.3	21.2
Appeal	63.0	16.8
Tourism	15.2	5.9
Training	9.0	4.2
Technical assistance	1.9	1.0
Total	174.4	49.1

The Commission is contributing 28 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	75 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	25 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/35

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Champagne-Ardenne

The Commission has earmarked 17.6 MECUs (FF 120 million) from the EC Structural Funds for the industrial conversion of employment areas in France for 1992 and 1993. The programme represents the second phase of assistance from the Community's Structural Funds for declining industrial areas (Objective 2).

- ▶ 17.6 MECUs (FF 120 million), of which 14.1 MECUs from the ERDF and 3.5 MECUs from the ESF, to support an integrated programme intended for the conversion of the local employment area in the valley of the Meuse ardennaise (270,000 inhabitants) in the Ardennes (Champagne-Ardenne region).

The competitiveness of businesses will be strengthened by a series of measures designed to promote productive investment, technology transfer to SMEs, local development initiatives and vocational training schemes.

In order to diversify activities, encouragement will be given to developing tourist potential, more specifically through assistance for increasing accommodation capacity and vocational training.

With a view to developing the appeal of the area, the supply of business facilities will be increased. The rehabilitation of run-down areas, particularly those of an industrial nature, will also contribute to this objective.

Finally, the strengthening of training and research potential will be pursued through contributions to the construction and fitting-out of higher, further and on-going education premises.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Community Support Frameworks adopted by the Commission on 18 December 1991, further to negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level. The Operational Programme will also be managed via this partnership approach.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Champagne-Ardenne

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.015
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)641/7

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Appeal of the area	32.436	10.531
Business development	21.975	10.560
Technical assistance	0.057	0.028
Total	54.468	17.600

The Commission is contributing 32 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/37

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
for cross-border cooperation*

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ the Flemish region (Furnes, Ypres and Courtrai) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (Dunkirk, Hazebrouck, Lille and Roubaix-Tourcoing);

The total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will be 13.87 MECUs:

- ▶ 13.9 MECUs (BEF 584 million or FF 96.5 million) for the Flanders - Nord-Pas-de-Calais programme, out of a total cost of 28.33 MECUs (BEF 1192 million or FF 197 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ support for economic and technological development,
- ▶ environmental protection,
- ▶ exploitation of the heritage of interest to tourists
- ▶ definition of common cross-border policies (transport, town planning),
- ▶ the promotion of joint social policies and training activities.

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for the development of projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.001
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic development	5.065	2.526
Tourism	11.387	5.502
Environment	5.854	2.927
Transport	1.272	0.571
Educational and social measures	0.735	0.338
Local initiatives	3.164	1.582
Technical assistance	0.854	0.427
Total	28.331	13.873

The Commission is contributing 48.9 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.9 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.1 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/38

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ Walloon area (Mouscron, Ath, Mons, Thuin and Charleroi) and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (Lille, Roubaix-Tourcoing, Valenciennes, Cambrai, Sambre-Avesnois).

Total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will amount to 15.85 MECUs:

- ▶ 15.9 MECUs (BEF 667 million or FF 110 million) for the Walloon - Nord-Pas-de-Calais PACTE programme, out of a total cost of 32 MECUs (BEF 1350 million or FF 223 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ economic development,
- ▶ RTD,
- ▶ image-information,
- ▶ training-employment,
- ▶ educational and social measures,
- ▶ tourism and the environment,
- ▶ urban policy,
- ▶ coordination and monitoring.

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for developing projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.002
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic development	10.088	5.044
RTD	5.624	2.812
Image-information	1.288	0.644
Training-employment	2.743	1.187
Educational and social measures	8.888	4.444
Tourism and the environment	1.412	0.706
Urban policy	0.680	0.170
Coordination and monitoring	1.356	0.678
Total	32.079	15.855

The Commission is contributing 49.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	92.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	7.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/39

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the border area between Belgium and France:

- ▶ Walloon region (Charleroi, Thuin, Namur, Philippeville, Dinant, Virton, Neufchateau) and Champagne-Ardenne (Ardennes Department).

Total assistance from the Structural Funds up to 1993 will amount to 6.5 MECUs:

- ▶ 6.5 MECUs (BEF 274 million or FF 45 million) for the Walloon-Champagne-Ardenne programme, out of a total cost of 14.7 MECUs (BEF 616 million or FF 102 million);

The programme envisages measures designed to promote cross-border cooperation in the following areas:

- ▶ access to the area,
- ▶ tourism and culture,
- ▶ human resources,
- ▶ economic and agricultural development,
- ▶ dissemination and sustainability;

The programme also provides for technical assistance to agents for developing projects. This will be provided by a cross-border technical team.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.004
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)646/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Access to the area	0.4900	0.2450
Tourism and culture	6.7331	2.9680
Human resources	2.9438	1.2137
Economic and agricultural development	3.5840	1.6264
Dissemination and sustainability	0.9050	0.4524
Total	14.6559	6.5055

The Commission is contributing 44.3 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	86 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	12 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	2 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/40

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - ITALY

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative along the continental border between France and Italy. The Community assistance earmarked for the programme amounts to 25.4 MECUs.

The following areas are covered: the Valle d'Aosta Region and the Provinces of Turin, Cuneo and Imperia on the Italian side; the Departments of Savoie, Haute-Savoie, Hautes-Alpes, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence and Alpes-Maritimes on the French side.

The total population of these areas is 5.3 million.

While it also provides for specific measures involving the border area as a whole, the programme is organised under three geographical units identified as the Northern, Central and Southern borders.

The Operational Programme is integrated and provides for financial assistance from all three Structural Funds: the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF, guidance section. The ERDF assistance is intended specifically for Objective 2 and 5b regions and for pilot projects in the field of cross-border cooperation.

Four priorities have been identified, namely:

- ▶ increasing the exchange of knowledge through a common debate on planning,
- ▶ developing economic activities and the cultural heritage,
- ▶ supporting socio-economic agents in their theme-based cooperation processes,
- ▶ limiting the adverse effects of the lifting of borders.

The most important measures involve :

- ▶ restoring the economic potential of the areas most affected by the probable cessation of activities connected with customs functions,
- ▶ implementing local development programmes,
- ▶ developing agricultural and agri-tourism activities,
- ▶ increasing the exchange of knowledge among economic agents,
- ▶ strengthening cooperation with respect to regional planning studies,
- ▶ reinforcing communications networks based on new technologies.

One of the important characteristics of this programme is the establishment of a joint Franco-Italian cooperation framework (consisting of representatives of the decentralised State, local authorities and central government). Its main task is to select projects for Community financing and, additionally, to monitor and evaluate the programme as a whole. Technical assistance is also provided for.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.007
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)647

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of planning	18.9	7.9
Development of economic activities and the cultural heritage	23.0	9.3
Support for socio-economic agents	5.1	2.0
Limiting the adverse effects of the lifting of borders	13.2	5.4
Technical assistance	1.6	0.8
Total	61.8	25.4

The Commission is contributing 41 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	79.9 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	12.4 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	7.7 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/41 and 42

INTERREG: Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - SWITZERLAND

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in the Rhône-Alpes and Franche-Comté regions (border between France and Switzerland).

In the Rhône-Alpes region, the areas involved are the departments of the Ain and Haute-Savoie in France and the Swiss border cantons of Geneva, Valais and Vaud.

The areas involved in the Franche-Comté region are the economic areas of Belfort, Montbéliard, Morteau, Pontarlier and Morez-Saint Claude on the French side of the border and the cantons of Jura, Neuchatel, Bern (West) and Vaud on the Swiss.

Total support from the Funds for the Rhône-Alpes region will reach 2.1 MECUs by 1993.

The measures planned under this programme fall under three strategic headings:

- ▶ the promotion of controlled development in the French border area in order to balance the economic potential on both sides of the border;
- ▶ the rehabilitation of the urban structure in the French border area in coordination with neighbouring areas of Switzerland;
- ▶ the strengthening of Franco-Swiss cross-border cooperation.

In the Franche-Comté region, the total contributed by the European Regional Development Fund will reach 3.2 MECUs by 1993.

The measures planned under this programme fall under two strategic headings, defined jointly with the Communauté de Travail du Jura (Jura Work Community). This is a framework for cross-border cooperation between local bodies in Franche-Comté and in the Swiss cantons concerned:

- ▶ the strengthening of the French part of the area, chiefly by developing continuing training capabilities, improving communications in the border area and providing assistance for urban centres;
- ▶ the development of cross-border cooperation through joint regional planning, the installation of binational activity areas, encouragement for technological and scientific cooperation and the promotion of tourist activities;
- ▶ finally, a joint Franco-Swiss technical group will be established to monitor joint projects and promote the entire area of the Communauté de Travail du Jura.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - SWITZERLAND

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.028, 029
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 648/1, 2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme Franche-Comté - France:

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	Participation CE (in Mecus)
Strengthening of the French side of the border	5.64	1.48
Development of cross-border cooperation	4.35	1.75
Total	9.99	3.23

The Commission is contributing 33 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme Rhône-Alpes - France:

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	Participation CE (in MECUs)
Development of the border area	4.010	1.400
Rehabilitation of the urban structure in the border area	1 000	0.320
Strengthening of cross-border cooperation	1.170	0.350
Technical assistance	0.110	0.050
Total	6.290	2.120

The Commission is contributing 33 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 88.6 %

European Social Fund (ESF) : 6.2 %

European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) : 5.2 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/48

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

FRANCE - GERMANY

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 3,842 MECUs under the INTERREG Community programme for the German-French border regions in Northern Alsace, Southern Palatinate and the middle upper Rhine valley (PAMINA).

The PAMINA programme focusses on four fields of action:

- ▶ Promotion of economic activities
- ▶ Environmental measures and transport (studies)
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Vocational training

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Technology network between the technology agencies in Landau, Hagenau and Karlsruhe
- ▶ Transborder study on public transport
- ▶ Transborder marketing concept
- ▶ German-French technological college.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - GERMANY

► Technical Information :

Objective : Art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.024
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 837

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Cross frontier economic development	1.281	0.640
Territorial planning and environment	1.964	0.982
Tourism	4.493	1.975
Vocational training	0.489	0.244
Total	8.226	3.842

The Commission is contributing 46.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/53

*PRISMA and TELEMATIQUE - Community Initiatives
for the adaptation of SMEs to the Single Market and for
the improvement of communications and telecommunications*

FRANCE - Corsica

The programme implemented in the CORSICA region under the PRISMA and TELEMATIQUE Community initiatives involves a total cost of 5.8 MECUs (FF 40 million), with an ERDF contribution of 1.5 MECUs (FF 10 million) expressed in 1992 prices.

Additional Community assistance of 1.4 MECUs has been earmarked for the sub-programme carried out under TELEMATIQUE, whose objective is to improve the quality and quantity of telecommunications services. The measures selected within the framework of this sub-programme are as follows:

- ▶ assistance to SMEs for the acquisition of software and data exchange and computer equipment;
- ▶ assistance to organisations and public bodies for the acquisition of data exchange and computer equipment;
- ▶ studies, in particular regarding the following objectives:
 - audit of the projects of councils and building of synergies;
 - tourist reservation system;
 - remote monitoring system;
- ▶ support for the protection of and assistance to users and beneficiaries;
- ▶ support for equipping State and regional departments to monitor the Structural Funds.

The sub-programme implemented under PRISMA involves only one measure which provides for the creation of a network of laboratories and expertise through assistance for bringing independent laboratories up to standard for approval by the Réseau national d'Essai.

In the Corsican economic context of under-industrialisation and insularity, businesses either do not feel any need to manage quality according to standardised models, or have difficulty in taking these models on board given the nature of the mainland market compared with that on the island.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Corsica

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.10.008
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 833

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Telematique

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Assistance for SMEs	1.143	0.300
Assistance for organisations and public bodies	4.162	0.887
Studies	0.114	0.057
Assistance for protection and assistance	0.071	0.050
Assistance for equipping State and Regional departments	0.143	0.100
Total	5.633	1.394

Prisma

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Creation of a network of laboratories and expertise	0.171	0.100
Total	0.171	0.100

The Commission is contributing 58.5% of the total estimated cost for PRISMA and 24.7% for TELEMATIQUE

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/54

Integrated Industrial Conversion Programme

FRANCE - Haute Normandie

The Commission has decided to grant assistance from the European Structural Funds amounting to 40.6 MECUs (30.6 MECUs from the ERDF and 10 MECUs from the ESF), for a 2-year integrated programme (1992-1993) for the industrial conversion of Objective 2 local employment areas in the Haute-Normandie region.

The programme is the second phase of assistance by the Community's Structural Funds in support of the industrial conversion of these local employment areas.

The measures provided for reflect the priorities identified in the Community Support Framework for Objective 2, adopted for the Haute-Normandie region on 18 December 1991. They involve:

- ▶ developing businesses via assistance for productive and property investment and for guidance and local development on the one hand, and recruitment assistance on the other. The European Social Fund will finance training geared to upgrading the skills of wage earners and job seekers, as well as training for entrepreneurs;
- ▶ the region's appeal will be enhanced in a number of areas such as industry, urban redevelopment and port facilities by:
 - schemes for increasing the local supply of industrial sites and buildings;
 - assistance for the renewal of run-down urban areas;
 - breaking the isolation of economic centres, in particular Le Havre, Elbeuf and Louviers.
 - modernising the ports at Le Havre and Dieppe in preparation for the growth in cross-channel traffic.
 - promoting tourism through the development of coastal resorts, and an increase in the supply of accommodation and new developments, in particular at Léry-Poses and in the Brotonne regional park.

A European higher education institute of logistics will be set up in Le Havre with ERDF support, within the framework of the "University 2000 Plan".

- ▶ The operations of the programme monitoring and assessment group and the assessment studies will be financed within the framework of technical assistance.

The programme will be managed by a Monitoring Committee consisting of representatives of the national, regional and local partners and the Commission, headed by the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Haute Normandie

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.003
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 832

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	59.529	15.343
Appeal of the area	85.429	16.429
Tourism	11.214	4.507
Entrepreneurial training	14.286	2.857
Technical assistance	3.143	1.464
Total	173.600	40.600

The Commission is contributing 24 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	75 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	25 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/61

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE (Corsica) - ITALY (Sardinia)

The Commission has adopted a programme providing for total Community assistance of 21.6 MECUs for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in Corsica and Sardinia (France and Italy). This assistance breaks down as follows: 19 MECUs from the ERDF, 1 MECUs from the ESF and 1.6 MECUs from the EAGGF.

The programme comprises five major thrusts targeted at the department of Corse du Sud and the province of Sassari:

- ▶ improvement of links between Corsica and Sardinia: this mainly involves port equipment intended to increase maritime transport capacity (for people and goods) between the department of Corse du Sud and the province of Sassari;
- ▶ exploitation of the common maritime area: this involves the identification and exploitation of tourist circuits in the Corsican and Sardinian maritime area and schemes to protect the archipelago of La Maddalena and the Lavezzi islands;
- ▶ promotion of trade between the two islands: the aim is to make a set of services available to businesses and to offer training in sport and tourism occupations; a survey will also be carried out on the economic consequences of intensifying exchanges between the two areas;
- ▶ diversified scientific cooperation network: this involves research programmes carried out jointly by the universities of Corsica and Sassari, along with exchanges between agricultural research institutes;
- ▶ development of cross-border exchanges: this involves a set of measures to increase mutual understanding; the measure provides for joint studies and promotion schemes, the gradual compilation of a Corsica-Sardinia database and the organisation of a Corsica-Sardinia centre for exchanges.

These measures build on and complement those already decided within the framework of the IMPs and the Community Support Frameworks.

This programme was drawn up jointly by Corsica and Sardinia; it takes account of the geographical isolation of these two regions, which is the main obstacle to the emergence of an integrated economic area.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE (Corsica) - ITALY (Sardinia)

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.030
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 948

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Opening up	26.6024	13.3012
Exploitation of the maritime area	5 2500	2.5250
Promotion of trade	4.5016	2.2508
Scientific cooperation	3.6209	1.8104
Development of cross-border exchanges	3.0000	1.5000
Implementation, technical assistance, programme follow-up	0.5000	0.2500
Total	43.4749	21.6374

The Commission is contributing 49.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	88.0 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	7.6 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	4.4 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/62

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

UNITED KINGDOM - FRANCE

The Commission approved the INTERREG Programme for the United Kingdom and France. The INTERREG Programme is a Community Initiative which seeks to promote co-operation and development in the Community's internal and external border regions.

Almost 22 MECUs will be made available for the France-United Kingdom programme. The areas which will benefit from the programme are Kent and the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, two regions which are separated by 30 kilometres of sea.

Nord-Pas-de-Calais and Kent have done a great deal of pioneering work in developing transfrontier activities and they have recently expanded their Transmanche Euroregion which they established in 1987 by the inclusion of the three Belgian regions. At the same time the construction of the Channel Tunnel, coinciding as it does with the completion of the Single market, will provide the two regions both with new opportunities and a need to adjust to the loss of employment in the control and management of cross border traffic in goods and people.

The programme, which has been put forward by the two Governments, envisages the expenditure of more than 53 MECUs on a range of projects covered by five sub-programmes. The first sub-programme deals with **Transport and telecommunications** and projects proposed under this sub-programme include trilingual traffic signs to assist cross border drivers to adjust to the region they are in and state of the art telecommunications which will improve cross Channel links between businesses & public bodies.

Under the **Environment** sub-programme there is a range of projects including the care and protection of the White Cliffs in England and the Cap Gris Nez in France.

An **Economic development** sub-programme will seek to promote links and inter-trading between small and medium sized businesses on both sides of the Channel and jointly promote both regions.

The **Education & Training** sub-programme will, among other projects, develop further the established links between universities and other higher education institutions.

Under the **Tourism** sub-programme a number of initiatives are proposed which will enhance the capacity of the Euro-region to attract and retain visitors from among the ever increasing numbers who will pass through it as they travel to other destinations in the United Kingdom or destinations in continental Europe.

The programme, which will last until the end of 1993, will be managed by a transfrontier committee which will contain representatives of both British and French national & local government and the European Commission.



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UNITED KINGDOM - FRANCE

Technical Information :

Objective : 2 + Art. 10
ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.012
Date of decision : 21.05.1992
Number of decision : C(92) 1002

Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Transport and telecommunications	4.25	2.08
Environment	15.34	7.67
Economic development	5.93	2.86
Education and training	12.89	4.39
Tourism	14.88	4.78
Technical Assistance	0.40	0.20
Total	53.69	21.98

The Commission is contributing 40.9 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 91.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) : 8.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/65

*PRISMA and TELEMATIQUE - Community initiatives
for the adaptation of SMEs to the Single Market and for
the improvement of communications and telecommunications*

FRANCE - Réunion

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme under the PRISMA and TELEMATIQUE Community Initiatives for the Réunion region (France, Objective 1). This programme involves ERDF assistance of 3.5 MECUs (1 MECU for PRISMA and 2.5 MECUs for TELEMATIQUE).

In accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Commission in 1991 for these two initiatives, Community assistance for the island of La Réunion will be used for the following measures:

- ▶ under PRISMA: the implementation of a quality-based approach and upgrading of product control equipment in businesses, the strengthening of metrology services and the establishment of a non-destructive testing service;
- ▶ under TELEMATIQUE: the promotion of advanced telecommunication methods among businesses, the fitting-out of telecommunication centres and the establishment of public data transmission services.

This programme follows a multifund Operational Programme approved in December 1990 under the Réunion region Community Support Framework, which was allocated 250 MECUs in assistance from the Structural Funds, and a multifund programme adopted under the REGIS, ENVIREG and STRIDE Community initiatives, which was allocated 50.7 MECUs from the Structural Funds.

The measures co-financed by the Community are managed in a decentralised manner by AGILE, tripartite agency set up in accordance with the partnership principle by the regional prefecture, the regional council and the general council. By the end of the first quarter of 1992, almost two-thirds of the measures had been programmed and were being implemented at a satisfactory rate.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Réunion

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.10.009
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1012

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Prisma

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Introduction and raising of quality standards in businesses	0.714	0.286
Establishment of a trained metrology services unit	0.976	0.488
Establishment of a non-destructive testing service	0 522	0 261
Total	2.212	1 035

Telematique

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Promotion, communications and training activities	1.114	0 557
Consultancy and equipment for businesses in the area of advanced telecommunications	0 929	0.254
Fitting-out of services centres	0.428	0.107
Advanced telecommunications studies and applications	1.642	0.821
ZTA Le Port/Gillot (exchange of computerised documents)	1.573	0.726
Total	5 686	2 465

The Commission is contributing 46.7 % to the overall estimated costs for Prisma, and 43.3 % for Telematique.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/67

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 15.7 MECUs (12.6 from the ERDF and 3.1 from the ESF) for a two-year integrated programme (1992-1993) designed to contribute to the industrial conversion of the Fos-Etang de Beo

rrre local employment area in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

The programme is the second phase of assistance from the Community Structural Funds for the support of industrial conversion in this local employment area.

The activities planned reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991 after negotiations between the Commission and its French partners at national, regional and local level.

- ▶ work to revitalise the economic fabric will continue with the implementation of guidance and technology transfer schemes, along with common measures targeted at SMEs and, in a more general fashion, tangible and intangible investments aimed at strengthening SME competitiveness.

To supplement these arrangements, vocational training for SME employees will be provided in fields such as management, quality and organisation.

- ▶ the rehabilitation of the industrial and urban environment will take the form of redeveloping and opening up access to run-down areas and the harbour and industrial areas and supporting SME projects by setting up business incubators or technology transfer workshops. Measures will also focus on the restoration and redevelopment of city centres and districts affected by the closure of industrial plants.
- ▶ the tourist and environmental potential of the region will be exploited. Action will be undertaken to process urban and industrial waste, improve and monitor water and air quality and develop cultural, sea and beach tourism.
- ▶ measures to support vocational training will be implemented in the priority areas of leading-edge technologies and occupational integration. Innovative methods will be applied.
- ▶ the operations of the programme's monitoring and evaluation group will be supported within the framework of technical assistance.

A Monitoring Committee with members appointed by the national, regional and local partners and the Commission will manage the programme, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.004
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)994/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	4.584	1.223
Attractiveness of the region	23.674	6.981
Tourism and environment	12.979	4.344
Vocational training	6.527	2.931
Technical assistance	0.628	0.261
Total	48.392	15.740

The Commission is contributing 32.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/68

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Languedoc-Roussillon

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 10.3 MECUs (9 million from the ERDF and 1.2 million from the ESF), for a two-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the Alès, Ganges and Vigan local employment areas in the Languedoc-Roussillon region.

The programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for an industrial conversion strategy in these local employment areas.

The activities planned reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for the Languedoc-Roussillon region, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991:

- ▶ with respect to business development, the ERDF will cofinance investments in SMEs and contribute to assistance for business and craft industries. The ESF will provide assistance geared to employees, firms, entrepreneurs and craftsmen;
- ▶ the attractiveness of the area will be boosted by providing support for the rehabilitation of run-down areas, construction of industrial buildings and establishment of activity centres;
- ▶ the ERDF will provide assistance for the tourist sector, in particular for accommodation facilities and product identification.

The programme will be managed by a Monitoring Committee bringing together members appointed by the national, regional and local partners and the Commission, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Languedoc-Roussillon

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.009
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)994/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	31.969	6.896
Attractiveness of the area	17.442	2.502
Tourism	3.558	0.712
Technical assistance	0.341	0.140
Total	53.310	10.250

The Commission is contributing 20 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	88 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	12 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/69

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Basse-Normandie

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 10.7 MECUs (8.5 MECUs from the ERDF and 2.1 MECUs from the ESF), for a two-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the local employment areas of Cherbourg, in the Basse-Normandie region (France).

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion strategy of these local employment areas.

The measures planned reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for Basse-Normandie, which was adopted on 18 December 1991.

- ▶ attractiveness of the area: investments will be financed for the commercial harbour of Cherbourg and the airport of Cherbourg-Maupertus.

The business area programme launched in 1989 will be pursued.

Finally, measures will be undertaken for small towns, under the form of township contracts.

- ▶ Competitiveness, employment, business development: this priority involves schemes to stimulate SMEs, aids for industrial investment and support for craft industries. The ESF will finance training and retraining schemes for workers, engineers and supervisory staff, as well as an assessment centre.
- ▶ The tourist potential will be exploited, inter alia by developing tourist areas.
- ▶ Finally, the local capacities for technological training and research will be developed by fitting out premises for new training courses (IUT), establishing a specialised training centre (maintenance in controlled environments) and expanding INTECHMER's activities.
- ▶ Assistance will be provided for operating the follow-up and assessment committee within the framework of technical assistance.

The programme will be managed by a Monitoring Committee bringing together the national, regional and local partners and the Commission, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Basse-Normandie

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.017
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 994/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Attractiveness of the area	9.859	2.474
Competitiveness and employment	8.146	2.699
Tourism	10.998	2.836
Vocational training	6.760	2.572
Technical assistance	0.182	0.089
Total	35.946	10.670

The Commission is contributing 30 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/70

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the EC Structural Funds totalling 7.7 MECUs (5.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 1.8 MECUs from the ESF), for a two-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the local employment areas of Albi and Carmaux, in the department of Tarn (Midi-Pyrénées).

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion strategy of these local employment areas.

The measures envisaged reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for the Midi-Pyrénées region, which was adopted on 18 December 1991:

- ▶ measures to promote business via productive investment and strengthening of the own equity of SMEs;
- ▶ improvement of the attractiveness of the area via the rehabilitation of derelict industrial areas, the creation of business areas and industrial facilities, the rehabilitation of mining towns and measures to promote local trade;
- ▶ exploitation of the tourist potential through ERDF assistance geared to industrial tourism, aids for increasing accommodation capacity and the creation of leisure areas.

The medieval site of Cordes will qualify for special treatment (restoration of the heritage, cultural exploitation and accommodation).

- ▶ As a flanking measure, the ESF will contribute to financing training for employees, job-seekers and entrepreneurs.
- ▶ Assistance will be provided for the follow-up and assessment committee and assessment studies within the framework of technical assistance.

The programme will be managed by a Monitoring Committee bringing together the national, regional and local partners and the Commission, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.020
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 994/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	6.742	1.245
Attractiveness of the area	23.360	3.948
Tourism	2.317	0.691
Training	3.892	1.744
Technical assistance	0.114	0.054
Total	38.425	7.682

The Commission is contributing 30 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	77 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	23 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/71

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées Figeac

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the European Structural Funds totalling 2.2 MECUs (1.7 from the ERDF and 0.5 from the ESF), for a two-year integrated programme (1992-1993) intended to contribute to the industrial conversion of the Figeac local employment area in the Midi-Pyrénées region.

The programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for an industrial conversion strategy in this local employment area.

The activities planned reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for the Midi-Pyrénées region, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991:

- ▶ ERDF aid will be provided in order to promote business competitiveness and local initiatives (economic development agents, seed capital funds, assistance for investment);
- ▶ the ERDF will take part in operations to rehabilitate disused sites and set up activity areas to develop the area's attractiveness;
- ▶ tourist accommodation will be improved and tourist centres will be set up to exploit the area's tourism potential,
- ▶ Under the Université 2000 plan, one of the departments of IUT Rodez will be established at Figeac,
- ▶ the ESF will finance training and resettlement activities for SME employees and job seekers,
- ▶ the programme monitoring and evaluation group will be supported within the framework of technical assistance.

A Monitoring Committee with members appointed by the national, regional and local partners and the Commission will manage the programme, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées Figeac

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.007
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)994/5

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	1.429	0.187
Attractiveness of the area	1.939	0.408
Tourism	2.971	0.542
Training (equipment)	4.288	0.533
Training	0.991	0.439
Technical assistance	0.072	0.034
Total	11.690	2.163

The Commission is contributing 20 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	20 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/72

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Lorraine

The Commission has approved a multifund Operational Programme for the French area of the European Development Pole (EDP) in Lorraine (Longwy local employment area).

28.9 MECUs (approximately FF 202 million), of which 28.3 MECUs from the ERDF, have been granted for the programme within the framework of Objective 2 measures.

The first multifund programme for Lorraine, covering all the local employment areas eligible under Objective 2 for the 1992-1993 period, had recently been approved by the Commission (decision of 3 April 1992, providing for Community assistance of 49 MECUs).

The programme described here covers the same period (1992-1993) and specifically involves the French local employment area of the European Development Pole (Longwy area). It is part of the Community's action to support the EDP. The measures planned under this programme are, in fact, based on those funded under the previous EDP-France national programme of Community interest which covered the Longwy employment area for the 1986-1991 period. They are also closely related to the new Community INTERREG-EDP programme specifically targeted at EC border areas and covering the three employment areas of Longwy (France), Athus (Belgium) and Rodange (Luxemburg).

There are three priorities for assistance:

- ▶ encouraging business start-up and development;
- ▶ further increasing the area's attractiveness;
- ▶ strengthening the training infrastructure.

Where businesses are concerned, the programme provides both for individual measures (extension of the PAT system to favour business investment and aid for industrial construction work) and measures of a collective nature (business centre, business and service centre, establishment of an integrated telecommunications network). These measures will be backed by a scheme to boost the economy.

The attractiveness of the area for businesses will be increased by continuing rehabilitation work and preparing sites to welcome economic activities. The Chiers river will be cleaned up and workers' urban housing estates will be refurbished.

Training will be adapted to suit the specific labour needs of the local employment area.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Lorraine

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.011
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1010

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	124.6	22.0
Attractiveness	16.9	6.3
Training	1.4	0.6
Total	142.9	28.9

The Commission is contributing 20 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.9 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.1 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/94

Operational Programme

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées-Aveyron

The Commission has approved a grant from the EC Structural Funds of 3.7 MECUs (2.9 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 0.8 MECUs from the European Social Fund) for a 2 year integrated programme (1992-1993) designed to contribute to the industrial conversion of the Decazeville local employment area in the Midi-Pyrénées region of France.

This programme is the second phase of EC Structural Fund assistance for the industrial conversion of this local employment area.

The activities planned reflect the priorities set out in the Objective 2 Community Support Framework for the Midi-Pyrénées region, which was approved by the Commission on 18 December 1991 after negotiations between the Commission and its national, regional and local partners in France:

- ▶ ERDF assistance will be provided to boost business competitiveness (aids for local initiatives);
- ▶ the ERDF will take part in operations to rehabilitate disused sites and set up activity areas to increase the area's attractiveness;
- ▶ the tourist potential will be exploited through the improvement of accommodation and the establishment of tourist centres (the Conques site).
- ▶ the ESF will finance training and resettlement activities for SME employees and job seekers and will strengthen reception and guidance frameworks.
- ▶ assistance will be provided for the running of the programme monitoring and assessment group within the framework of technical assistance.

A Monitoring Committee bringing together the national, regional and local partners and the Commission will manage the programme, under the responsibility of the Prefect of the Region.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Midi-Pyrénées-Aveyron

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.09.008
 Date of decision : 15.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1560

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Business development	2.717	0.596
Attractiveness of the area	6.850	1.715
Tourism	2.412	0.553
Training	2.178	0.832
Technical assistance	0.026	0.013
Total	14.183	3.709

The Commission is contributing 26 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	77 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	23 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/96

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

FRANCE - GERMANY

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 9,8 MECUs under the Interreg Community Initiative for the French-German border regions in Lorraine, Saarland and Western Palatinate.

The main aim of this initiative is to assist the border areas of the Community to prepare for the Single Market. The main means of achieving this is the promotion of closer cooperation between regions on different sides of national borders and the revitalization of the economies of the areas located on Member States' external borders.

The present programme focuses on six fields of action:

- ▶ Common marketing for the border region
- ▶ Integration of the economies of the border regions
- ▶ Integration of transborder traffic networks
- ▶ Adaptation of vocational training systems to transborder needs
- ▶ Promotion of interregional social dialogue
- ▶ Common promotion of tourism

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example:

- ▶ Coordination agency of the Chambers of Commerce for common marketing activities.
- ▶ World Trade Centre in Metz to support common activities for the border region.
- ▶ Technology transfer of the Transfer Agency for Technical and Economic Mathematics of the University of Kaiserslautern.
- ▶ Transborder touristic routes "route de faïences" and "route de la culture industrielle".
- ▶ Centres for European Languages and for European Integration and Cooperation at the University of Saarbrücken.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - GERMANY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2 + Article 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.025
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1638

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Common marketing for the border regions	3.78	1.89
Integration of the economics of the border regions	5.54	2.77
Integration of the transborder traffic networks	1.88	0.94
Adaptation of the vocational training systems to transborder needs	3.70	1.85
Promotion of the interregional social dialogue	0.22	0.11
Common promotion of tourism	4.54	2.27
Total	19.66	9.83

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/97

INTERREG - Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBURG

The Commission has approved financial assistance of 18.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 0.5 MECUs from the ESF for cross-border cooperation in the European Development Pole area (EDP). This assistance is provided within the framework of the Operational Programme adopted under the 1991-1993 INTERREG Community Initiative for the border between France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The main objective of the EDP is to create 8,000 jobs in the space of 10 years (5,500 in France, 1,500 in Belgium and 1,000 in Luxembourg). In terms of development, considering the assets to be exploited and the joint means employed to benefit from them, the multiplier effects achieved have led to far better all-round results than would have been possible by following 3 separate national policies.

In that context, the strategy adopted for the second phase of the European Development Pole is centred on the following objectives and measures within the framework of the INTERREG programme:

- ▶ Pursuit of efforts to create jobs. The International Business Park and its integrated networks will be completed. In concrete terms of actual measures, this will involve (to a greater extent than in the first phase) designing it to suit the specific situations encountered in the cross-border employment area (in particular Longwy) and offering a broad range of facilities tailored to the investment needs of budding or expanding businesses (e.g. investment in business property).
- ▶ Integrated steering of the measures undertaken by formalising the coordination carried out thus far by the International Technical Team (which will develop into a legally constituted body).
- ▶ Environmental rehabilitation and improvement of the attractiveness of the cross-border urban conurbation through a combined approach.
- ▶ Support for the activities of the European College of Technology (monitoring, initial and continuing training and retraining, research, innovation and economic and social redeployment of the EDP).

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBURG

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b and art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.026
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1707

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
European Technology Centre (ETC)	2.416	1.208
Cross-border cooperation	0.649	0.324
Business development	12.194	6.097
Regional planning	17.210	6.823
Environment	18.393	4.915
Total	50.865	19.369

The Commission is contributing 38.03 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.44 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.56 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/103

Prisma; Community Initiative

FRANCE - Guiana

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme under the PRISMA Community Initiative for the GUIANA region (France, Objective 1). The programme has been allocated assistance totalling 200,000 ECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

In accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Commission for this initiative in 1991, Community aid for GUIANA will facilitate the establishment of a metrology centre for the certification of industrial products. This will contribute to improving the quality of products of Guiana and adapting them to the standards of the European internal market; it will reduce the cost of certification operations which have hitherto been carried out outside the region.

This programme follows a multifund Operational Programme approved in December 1990 under the Guiana region Community Support Framework, which had been allocated 50.4 MECUs in assistance from the Structural Funds, and a multifund programme adopted under the REGIS, ENVIREG and STRIDE Community initiatives, which had been allocated 12.9 MECUs from the Structural Funds.

This brings Community support for the region since 1989 to a total of almost FF 650 million (92 MECUs) from the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF, for economic development and job creation in GUIANA. The aid contributed will facilitate the implementation of a range of measures including:

- ▶ extending and modernising Rochambeau airport terminal;
- ▶ increasing the supply of drinking water and expanding water treatment facilities;
- ▶ building three vocational training schools;
- ▶ establishing a centre for research on the Amazonian eco-system;
- ▶ providing aid to modernise and expand industrial and crafts businesses, thus creating new productive employment;
- ▶ providing aid to modernise and diversify agricultural undertakings and process agricultural produce;
- ▶ supporting training to upgrade the skills of the workforce and help young people to find work.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Guiana

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.10.010
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)2125

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Measurement and calibration laboratory	0.620	0.243
Total	0.620	0.243

The Commission is contributing 39 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/109

*TELEMATIQUE; Community Initiative
for the improvement of communications and telecommunications*

FRANCE - Martinique

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the Telematique Community Initiative in Martinique (France, Objective 1). The programme involves ERDF assistance totalling 0.8 MECUs.

As set out in the guidelines for this initiative defined by the Commission in 1991, Community assistance for Martinique is intended to promote the use of advanced telecommunications services in the region through the:

- ▶ installation of an information retrieval centre at Antilles-Guyane University;
- ▶ establishment of an E-mail service for diabetics and their health partners;
- ▶ establishment of an E-mail service for use by persons working in the employment and training sector;
- ▶ installation of a computerised hotel, restaurant and tour booking service.

This will bring the total Community contribution since 1989 to almost FF 1,400 million from the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF for economic development and job creation in Martinique.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - Martinique

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.03.10.011
 Date of decision : 25.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2836

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Establishment of a information retrieval centre at Antilles-Guyane University	0.857	0.429
E-mail service for diabetics and health partners	0.144	0.070
Special E-mail service on vocational training opportunities	0.105	0.052
Establishment of a Guadeloupe/ Martinique interregional information retrieval centre	0.853	0.286
Total	1.959	0.837

The Commission is contributing 42.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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IRELAND



Fact Sheet N° 92/104

Global Grant

IRELAND

The Commission has approved the allocation of 10 MECUs from the Structural Funds (6.4 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), 3.6 million ECU from the European Social Fund (ESF)) for a Global Grant for local development in Ireland.

The purpose of the grant is to support the development of endogenous potential at a local level. It will focus on measures which encourage and support local economic development initiatives, stimulate new economic activity, and support for local community-based socio-economic development. In particular, the grant will aim to support and tap local enterprise initiatives and to promote integrated economic, social and community development. In particular it will encourage local leadership and capacity where required.

Area Management Development Ltd., the intermediary designated by the Irish Government in agreement with the Commission, will be appointed to manage the Global Grant.

In detail the objectives of the Global Grant are as follows:

- ▶ to promote and assist integrated local socio-economic development, in particular by means of enterprise creation and development leading to increased employment;
- ▶ to bring about an explicit and targetted redistribution of job chances for the unemployed by providing, where possible, the training/education necessary to enable them to participate in local development programmes; and
- ▶ to support the main forces of local development by contributing to capacity building of local organisations with a view to enabling them to participate as primary movers in development programmes.

As well as the twelve Area Based Partnerships of the Programme for Economic and Social Progress other local community bodies will also be eligible for support under the Global Grant.

Technical and Financial Information

IRELAND

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.04.26.001
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2145

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Enterprise creation and development	11.20	6.20
Training/education, infrastructure and environmental measures, and capacity building	5.50	3.00
Technical assistance	0.80	0.80
Total	17.50	10.00

The Commission is contributing 57 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	63.7 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	36.3 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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ITALY



Fact Sheet N° 92/10

*INTERREG; Community Initiative
aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas*

ITALY - SLOVENIA

The Commission has adopted an Operational Programme financed under the INTERREG Community Initiative for the Italian border areas with the Republic of Slovenia.

The programme covers the provinces of Udine, Trieste and Gorizia in the Region Friuli-Venezia Giulia. The total cost of the programme is estimated at 5 MECUs with an ERDF contribution of 2,35 MECUs. The measures included in the programme are aimed at the improvement of the environment and the strengthening of the crossborder cooperation between Friuli and Slovenia.

Among the most significant projects are a feasibility study for the depollution of the river Timavo which is affected by severe problems of urban and industrial pollution on both sides of the border and the creation of a centre for the provision of services for the wine-producing sector and for the promotion of the local quality wines.

The authority responsible for the implementation of the programme is the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - SLOVENIA

► Technical Information :

Objective : Objective & Art.10 not related
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.006
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 372

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Environment	3.15	1.54
Transborder cooperation	1.89	0.81
Total	5.04	2.35

The Commission is contributing 46.6 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/16

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved financial assistance totalling 10 MECUs for a Global Grant. This accounts for 50% of the total funds committed. The Global Grant involves the industry, crafts and services priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and is managed by an intermediary body designated by the Member State in agreement with the Commission. The Commission is taking part in the scheme, using its own resources.

The Global Grant is being used as follows:

EFIBANCA manages the grant, which includes ERDF assistance of 10 MECUs. The objective is to assist small and medium-sized enterprises in Southern Italy with their investment projects (for development or modernisation), through an innovative financial instrument: equity-type loans.

In the form in which they were adopted, equity-type loans involve a triangular relationship between the intermediary organisation (EFIBANCA), the company receiving the loan and partners. The partners assume responsibility for the repayment of that part of the loan which represents capital and become the company's creditors for the amount under an agreement that it will be converted into equity upon completion of the repayment process. This has the effect of providing firms with their own equity, thus ensuring more balanced cover for the financial needs arising from the investment.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.001
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Total	20	10

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/17

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved ERDF assistance totalling 8 MECUs for a Global Grant. The Community assistance accounts for 50% of the total grant. This Global Grant involves the "Industry, crafts and services" priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy for the 1992-1993 period. It is managed by an intermediary body appointed by the Member State in agreement with the Commission, which will take part in the activities using its own resources.

GEPI, with an ERDF contribution of 8 MECUs, is intended to assist small businesses in the Mezzogiorno with investment projects for developing, testing and producing prototypes of new products or services (venture capital) and for the start-up of production (start-up capital), through minority holdings in businesses.

A coordination and promotion campaign is also planned to identify and support both new entrepreneurs and promoters of projects for new products and services.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.002
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Financial instruments	13.60	6.80
Coordination and promotion	1.90	0.95
Management by the intermediary body	0.50	0.25
Total	16.00	8.00

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/18

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved Community financial assistance totalling 87 MECUs, accounting for 40.28% of the overall amount of a Global Grant (1992-1993) aimed at supporting investment in tourism in regions where development is lagging behind (Objective 1 areas) in Italy.

The purpose of the global grant is to develop tourist activity in the Mezzogiorno by improving tourist attractions, raising standards at some of the hotels and diversifying the products on offer.

The grant envisages 4 types of measure:

- ▶ Hotels that are typical of the region
- ▶ Business hotels
- ▶ Family holiday villages
- ▶ Youth holiday villages in ecologically attractive areas either by constructing new or renovating existing facilities.

The programme was developed according to the principle of partnership between the EC Commission and the central administration of the Italian State (in particular the Ministry for the Mezzogiorno).

The intermediary body which will receive and manage the funds is INSUD S.p.A.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.003
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)235

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Typical hotels	80	40
Business hotels	69	21
Family holiday villages	48	19
Youth holiday villages in ecologically attractive areas	17	05
Monitoring and technical assistance	02	02
Total	216	87

The Commission is contributing 40.28 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/19

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved ERDF financial assistance totalling 3 MECUs for a Global Grant. It accounts for 50% of the total involved.

The grant involves the industry, crafts and services priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and is managed by an intermediary body designated by the Member State in agreement with the Commission, which is taking part in the scheme using its own resources.

ANCE will receive ERDF assistance of 3 MECUs in order to establish a network of agencies. These will provide information and management assistance services for SMEs in the construction field, with a view to improving their access to public markets.

Plans provide specifically for:

- ▶ promotion and awareness-raising activities regarding the use of advanced services (through workshops, monitoring etc.);
- ▶ information services chiefly involved with markets, standards and regulations, materials and components;
- ▶ management support services in marketing, finances and management and technological innovation.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.004
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Intermediary body	0.3	0.2
Promotion, local agencies	1.0	0.5
Information services	1.0	0.5
Management support services	3.7	1.8
Total	6.0	3.0

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/20

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved ERDF financial assistance for a Global Grant totalling 5 MECUs, i.e. 50% of the total grant. This involves the industry, crafts and services priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and is managed by an intermediary body designated by the Member State in agreement with the Commission, which is taking part in the activities using its own resources.

CONFINDUSTRIA will receive 5 MECUs from the ERDF. The objective is to strengthen entrepreneurship, increase relationships between SMEs and promote the introduction and development of innovative products and processes in businesses located in particularly disadvantaged areas of the Mezzogiorno (the regions of Basilicata, Molise, Sardinia and Sicily).

Economic revitalisation measures are planned (studies and seminars on the various problems related to business development), SMEs will be provided with better access to genuine services (support for the purchase of services related to innovation in products, processes, marketing and organisation) and SME consortia will be encouraged to provide loan guarantees, exports and advanced services.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.005
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Economic revitalisation	0.8	0.4
Business services	8.5	3.9
Intermediary body	0.7	0.7
Total	10.0	5.0

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/21

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved ERDF financial assistance totalling 10 MECUs for a Global Grant. It accounts for 50% of the total grant. This involves the industry, crafts and services priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and is managed by an intermediary body designated by the Member State in agreement with the Commission, which is taking part in the activities using its own resources.

IASM will receive 10 MECUs in ERDF assistance. The objective is to provide support for frameworks offering special services for SMEs and to establish a network of agencies to promote and market agritourism in the South.

In practice, the aim is to contribute to the operating costs (for a period of 3 years) of private organisations providing genuine services for SMEs. The global grant comprises two strands:

- ▶ the first strand is services to SMEs in the areas of quality, technological innovation and problems related to the environment and the sustainable use of energy.
- ▶ the second strand involves promotion and marketing services for agri-tourism businesses (including designing and disseminating trade names and an active image-building policy) and technical, administrative and financial assistance.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.006
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/5

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Special services for SMEs	9.2	4.6
Promoting and marketing agritourism	10.1	5.1
Intermediary body	0.7	0.3
Total	20.0	10.0

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/22

Global Grant

ITALY

The Commission has approved ERDF financial assistance totalling 6.35 MECUs for a Global Grant. It accounts for 50% of the total grant. This involves the industry, crafts and services priority of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and is managed by an intermediary body designated by the Member State in agreement with the Commission, which is taking part in the activities using its own resources.

UNIONCAMERE will receive 6.35 MECUs in ERDF assistance. Its purpose is to assist SMEs to define their needs regarding organisation and management services, and marketing and financing related to technological innovation, as well as identifying organisations capable of offering this kind of service. SMEs will also be given aid to purchase these services (support for demand).

More specifically, the plans include carrying out studies, undertaking door-to-door promotion and stimulation, setting up an information system, carrying out monitoring, financing feasibility studies, promoting consortia to guarantee loans and finance the preparation of business plans, and helping with the search for the necessary financing.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.26.007
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)406/6

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Studies	0.40	0.20
Promotion	1.20	0.60
Information system	0.40	0.20
Check-ups	2.60	1.30
Feasibility studies and consortia	5.80	2.70
Business plans and technical assistance	1.70	0.95
Intermediary body	0.60	0.40
Total	12.70	6.35

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/36

INTERREG - Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

ITALY - SWITZERLAND

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the Italian areas along the Swiss border. The programme, implemented under the INTERREG Community Initiative, is aimed at the economic development of these areas and the strengthening of cross-border cooperation.

The programme will run during the 1992/3 period and provides for a total investment amounting to 40.7 MECUs, includes a contribution of 9.1 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 0.3 MECUs from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

The measures to be implemented include schemes to strengthen the SME fabric, a feasibility study for the cleaning of the lakes of Lugano and Maggiore and support for mountain tourism and agri-tourism. The programme also provides for the establishment of a limited number of facilities designed to assist the areas involved in adapting to their new role as single market border areas and to improve access to certain industrial locations.

The authorities responsible for the implementation of this programme are the regional authorities of the Valle d'Aosta, Piedmont, Lombardy and Autonomous Province of Bolzano.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - SWITZERLAND

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.005
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)694/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Tourism, agri-tourism	15.66	2.37
Infrastructure	7.24	2.79
Environment	2.20	0.67
Services to SMEs	3.32	1.66
Facilities for SMEs	3.99	0.75
Cross-border cooperation	7.81	1.00
Agricultural development	0.52	0.16
Total	40.74	9.40

The Commission is contributing 23 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	3 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/40

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - ITALY

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative along the continental border between France and Italy. The Community assistance earmarked for the programme amounts to 25.4 MECUs.

The following areas are covered: the Valle d'Aosta Region and the Provinces of Turin, Cuneo and Imperia on the Italian side; the Departments of Savoie, Haute-Savoie, Hautes-Alpes, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence and Alpes-Maritimes on the French side.

The total population of these areas is 5.3 million.

While it also provides for specific measures involving the border area as a whole, the programme is organised under three geographical units identified as the Northern, Central and Southern borders.

The Operational Programme is integrated and provides for financial assistance from all three Structural Funds: the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF, guidance section. The ERDF assistance is intended specifically for Objective 2 and 5b regions and for pilot projects in the field of cross-border cooperation.

Four priorities have been identified, namely:

- ▶ increasing the exchange of knowledge through a common debate on planning,
- ▶ developing economic activities and the cultural heritage,
- ▶ supporting socio-economic agents in their theme-based cooperation processes,
- ▶ limiting the adverse effects of the lifting of borders.

The most important measures involve :

- ▶ restoring the economic potential of the areas most affected by the probable cessation of activities connected with customs functions,
- ▶ implementing local development programmes,
- ▶ developing agricultural and agri-tourism activities,
- ▶ increasing the exchange of knowledge among economic agents,
- ▶ strengthening cooperation with respect to regional planning studies,
- ▶ reinforcing communications networks based on new technologies.

One of the important characteristics of this programme is the establishment of a joint Franco-Italian cooperation framework (consisting of representatives of the decentralised State, local authorities and central government). Its main task is to select projects for Community financing and, additionally, to monitor and evaluate the programme as a whole. Technical assistance is also provided for.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b, art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.007
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)647

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of planning	18.9	7.9
Development of economic activities and the cultural heritage	23.0	9.3
Support for socio-economic agents	5.1	2.0
Limiting the adverse effects of the lifting of borders	13.2	5.4
Technical assistance	1.6	0.8
Total	61.8	25.4

The Commission is contributing 41 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	79.9 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	12.4 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	7.7 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/61

INTERREG; Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE (Corsica) - ITALY (Sardinia)

The Commission has adopted a programme providing for total Community assistance of 21.6 MECUs for the implementation of the INTERREG Community Initiative in Corsica and Sardinia (France and Italy). This assistance breaks down as follows: 19 MECUs from the ERDF, 1 MECUs from the ESF and 1.6 MECUs from the EAGGF.

The programme comprises five major thrusts targeted at the department of Corse du Sud and the province of Sassari:

- ▶ improvement of links between Corsica and Sardinia: this mainly involves port equipment intended to increase maritime transport capacity (for people and goods) between the department of Corse du Sud and the province of Sassari;
- ▶ exploitation of the common maritime area: this involves the identification and exploitation of tourist circuits in the Corsican and Sardinian maritime area and schemes to protect the archipelago of La Maddalena and the Lavezzi islands;
- ▶ promotion of trade between the two islands: the aim is to make a set of services available to businesses and to offer training in sport and tourism occupations; a survey will also be carried out on the economic consequences of intensifying exchanges between the two areas;
- ▶ diversified scientific cooperation network: this involves research programmes carried out jointly by the universities of Corsica and Sassari, along with exchanges between agricultural research institutes;
- ▶ development of cross-border exchanges: this involves a set of measures to increase mutual understanding; the measure provides for joint studies and promotion schemes, the gradual compilation of a Corsica-Sardinia database and the organisation of a Corsica-Sardinia centre for exchanges.

These measures build on and complement those already decided within the framework of the IMPs and the Community Support Frameworks.

This programme was drawn up jointly by Corsica and Sardinia; it takes account of the geographical isolation of these two regions, which is the main obstacle to the emergence of an integrated economic area.

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE (Corsica) - ITALY (Sardinia)

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.030
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 948

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Opening up	26.6024	13.3012
Exploitation of the maritime area	5.2500	2.5250
Promotion of trade	4.5016	2.2508
Scientific cooperation	3.6209	1.8104
Development of cross-border exchanges	3 0000	1 5000
Implementation, technical assistance, programme follow-up	0.5000	0.2500
Total	43.4749	21.6374

The Commission is contributing 49.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	88.0 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	7.6 %
European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) :	4.4 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/63

REGEN, Community Initiative for the Energy Sector

ITALY - GREECE

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme under the REGEN Community Initiative, involving Community assistance of 35 MECUs (31 MECUs for Italy and 4 MECUs for Greece) for the period up to 31 December 1993.

The programme is designed to set up a 400 kw link between the Italian and Greek electricity networks, joining Aracthos (Greece) to Galatina (Italy). It involves:

- ▶ building two AC-DC transformer stations,
- ▶ installing a 160 km 300 kw submarine cable to carry 600 MW between Porto Badisco (Italy) and Aetos (Greece),
- ▶ setting up two overland DC lines to connect the stations mentioned in a) to the submarine cable mentioned in b).

The programme is of particular significance insofar as it will bring an end to the isolation of the Greek electricity network and contribute to completing the internal energy market. It will also improve the electricity supply situation in Southern Italy and in Greece.

The programme was developed in accordance with the principle of partnership between the EC Commission and the Italian and Greek central authorities.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - GREECE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.00.10.001
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1009

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Greece	19.138	4.000
Italy	149.045	31.000
Total	168.183	35.000

The Commission is contributing 20.81 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/84

STRIDE - Community Initiative for Research and Technology Transfer

ITALY

The Commission has granted 5.3 MECUs (approximately 8 billion lire) in Community support for the implementation of a programme under the STRIDE Community Initiative. Its purpose is to reinforce regional capabilities in research, technology and innovation in the declining industrial areas (Objective 2 areas) of Italy.

The programme covers eligible areas in several Italian regions where Community assistance is concentrated (Veneto, Tuscany, Le Marche, Lazio and Umbria).

The programme comprises three main thrusts:

- ▶ the setting-up of agencies for the transfer of technology and innovation to SMEs,
- ▶ awareness-raising among potential users,
- ▶ training activities targeted at operators in the technology transfer agencies and other businesses (SMEs).

Technical assistance activities are also planned. These will involve follow-up, monitoring and assessment of the programme and, additionally, maintaining an on-going flow of information and exchanges of experience between operators in the various regions.

The regions involved will be responsible for the management of the programme. It is to run until 31 December 1993 and will be supported by the ERDF and the ESF.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.05.10.001
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1463

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Setting-up of agencies	8.6	4.3
Training and traineeships	2.3	1.0
Total	10.9	5.3

The Commission is contributing 48.62 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	81 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	19 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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 Giunta Regionale di Marche
 Giunta Regionale di Lazio
 Giunta Regionale dell'Umbria



Fact Sheet N° 92/95

"Consorzio 21" Global Grant

ITALY - Sardinia

The Commission has approved financial assistance totalling 7.6 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for a Global Grant of 12 MECUs. This is managed by the intermediary body "Consorzio 21" and is intended to provide support for SMEs in the Sardinia region.

The Global Grant concerns priority area 3.2 (industry, crafts and services) of the Objective 1 Community Support Framework for Italy. It covers the 1992-1993 period and reflects the CSF guidelines regarding support for services and enterprises in the Sardinia region.

Private sector participation will be 4.4 MECUs. The Sardinia region itself will not contribute financially to the grant.

The grant covers four measures:

- ▶ a survey of supply and demand for local business services;
- ▶ the implementation of a programme for the development of economic activities;
- ▶ the establishment and development of consultancies;
- ▶ the establishment and development of shared services.

The intermediary body will be responsible for finalising and managing the programme, as well as disseminating information and raising awareness among potential beneficiaries.

The Global Grant was developed on a partnership basis by the EC Commission, the Sardinia Region, the intermediary organisation and the relevant central State authority, the Italian Ministry of the Mezzogiorno.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Sardinia

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.26.001
 Date of decision : 15.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1267

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development and structural adjustment	12.046	7.600
Total	12.046	7.600

The Commission is contributing 63 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/110

Operational Programme

ITALY - Umbria

The Commission has approved Community support of 14.8 MECUs (11.2 from the ERDF and 3.6 from the ESF), for a multifund Operational Programme due to run until the end of 1993. Its purpose is to favour the conversion of declining industrial areas in the Umbria region (encompassing the Province of Terni and the Municipality of Spoleto, with a population of 265,000).

The programme reflects the priorities set out in the Objective 2 1992-1993 Community Support Framework and continues and expands measures financed over the 1989/1991 period. The measures will also be integrated with activities planned under the Resider and Stride programmes.

The programme involves, in particular:

- ▶ support for investment by industrial and crafts SMEs;
- ▶ the establishment of support frameworks for multimedia activities (Video Centro and Bibliomediateca) and the redevelopment of priority business areas;
- ▶ a series of major environmental measures (rehabilitation of sites, SME investments for environmental protection, infrastructure for treating industrial waste);
- ▶ the installation of suitable tourist infrastructure for the development of tourist potential;
- ▶ vocational training related to the above activities and involving SMEs, tourist development and the introduction of new technology into enterprises.

The programme will be managed by the Ministry of Industry as regards the system of support for industrial SMEs and the Umbria Region for all other activities.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Umbria

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.005
 Date of decision : 25.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2835/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of SMEs	42.9	4.6
Support frameworks for economic activities	11.4	4.3
Environment	10.4	2.4
Tourism	4.5	1.7
Innovation, training	3.4	1.6
Technical assistance	0.5	0.2
Total	73.1	14.8

The Commission is contributing 20.2 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	76 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	24 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/111

Operational Programme

ITALY - Valle d'Aosta

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the development of the Valle d'Aosta region. The programme provides for the continuation of activities previously financed during the 1989-1991 period; these will be combined with measures planned under the INTERREG programme for the development of border areas approved last April.

The new programme envisages an overall investment of 16 MECUs (about ITL 27 billion). The European Regional Development Fund will contribute 2.4 MECUs and the European Social Fund 2.3 MECUs to the programme. The national contribution will involve regional funds and the resources of the "Revolving Fund" established by the Ministry of the Treasury to co-finance Community programmes.

The projects in the programme include:

- ▶ the completion of the infrastructure at the former ILSA-VIOLA industrial site at Pont St. Martin and the implementation of feasibility studies for the rehabilitation of the Delta Cogne site and Forte di Bard;
- ▶ the establishment of an SME Development Centre at Aosta in the form of a business incubator;
- ▶ a series of activities related to the region's cultural heritage in order to exploit its tourist potential;
- ▶ vocational training for the unemployed, re-skilling of SME workers and technical and management information for executives and entrepreneurs, as a complement to regional development measures.

The programme will be managed by the Valle d'Aosta Region. Activities will be implemented before the end of 1995.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Valle d'Aosta

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.006
 Date of decision : 25.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2835/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Environment	8.0	2.8
SME development	5.2	1.6
Tourism	1.3	0.3
Total	14.5	4.7

The Commission is contributing 32.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	51 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	49 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/112

Operational Programme

ITALY - Veneto

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for the development of the province of Rovigo over the 1992-1993 period. The programme continues measures launched in 1989 within the framework of Objective 2 (declining industrial areas).

The new programme provides for an overall investment of 46 MECUs (about ITL 77 billion). The European Regional Development Fund is to contribute 7.6 MECUs and the European Social Fund 1.6 MECUs to the programme. The national financing will come from regional funds and the resources of the "Revolving Fund" established by the Ministry of the Treasury to co-finance Community programmes.

Measures covered under the programme include:

- ▶ support for investment by industrial SMEs;
- ▶ the development of business estates at Basso Polesine and Rovigo;
- ▶ the installation of infrastructures for river transport;
- ▶ the redevelopment of the former SIIZ sugar refinery at Rovigo as a university building and service centre.

Regional development schemes will be complemented by training activities for young people, re-skilling courses for workers in industrial and crafts SMEs involved in the restructuring process and technical and management information for executives and entrepreneurs.

The Operational Programme will be managed by the Ministry of Industry as regards the SME support system and by the Veneto Region as regards the other measures. The measures will be implemented before the end of 1995.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Veneto

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.009
 Date of decision : 25.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2835/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
SME development	27.9	2.19
Support frameworks for economic activities	9.5	3.44
Environment	7.1	2.84
Innovation and training	1.5	0.70
Technical assistance	0.1	0.04
Total	46.1	9.21

The Commission is contributing 20 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	83 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	17 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/114

Operational Programme

ITALY - Tuscany

The Commission has approved a programme for the conversion of areas eligible under Objective 2 in the Tuscany region.

The areas involved in the programme are the Province of Massa-Carrara, Prato and its vicinity and a part of the Province of Livorno, with a total population of 688,000 (19% of the population of the entire region).

The programme covers the 1992-93 period and will receive assistance from the Community totalling 34.9 MECUs (23.6 from the ERDF and 11.3 from the ESF). It is focused on five priorities: the development of SMEs, support facilities for economic activities, the exploitation of tourist potential, the environment, technological innovation and research and training.

The measures envisaged under the ERDF sub-programme include:

- ▶ a diversified range of support for investment by SMEs in industry, crafts and tourism through sizeable short and medium term investments (180 MECUs);
- ▶ the strengthening of activities already undertaken in the first phase so as to develop combined goods transport (to Prato and Marina di Carrara) and set up business parks;
- ▶ the development of tourist potential (services, support for investment, promotion and the implementation of specific tourist facilities).
- ▶ environmental measures such as the redevelopment of abandoned sites for both public use and the location of industrial activities, and the last link in an industrial waste water purification system.

The ESF sub-programme complements these various schemes through the organisation of specific training directly related to the impact of technological development on the area's productive fabric.

The authorities responsible for the implementation of the measures envisaged in the Operational Programme are the Tuscany Region, the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Labour.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Tuscany

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.003
 Date of decision : 09.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2955/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of SMEs	147.7	13.8
Support facilities for economic activities	22.6	7.2
Tourism	56.5	5.8
Environment and redevelopment of sites	14.9	4.6
Vocational training	5.7	2.6
Technical assistance	1.9	0.9
Total	249.3	34.9

The Commission is contributing 14% to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	67.6 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	32.4 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/115

Operational Programme

ITALY - Lombardy

The Commission has approved a programme for the conversion of areas eligible under Objective 2 in the Lombardy region.

The areas involved in the programme are four "mountain communities" in the Province of Sondrio: Valchiavenna, Valtellina di Morbegno, Valtellina di Sondrio and Valtellina di Tirano. The population is 154,000 (87% of the provincial total and 1.7% of the population of the region).

The programme covers the 1992-93 period and will receive a total grant from the Community of 6.7 MECUs (5.3 million from the ERDF and 1.4 million from the ESF)⁽¹⁾. There are 4 priorities: support facilities for economic activities, developing the SME structure, the environment and technological innovation.

The programme continues measures already initiated during the first phase of intervention (1989-91), but concentrated on fewer activities (developing business parks, redeveloping abandoned sites, storage and industrial waste processing infrastructure, support for investment and services for SMEs).

An additional measure envisaged is a support system for investments in crafts, in response to a request from the leading trade organisations in this relatively small employment area.

These measures will be backed by training and vocational retraining activities relating to each priority.

The Region and local authorities will be the main organisations responsible for managing the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Lombardy

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.007
 Date of decision : 09.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2955/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Support facilities for economic activities	2.93	0.81
SME development	30.24	2.62
Environment and redevelopment of abandoned sites	6.79	2.49
Vocational training	1.67	0.75
Technical assistance	0.06	0.03
Total	41.69	6.70

The Commission is contributing 16.07 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	78.8 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	21.2 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/116

Operational Programme

ITALY - Liguria

The Commission has approved a programme to support conversion in areas of the Liguria Region eligible under Objective 2 (part of the province of Genoa, with a population of some 700,000).

The programme covers the 1992-93 period and will receive a total grant from the Community of 31.4 MECUs (21.1 from the ERDF and 10.3 from the ESF)⁽¹⁾. There are 5 priorities: the environment, developing SMEs, support facilities for economic activities, technological innovation and the exploitation of the tourist potential.

In particular, the activities envisaged under the ERDF sub-programme include:

- ▶ measures to encourage investment by SMEs; the sum involved is considerable, considering the programme's short timescale (about 137 MECUs);
- ▶ a series of measures to improve the environment; these range from the rehabilitation of disused sites to important infrastructure developments in the city of Genoa and the surrounding area;
- ▶ a second phase in the development of a sea technology centre designed to exploit the area's advantages and position it for an important regional role in this field.

The ESF sub-programme concentrates on training linked to technological innovation and the development of SMEs. However, training activities are also planned to support ERDF schemes in the environmental and tourism fields. In this respect it is worth recalling that the programme provides for the completion of a site of major tourist interest (Forte Begato) in the hills surrounding the city of Genoa.

The Ministries of Industry and Labour and the Liguria Region will be responsible for the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Liguria

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.008
 Date of decision : 09.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2955/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Environment and redevelopment of sites	24.70	8.19
Development of SMEs	129.55	9.28
Support facilities for economic activities	6.64	2.39
Technological innovation	17.18	7.59
Tourism	8.33	3.44
Technical assistance	1.05	0.50
Total	187.45	31.39

The Commission is contributing 16.75 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	67.20 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	32.80 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/118

Global Grant to the FIME⁽¹⁾ Organisation

ITALY

The Commission has approved assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) totalling 6.5 MECUs for a Global Grant intended to promote the start-up and development of small and medium-sized enterprises located in Italian Objective 1 areas, essentially via capital holdings.

The Global Grant involves the "Industry, crafts and services" priority in the Italian Objective 1 Community Support Framework. Its purpose is to provide support for small and medium-sized enterprises in the South to implement 2 categories of investment projects:

- ▶ start-up assistance in the form of minority holdings in the investment of new or recently established undertakings (max. 3 years);
- ▶ technological innovation in the form of minority holdings in the investment for the introduction of new processes or products.

The intermediary organisation is responsible for developing and running the measures. It will also handle information and publicising activities aimed at potential beneficiaries. It will make a 50% contribution to the financial operations involved in the acquisition of holdings, using its own resources.

The measures envisaged reflect the guidelines contained in the Community Support Framework with respect to the development of financial engineering techniques.

The Global Grant was developed jointly in accordance with the partnership principle, by the Commission of the European Communities, the intermediary organisation and the relevant central authorities of the Italian State (Ministry for the Mezzogiorno).

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.26.003
 Date of decision : 09.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2927

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industry, crafts and services	13.0	6.5
Total	13.0	6.5

The Commission is contributing 50 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/119

Operational Programme

ITALY - Lazio

The Commission has approved a multifund Operational Programme for the industrial conversion of part of the Province of Frosinone (Lazio). The programme covers the 1992-1993 period and continues the measures financed between 1989 and 1991.

The new programme will receive Community support totalling 10.3 MECUs⁽¹⁾ (7.1 MECUs from the European Regional development Fund and 3.2 MECUs from the European Social Fund). National public co-financing will come from funds held by the region and local bodies, supplemented by the "Revolving Fund" set up by the Ministry of the Treasury to co-finance Community programmes.

The programme's strategy focuses on reinforcing SMEs in the area using a combination of instruments:

- ▶ monitoring and technical assistance schemes to promote innovation in a number of sectors;
- ▶ Specific services (quality control, electronic data transmission, anti-pollution measures, automation);
- ▶ a pilot project to recycle industrial waste;
- ▶ information workshops and a business incubator to encourage new industries into the area;
- ▶ a campaign to promote local industrial products.

Regional development activities will be supplemented by training schemes for SME workers, managers, entrepreneurs and agents involved in providing and using business services.

The authority responsible for managing the programme is the Lazio Region. The measures must be implemented before the end of 1995.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Lazio

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.001
 Date of decision : 18.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 3183/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development and reinforcement of SMEs	9.74	3.36
Support structures for economic activities	14.72	5.54
Environment and redevelopment of sites	3.00	1.05
Technical assistance	0.80	0.38
Total	27.97	10.33

The Commission is contributing 36.93 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	68.5 %
Fonds Social Européen (FSE) :	31.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/120

Operational Programme

ITALY - Piedmont

The Commission has approved a programme designed to support the conversion of declining industrial areas in the Piedmont region (Turin Province - excluding the provincial capital - and the Verbano-Cusio-Ossola area, with a population of about 1,385,000).

The programme covers the 1992-1993 period and will receive total Community assistance of 62.7 MECUs (41.5 from the European Regional Development Fund and 21.2 from the European Social Fund), shared out among 5 priorities: technological innovation, exploitation of the tourist potential, the development of SMEs, the environment and support structures for economic activities (mainly business parks and shared services).

It is worth mentioning some of the development thrusts made to revitalise the conversion of the areas concerned:

- ▶ pursuit of a major effort undertaken to install science parks designed for use by existing SMEs and which can accommodate a concentration of skills (advanced training, research and general production),
- ▶ a well integrated package of measures designed to play a significant part in exploiting the tourist potential of the Verbano-Cusio-Ossola employment area and the hills and mountains near Turin (infrastructure, investment support, training, promotion).
- ▶ measures designed to encourage investment by SMEs. These provide for the investment of considerable sums (about 252 MECUs) to be rapidly effected.

The authorities responsible for the programme are: the Piedmont Region and the Ministries of Industry and Labour.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - Piedmont

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.05.09.002
 Date of decision : 18.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 3183/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Technological innovation	56.1	22.5
Tourism	37.6	4.4
Development of SMEs	218.2	18.3
Environment	32.6	9.6
Support structures for economic activities	21.7	7.4
Technical assistance	1.1	0.5
Total	367.3	62.7

The Commission is contributing 17.07 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	66.2 %
Fonds Social Européen (FSE) :	33.8 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/121

Operational Programme

ITALY - The Marche

The Commission has approved a multifund Operational Programme for the industrial conversion of internal areas of the province of Pesaro-Urbino. The programme, which covers the 1992-1993 period, continues activities funded during the 1989-1991 period.

The total planned expenditure under the programme is about 140 billion lire, of which the Community will provide 8.5 million ecus⁽¹⁾ (7.5 million ecus from the European Regional Development Fund and 1 million ecus from the European Social Fund). National co-financing will be provided from both private funds and the resources of the Revolving Fund and regional and local authorities.

The programme provides for a series of measures to exploit the potential of the area concerned. These involve:

- ▶ investments in industrial and craft SMEs;
- ▶ the development of business services;
- ▶ tourist development based on the local cultural heritage;
- ▶ activities to cut back industrial pollution;
- ▶ the establishment of parks for craft SMEs.

Regional development activities will be complemented by vocational training for SME employees, managers and entrepreneurs and those involved in tourism and the environment. Some of the training activities are designed for the unemployed and will be complemented by recruitment subsidies.

The Ministry of Industry is responsible for managing the support system for SMEs. The Region of the Marche will be in charge of the other measures planned under the programme. The measures must be implemented before the end of 1995.

Technical and Financial Information

ITALY - The Marches

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.0.09.004
 Date of decision : 18.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 3183/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development and strengthening of crafts SMEs	61.80	4.30
Tourism	15.71	2.68
Environment and redevelopment of sites	1.92	0.60
Support structures for economic activities	3.19	0.80
Technical assistance	0.29	0.14
Total	82.91	8.52

The Commission is contributing 10.28 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	88 %
Fonds Social Européen (FSE) :	12 %

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GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG



Fact Sheet N° 92/83

STRIDE - Community Initiative for Research and Technology Transfer

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, Esch and Capellen Cantons

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme to implement the 1991-1993 STRIDE Community Initiative for declining industrial areas in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) assistance of 2 MECUs (LFR 86.4 million) will be provided to encourage innovation in the Esch-sur-Alzette and Capellen cantons and promote diversification of the local economy.

The STRIDE Operational Programme supplements measures undertaken by the authorities of Luxembourg to promote the technological development of SMEs by encouraging them to make use of technology transfer.

The Luxembourg STRIDE programme involves three measures co-financed by the ERDF:

- ▶ an agency for technology transfer and innovation to promote regional development;
- ▶ awareness-raising activities:
 - research and development of new materials for the analysis and treatment of material surfaces;
 - in the field of computer assisted production, introduction to Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM);
- ▶ scientific and technological support activities (also covering the two fields mentioned above).

This Community assistance for R&D in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg complements other Community programmes such as COMETT, EUROTECNET II, SPRINT and BRITE/EURAM.

Technical and Financial Information

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG, Cantons of Esch and Capellen

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.06.10.001
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1300

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Technology agency	1.033	0.516
Awareness-raising	0.486	0.243
ST assistance	3.331	1.288
Total	4.850	2.047

The Commission is contributing 42.21 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/97

INTERREG - Community Initiative for cross-border cooperation

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBOURG

The Commission has approved financial assistance of 18.9 MECUs from the ERDF and 0.5 MECUs from the ESF for cross-border cooperation in the European Development Pole area (EDP). This assistance is provided within the framework of the Operational Programme adopted under the 1991-1993 INTERREG Community Initiative for the border between France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The main objective of the EDP is to create 8,000 jobs in the space of 10 years (5,500 in France, 1,500 in Belgium and 1,000 in Luxembourg). In terms of development, considering the assets to be exploited and the joint means employed to benefit from them, the multiplier effects achieved have led to far better all-round results than would have been possible by following 3 separate national policies.

In that context, the strategy adopted for the second phase of the European Development Pole is centred on the following objectives and measures within the framework of the INTERREG programme:

- ▶ Pursuit of efforts to create jobs. The International Business Park and its integrated networks will be completed. In concrete terms of actual measures, this will involve (to a greater extent than in the first phase) designing it to suit the specific situations encountered in the cross-border employment area (in particular Longwy) and offering a broad range of facilities tailored to the investment needs of budding or expanding businesses (e.g. investment in business property).
- ▶ Integrated steering of the measures undertaken by formalising the coordination carried out thus far by the International Technical Team (which will develop into a legally constituted body).
- ▶ Environmental rehabilitation and improvement of the attractiveness of the cross-border urban conurbation through a combined approach.
- ▶ Support for the activities of the European College of Technology (monitoring, initial and continuing training and retraining, research, innovation and economic and social redeployment of the EDP).

Technical and Financial Information

FRANCE - BELGIUM - LUXEMBOURG

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2, 5b and art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.026
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92)1707

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
European Technology Centre (ETC)	2.416	1.208
Cross-border cooperation	0.649	0.324
Business development	12.194	6.097
Regional planning	17.210	6.823
Environment	18.393	4.915
Total	50.865	19.369

The Commission is contributing 38.03 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	97.44 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	2.56 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/105

Operational Programme

LUXEMBOURG

The Commission has approved financial assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) of 10.4 MECUs (LFR 437.4 million) and 0.4 MECUs (LFR 18.1 million) respectively for an Operational Programme intended to bolster the economic development of industrial areas in the Cantons of Esch-sur-Alzette and Capellen.

The economic conversion strategy stems from the public authorities' concern to ensure the long-term development of the area's economic and social framework. The priorities in the Operational Programme are as follows:

- ▶ productive investment to create or maintain stable employment;
- ▶ investment in infrastructure for the rehabilitation of declining industrial sites or areas which need to be redeveloped for the creation or development of new economic activities;
- ▶ investment in infrastructure for environmental protection and regional development;
- ▶ activities intended to favour job stability or develop new employment possibilities for SME workers.

This integrated Operational Programme reflects the priorities defined in the CSF for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and covers the 1992-1993 period. The partnership between the Grand Duchy and the Commission will also be observed for the monitoring of the Operational Programme.

Technical and Financial Information

LUXEMBOURG

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.06.09.002
 Date of decision : 24.09.1992
 - Number of decision : C(92) 2148

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive investment	42.764	4.394
Infrastructure	2.006	1.003
Environment	14.237	4.983
Training	0.957	0.430
Total	59.964	10.810

The Commission is contributing 18 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	96 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	4 %

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THE NETHERLANDS



Fact Sheet N° 92/73

Operational Programme

NETHERLANDS - Zuid-Limburg

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 98.4 MECUs under the Objective 2 programmes for **Zuid-Limburg**, Twente and Groningen/Zuidoost-Drenthe in the Netherlands.

The programmes will be implemented within the Community support frameworks in the period 1992/1993. Estimation of the total cost is 263 MECUs. The Community support frameworks were adopted by the Commission at the end of 1991.

The general aim is to help the regions involved to strengthen the local economic base by ensuring that firms, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, have at their disposal a range of financial and other services to enable them to prepare for the challenge of the Single Market.

The Objective 2 programmes focus on four fields of action :

- ▶ industrial expansion, diversification and renewal;
- ▶ expansion of applied scientific research;
- ▶ promotion and improvement of tourist potential;
- ▶ redevelopment of industrial areas and improvement of the socio-economic structure.

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example :

- ▶ innovation and technology transfer, like telematics and new material research, promotion of quality improvement, creation of vocational training infrastructure projects.
- ▶ upgrading of industrial and service estates.
- ▶ promotion of subcontracting and quality improvement concerning environmental products and processes, pilot-projects for collection of industrial waste and environmental services for companies in the regions.
- ▶ promotion and coordination of tourism activities.
- ▶ cross-border development, including external promotion of the regions and improvement of the knowledge of European markets as well as the modernisation of transport and distribution facilities.

Technical and Financial Information

NETHERLANDS - Zuid-Limburg

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.07.09.002
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 996/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of industry and services	39.70	17.54
Tourism	8.05	3.73
Environment	8.04	4.02
Cross-border cooperation	4.34	2.17
Technical assistance	1.74	0.74
Total	61.87	28.20

The Commission is contributing 45.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	8.4 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	18.6 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/74

Operational Programme

NETHERLANDS - Twente

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 98.4 MECUs under the Objective 2 programmes for Zuid-Limburg, Twente and Groningen/Zuidoost-Drenthe in the Netherlands.

The programmes will be implemented within the Community support frameworks in the period 1992/1993. Estimation of the total cost is 263 MECUs. The Community support frameworks were adopted by the Commission at the end of 1991.

The general aim is to help the regions involved to strengthen the local economic base by ensuring that firms, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, have at their disposal a range of financial and other services to enable them to prepare for the challenge of the Single Market.

The Objective 2 programmes focus on four fields of action :

- ▶ industrial expansion, diversification and renewal;
- ▶ expansion of applied scientific research;
- ▶ promotion and improvement of tourist potential;
- ▶ redevelopment of industrial areas and improvement of the socio-economic structure.

Measures under these development priorities comprise for example :

- ▶ innovation and technology transfer, like telematics and new materials research, promotion of quality improvement, creation of vocational training infrastructure projects.
- ▶ upgrading of industrial and service estates.
- ▶ promotion of subcontracting and quality improvement concerning environmental products and processes, pilot-projects for collection of industrial waste and environmental services for companies in the regions.
- ▶ promotion and coordination of tourism activities.
- ▶ cross-border development, including external promotion of the regions and improvement of the knowledge of European markets as well as the modernisation of transport and distribution facilities.

Technical and Financial Information

NETHERLANDS - Twente

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.07.09.003
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 996/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Expansion of the industrial and service sectors	31.500	14.500
Expansion of applied scientific research	22.600	11.300
Cross-border cooperation	3.200	1.500
Technical assistance	1.800	0.900
Total	59.100	28.200

The Commission is contributing 47.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	80.2 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	19.8 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/75

Operational Programme

NETHERLANDS - Groningen

The Commission has decided to award aid totalling 98.4 MECUs under the Objective 2 programmes for Zuid-Limburg, Twente and Groningen/Zuidoost-Drenthe in the Netherlands.

The programmes will be implemented within the Community support frameworks in the period 1992/1993. Estimation of the total cost is 263 MECUs. The Community support frameworks were adopted by the Commission at the end of 1991.

The general aim is to help the regions involved to strengthen the local economic base by ensuring that firms, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, have at their disposal a range of financial and other services to enable them to prepare for the challenge of the Single Market.

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- ▶ upgrading of industrial and service estates.
- ▶ promotion of subcontracting and quality improvement concerning environmental products and processes, pilot-projects for collection of industrial waste and environmental services for companies in the regions.
- ▶ promotion and coordination of tourism activities.
- ▶ cross-border development, including external promotion of the regions and improvement of the knowledge of European markets as well as the modernisation of transport and distribution facilities.

Technical and Financial Information

NETHERLANDS - Groningen

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.07.09.004
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 996/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Development of industry and services for SMIs	69.632	20.896
Tourism	18.948	5.786
Regeneration of industrial sites	30.375	9.900
Cross-border cooperation	21.780	4.949
Project management	0.997	0.469
Total	141.372	41.999

The Commission is contributing 29.6 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	60 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	40 %

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PORTUGAL



Fact Sheet N° 92/05

PRISMA; Community Initiative for the adaptation of SMEs to the Single Market

PORTUGAL

The Commission adopted an Operational Programme for quality assurance in Portugal under the Commission's PRISMA initiative. The PRISMA programme for Portugal is worth a total of 33 MECUs (1992-93), of which the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) will be providing some 17 MECUs.

The Community Initiative PRISMA offers support for quality assurance standards in Objective 1 areas of the Community. In particular, it will assist companies in those areas to meet international quality standards in the new competitive conditions that 1993 will bring.

Three specific aspects of the internal market are reflected in the range of support measures available through PRISMA : the application of a common Community policy for product certification and standardization; greater access to public procurement markets for SMEs; and the competitive implications for Community companies of the suppression of measures within the meaning of Article 115 of the EC Treaty.

The Programme will support the creation or reinforcement of calibration and metrology services in Portugal, thus enabling both companies and testing laboratories to comply more easily with Community technical and quality standards. In addition, technical assistance is to be offered to measures which assist SMEs in the introduction of better management, production and distribution methods.

The PRISMA initiative in Portugal consists of four broad groups of measures.

The first group, costing some 15 MECUs (ERDF 7.3 MECUs), is a series of operations designed to support certification and metrology services, predominantly via the national system for quality management, which will be reinforced. Other measures include the promotion of calibration systems for all types of measuring equipment, and the promotion of quality assurance methods in private companies.

The second group of activities is aimed at enhancing the competitive potential of companies. This will be achieved by operations to rationalize company production processes, to promote improvements in their organisational and management structure and by support to market research and the reinforcement of distribution networks. The total cost of these measures (1992-93) is 15 MECUs, which will benefit from ERDF support of 7.3 MECUs.

A third, smaller group of measures concerns the promotion of access to public procurement markets, especially for SMEs, via assistance for the preparation of tenders, translation, and support for cooperation between enterprises (2.4 MECUs, supported by 1.8 MECUs ERDF).

The final group of measures (0.6 MECUs, ERDF 0.4 MECUs) covers the management, control and evaluation of the programme. PRISMA is in fact complementary to a range of related but discrete measures already supported by the Community in this area, under the major PEDIP programme for industrial development in Portugal.

Technical and Financial Information

PORTUGAL

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.12.10.003
 Date of decision : 30.01.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 128

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Support to certification and metrology	15.087	7.393
Improvement of competitive capacity towards third countries	15.092	7.395
Promotion of access to public markets	2.423	1.817
Management, monitoring and evaluation	0.625	0.469
Total	33.227	17.074

The Commission is contributing 51 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/47

REGEN; Community Initiative for assistance with energy infrastructure in lagging regions

PORTUGAL

The Commission approved an ERDF participation of 104.7 MECUs, decided in the framework of the Community Initiative "REGEN", for an operational programme proposed by the Portuguese authorities intended to support the establishing of a natural gas network in Portugal

This programme consists essentially of two different but closely interrelated projects: the construction of a terminal in Setubal to allow the import of liquid natural gas, and the construction of a gas pipeline between the Portuguese cities of Setubal and Braga. Regional distribution networks will be built along the main pipeline, allowing the distribution of gas to small and medium-sized companies and private consumers. These networks will also benefit from Community financial support under the PROTEDE programme, approved in December 1990. It is also foreseen that some major industrial concerns will be connected directly to the main pipeline and that the gas will also be used in electricity generating power stations that will be built in the near future.

This project aims at introducing natural gas into Portugal as an alternative source of energy, thus reducing the very high degree of dependence on oil which now characterises the country. Because of that, in general economic terms, its importance can hardly be overstated. The programme is also relevant from a regional development perspective, since it allows Portuguese industry and consumers to have access to a less expensive energy source.

At the same time, this programme will have a relevant positive impact as regards the protection of the environment, given the comparative advantages of natural gas over other sources of energy such as coal and oil from the point of view of clean technology.

The project will also contribute to the development of the European Common Market in energy, and, in a later phase, a connection of the main pipeline to the European pipeline, through Spain, is foreseen.

An important feature of the project has been the decision of the Portuguese Government to launch an international call for tenders to choose a consortium to which to entrust the construction of both the pipeline and the terminal and which will have the concession of its exploitation for 35 years.

The ERDF contribution will cover the period 1990/1993. Total investment costs for this period are expected to be 279 MECUs. The participation in the financing of the programme of the EIB and of the ECSC is also foreseen.

Technical and Financial Information

PORTUGAL

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 90.12.10.002
 Date of decision : 13.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 762

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Terminal construction	94.260	32.991
Gazoduc and storage	204.750	71.662
Total	299.010	104.653

The Commission is contributing 37.5 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/123

Operational Programme

PORTUGAL - Madeira and the Azores

On account of the major social significance of craft activities in the regions of Madeira and the Azores (Portugal), the Commission adopted on 18 December 1992 an Operational Programme for craft industries within the framework of the POSEIMA Community Initiative.

The Operational Programme is due to run during the 1992/1994 period and will benefit from Community assistance totalling 6 MECUs, complemented by a national contribution of 2 MECUs.

The Operational Programme schemes to support craft industries have been designed to dovetail with the measures provided for under the Community Support Framework. They are concentrated on three main thrusts:

- ▶ vocational training of the working population in the field of craft industries,
- ▶ access to and use of more up-to-date technology in workshops;
- ▶ access to the various European markets for craft goods through effective promotion and marketing.

Technical and Financial Information

PORTUGAL - Madeira and the Azores

► Technical Information :

Objective : Not within the CSF
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.12.10.001
 Date of decision : 18.12.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 3283

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Vocational training	3.065	2.300
Access to and use of new technology	4.000	3.000
Access to new markets	0.934	0.700
Total	7.999	6.000

The Commission is contributing 75 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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UNITED KINGDOM



Fact Sheet N° 92/06

*STRIDE; Community Initiative
for research and technology transfer*

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

The Commission has approved an Operational Programme for research and technology development in Northern Ireland under the Community Initiative STRIDE for an amount of 14 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund. The main aim of the programme is to strengthen the research, technological and innovatory capacity of Northern Ireland and it is directed towards four key areas:

Research facilities

The aim of this measure is to support the creation or development of a capability in a small number of fields of research, including pre-competitive research, identified as being capable of enhancing the economic potential of Northern Ireland. In addition, research which is directly related to the natural resources potential and environmental conditions of Northern Ireland will be supported, as well as the creation or development of a small number of research centres. 4 MECUs are being made available for the ERDF for this measure.

Participation in EC and other International Research programmes

This measure aims to promote in Northern Ireland participation in, and greater interconnection with, Community and other international research programmes and networks. It will achieve this by contributing to increased flows of information to the research community about Community assisted and other research programmes; by helping to provide the equipment needed to access international research networks; and by facilitating joint research activity and staff exchanges. 1.4 MECUs are being made available from the ERDF for this measure.

Collaboration for the purposes of RTD

This measure aims to support and promote collaboration between research centres and firms for the purposes of RTD. In particular it will endeavour to develop co-operative links among education bodies, research bodies and industry, to increase joint research activity carried out by firms and research centres; and to increase the level of innovative activity in industry. 6.1 MECUs are being made available from the ERDF for this measure.

Technology Transfer

The aim of this measure is to improve the region's capabilities in transferring advances in technology from research project through to the production process and to improve local industry's utilisation of such technology. The measure will provide assistance for the creation and development of technology transfer and innovation services and facilities which will be run in partnership between research facilities and industry. 2.5 MECUs are being provided from the ERDF for this measure.

The balance of the ERDF funding will be used to provide technical support for the implementation and monitoring of the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 90.09.10.014
 Date of decision : 05.02.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 102/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Research facilities	5.64	3.95
Participation	1.80	1.35
Collaboration	10.20	6.12
Technology transfer	3.29	2.47
Implementation	0.15	0.11
Total	22.08	14.00

The Commission is contributing 63.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/07

PRISMA; Community Initiative for the adaptation of SMEs to the Single Market

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

The Commission adopted the Northern Ireland Operational Programme under the Commission's PRISMA initiative. The programme runs from 1991 to 1993 and EC funding of 5,7 MECUs (approx. UK£ 4 million) will be provided for the programme as a whole.

The proposals put forward by Northern Ireland were a practical response to this intention and should indeed improve the competitiveness of local industry to meet the challenge of the Single European market.

The programme contains two principal sub-programmes. The first relates to quality and aims to establish the necessary infrastructural base of testing, calibration, and consultancy to enable companies to manufacture products to recognised standards of quality in the interests of health, safety, consumer protection and the environment.

The second sub-programme relates to public procurement and aims to encourage local firms to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the changes in public procurement rules by increasing access to contract information and public purchasing requirements at European level.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.10.002
 Date of decision : 05.02.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 102/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Quality	6.917	4 670
Procurement	1 187	0 890
Technical Assistance	0.143	0 107
Total	8.247	5.667

The Commission is contributing 68.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/08

***TELEMATIQUE; Community Initiative
for the improvement of communications and telecommunications***

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

The Commission has granted 5.4 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund over the period 1991-1993 for an operational programme in Northern Ireland under the Community Initiative related to the data communication, TELEMATIQUE. The total programme investment is 8.4 MECUs.

In line with the objectives of the Community Initiative, the aims of the Northern Ireland programme are:

- ▶ to improve the local capacity for the utilisation of advanced telecommunications,
- ▶ to increase the use of advanced telecommunications and so assist the competitiveness of local industry,
- ▶ to stimulate and assist new telecommunications services (such as Group 4 fax, video-conferencing),
- ▶ to develop services in the public sector which are likely to contribute to economic development,
- ▶ to improve national and international communications and thereby develop markets outside the region.

There are four sub-programmes:

- ▶ Sub-programme 1 aims to meet companies' advanced telecommunications needs through a three-pronged approach of awareness and promotion, consultancy and implementation. This approach will involve development of sites to demonstrate the advantages of advanced communications, identification of potential applications and advice on these, and installing services identified as suitable.
- ▶ Sub-programme 2 will concentrate on providing high-speed communication and data transmission services to public administrations. Thus general management, office automation, and databases involving technical information, health care, and socio-economic information are areas likely to benefit.
- ▶ Sub-programme 3 will enable both the public and private sectors to have access to the results of other Community information technology and telecommunications programmes, and then, through transfer of some of that technology, to be linked to projects that have resulted.
- ▶ Sub-programme 4 - technical assistance - will help ensure the most effective use is made of the available funds in achieving the aims of the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Northern Ireland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 1
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.10.004
 Date of decision : 05.02.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 102/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Private sector	4.666	2.800
Public sector	2.254	1.690
Trans-European networking	1.320	0.800
Technical assistance	0.146	0.110
Total	8.386	5.400

The Commission is contributing 64 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/09

RECHAR; Community Initiative for the reconversion of coal-mining areas

UNITED KINGDOM

The Commission has announced the launch of a new £ 124 million (175 MECUs) package of support from Europe for Britain's coal-mining communities.

This package has been put together under the European Community's RECHAR initiative - a special programme of support for areas hit badly by closures in the coal-mining industry.

The RECHAR funds were released after the Commission had obtained assurances from the British government, announced on 17 February, that the UK public expenditure system had been changed to allow grants from the European Regional Development Fund to be fully additional to the coal-mining areas.

A whole range of actions will be supported by European funds through RECHAR, including:

- ▶ Regenerating areas left derelict by coal-mining, and putting in new facilities to help industry set up and expand;
- ▶ Supporting the development of small businesses;
- ▶ Improving the environment and quality of life in the mining communities;
- ▶ Helping set up and develop local and community initiatives which creates jobs;
- ▶ Providing training for new skills for all members of the mining communities.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 90.09.10.001, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
 Date of decision : 26.02.1992
 Number of decision : C(91) 404/1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)	Shares between EC Funds
Southern Staffordshire	10.6	5.0 (47 %)	ERDF 84 %, ESF : 16 %
Northern Warwickshire	6.7	3.0 (45 %)	ERDF 80 %, ESF : 20 %
Mid-Yorkshire	40.1	16.5 (41 %)	ERDF 82 %, ESF : 18 %
South Yorkshire	78.6	32.3 (41 %)	ERDF 83 %, ESF : 17 %
County Durham	26.6	12.2 (46 %)	ERDF 86 %, ESF : 14 %
Tawsen	40.1	17.2 (43 %)	ERDF : 84 %, ESF : 16 %
Lancashire	21.5	8.3 (39 %)	ERDF : 83 %, ESF : 17 %
East Midlands	78.1	30.6 (39 %)	ERDF 84 %, ESF : 16 %
Eastern Scotland	37.2	16.0 (43 %)	ERDF : 83 %, ESF : 17 %
Western Scotland	9.3	4.0 (44 %)	ERDF : 82 %, ESF : 18 %
South Wales	72.2	29.7 (41 %)	ERDF : 91 %, ESF : 9 %
Total	421.0	174.8	-

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Fact Sheet N° 92/24

STRIDE; Community Initiative for research and technology transfer

UNITED KINGDOM

The Commission has adopted a STRIDE Programme for the Objective 2 areas of the United Kingdom.

The STRIDE Programme is a Community Initiative whose aim is to promote research and development and technology transfer, particularly among small and medium sized enterprises, in the regions of the Community whose development is lagging behind and the regions seriously affected by industrial decline.

Under the STRIDE Programme for Great Britain the Community will cofinance with the British Government five different types of projects. The eligible areas for the programme are the areas of England, Scotland & Wales which are eligible for assistance under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds.

This programme to which the Community will contribute just over 16 MECUs (£ 11.3 m) will be cofinanced by the United Kingdom government. It contains five subprogrammes and will enable firms in the eligible areas to benefit either from direct help or indirectly through the expansion of existing networks of support and advice on technology transfer, research activities, product diversification and retraining.

The Programme will be managed nationally by the Department of Trade and Industry through a Programme Monitoring Committee which will include expert advisers, regional and Commission representatives. The money available under this Programme will be allocated on an equitable basis to the eligible regions.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.10.003
 Date of decision : 02.03.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 370

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Encouraging SMEs	8.88	3.70
Expansion enhancement	8.88	3.70
Promoting R&D activity	2.35	0.93
Education and Training	2.18	0.41 + 0.51 (FSE)
Doubling resource SPUR	60.18	6.94
Total	82.31	16.19

The Commission is contributing 19.6 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	99.93 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	0.03 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/43

RENAVAL; Community programme for the reconversion of shipbuilding areas

UNITED KINGDOM - Merseyside

The Commission approved the European Community's commitment to a programme of measures intended to help the economic conversion of the Development Areas of Wirral and Sefton, which have been particularly hard-hit by the decline of the shipbuilding industry.

The Commission defined this area in October 1990 as one of those which should benefit from aid from the special RENAVAL Community programmes, in favour of shipbuilding and ship-repair areas.

The programme, which covers the period up to 31 December 1993, includes a contribution of 8 MECUs (about £5.7 million) from the European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by an equal commitment from central and local government and some 1.5 MECUs (£ 1,070,000 million) expenditure by private companies.

The programme's overall objective is to bring about the conditions for sustained development in Merseyside, and thereby to create new job opportunities. This objective will be implemented through two local area strategies covering Wirral and Sefton, which will enable the aid available to be focused on the areas hardest hit by shipbuilding redundancies.

Grants under the RENAVAL programme can be awarded towards investment costs by small and medium-sized enterprises, consultancy and common services for small firms, support for technical innovation, the cost of sectoral analyses and risk appraisal, and towards public infrastructures linked to job creation. In all, the Merseyside RENAVAL programme has the targets of providing 8,370m² of new industrial floorspace, assisting 605 businesses, reclaiming 25 hectares of derelict land, and increasing tourism substantially in the programme area.

The Merseyside RENAVAL programme is the final RENAVAL programme to be approved by the Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Merseyside

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.10.001
 Date of decision : 03.04.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 531

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Infrastructure, environment	12.5932	6.0456
Aid to SMEs	5 0384	2.0152
Total	17.6316	8.0608

The Commission is contributing 45.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/55

Integrated programme for the reconversion of declining industrial regions

UNITED KINGDOM - Tawsen

The Commission approved two regional development programmes for North East England. The programmes cover the eligible areas in Durham and Cleveland and Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland (TAWSEN). They are Integrated Programmes combining resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 157 MECUs - or over £110 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 245 MECUs (£172 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The North East was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community comes on top of the 150 MECUs (£105 million) allocated to the North East for the 1989-1991 period for programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate the Community resources on job-creating investment. The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Tawsen

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.012
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 849/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites	31.05	12.42
Transport	60.13	14.15
Business development	49.30	22.68
Image & environment	24.62	12.31
Tourism	28.92	13.02
R & D, training facilities	22.80	10.26
Total	216.83	84.84

The Commission is contributing 39% to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	70 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	30 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/56

Integrated programme for the reconversion of declining industrial regions

UNITED KINGDOM - Durham and Cleveland

The Commission approved two regional development programmes for North East England. The programmes cover the eligible areas in **Durham and Cleveland** and Tyne and Wear and South East Northumberland (TAWSEN). They are Integrated Programmes combining resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 157 MECUs - or over £110 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 245 MECUs (£172 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The North East was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community comes on top of the 150 MECUs (£105 million) allocated to the North East for the 1989-1991 period for programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate Community resources on job-creating investment, the main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Durham and Cleveland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.017
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 849/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites, etc.	26.45	10.58
Transport	51.22	12.05
Business development	41.82	19.32
Image & environment	21.08	10.49
Tourism	24.64	11.08
R & D, training facilities	19.42	9.56
Total	184.63	72.26

The Commission is contributing 39 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	70 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	30 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/57

Integrated Programme for the reconversion of declining industrial regions

UNITED KINGDOM - Birmingham

The Commission approved four regional development programmes for the English West Midlands. Three of the programmes cover the eligible areas in the Black Country, Coventry and Warwickshire, and Shropshire and Staffordshire and will receive support from the European Regional Development Fund. The fourth, the Integrated Programme for **Birmingham**, combines resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 139 MECUs - or almost £97 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 231 MECUs (£161 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The West Midlands was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community represents an extension to that which was allocated to the West Midlands for the 1989-1991 period to programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate Community resources on job-creating investment. The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Birmingham

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.020
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 849/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites, etc	13.8	5.5
Transport	27.6	6.9
Business development	30.3	13.9
Image & development	9.7	4.8
Tourism	15.4	6.9
R & D, training facilities	10.7	4.8
Total	107.5	42.8

The Commission is contributing 40% to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	61 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	39 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/58

Programme for the reconversion of declining industry regions

UNITED KINGDOM - The Black Country

The Commission approved four regional development programmes for the English West Midlands. Three of the programmes cover the eligible areas in the **Black Country**, Coventry and Warwickshire, and Shropshire and Staffordshire and will receive support from the European Regional Development Fund. The fourth, the Integrated Programme for Birmingham, combines resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 139 MECUs - or almost £97 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 231 MECUs (£161 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The West Midlands was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community represents an extension to that which was allocated to the West Midlands for the 1989-1991 period to programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate Community resources on job-creating investment. The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - The Black Country

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.014
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 850/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites, etc.	27.5	11.0
Transport	66.4	16.6
Business development	11.4	5.7
Image & environment	16.0	8.0
Tourism	20.2	9.1
R & D, training facilities	14.4	6.5
Total	155.9	56.9

The Commission is contributing 36 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/59

Programme for the reconversion of declining industry regions

UNITED KINGDOM - Coventry and Warwickshire

The Commission approved four regional development programmes for the English West Midlands. Three of the programmes cover the eligible areas in the Black Country, **Coventry and Warwickshire**, and Shropshire and Staffordshire and will receive support from the European Regional Development Fund. The fourth, the Integrated Programme for Birmingham, combines resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 139 MECUs - or almost £97 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 231 MECUs (£161 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The West Midlands was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community represents an extension to that which was allocated to the West Midlands for the 1989-1991 period to programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate Community resources on job-creating investment. The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Coventry and Warwickshire

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.015
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 850/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites, etc.	7.3	2.9
Transport	34.0	8.5
Business development	4.4	2.2
Image & environment	5.6	2.8
Tourism	5.8	2.6
R & D, training facilities	6.7	3.0
Total	63.8	22.0

The Commission is contributing 34 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/60

Programme for the reconversion of declining industry regions

UNITED KINGDOM - Shropshire and Staffordshire

The Commission approved four regional development programmes for the English West Midlands. Three of the programmes cover the eligible areas in the Black Country, Coventry and Warwickshire, and **Shropshire and Staffordshire** and will receive support from the European Regional Development Fund. The fourth, the Integrated Programme for Birmingham, combines resources from the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The new programmes will run for two years, up to the end of 1993. The European Community is providing approximately 139 MECUs - or almost £97 million - towards the costs of the programmes.

The United Kingdom is committed to providing 231 MECUs (£161 million) over the two year period. Private enterprise will also provide a significant amount of capital.

The West Midlands was selected for aid in 1989 because of its problems of unemployment and industrial decline. The region has had some of the worst unemployment blackspots in the declining industrial regions of the Community; the region's industrial conversion problems still persist. The aid from the European Community represents an extension to that which was allocated to the West Midlands for the 1989-1991 period to programmes covering the same areas.

The Commission aims to concentrate Community resources on job-creating investment. The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing units and workshops for business and industry;
- ▶ improving those transport links which are essential for industrial development;
- ▶ helping small businesses to set up and grow;
- ▶ improving the image of the region through the renovation of derelict industrial sites;
- ▶ setting up and developing tourist activities;
- ▶ encouraging the use of new technologies and research and development generally.

Programme administration will continue through the "partnership" formed in 1989 between the European Commission, the United Kingdom government, and the local authorities and other agencies involved. Decisions on a day-to-day basis will be taken by these three groups in partnership, with the private sector also playing an important role.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Shropshire and Staffordshire

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.016
 Date of decision : 05.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 850/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Industrial sites, etc.	15.5	6.2
Transport	8.4	2.1
Business development	3.2	1.6
Image & environment	3.6	1.8
Tourism	6.7	3.0
R & D, training facilities	4.4	2.0
Total	41.8	16.7

The Commission is contributing 40 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/62

INTERREG; Community Initiative aiming to encourage development of crossborder areas

UNITED KINGDOM - FRANCE

The Commission approved the INTERREG Programme for the United Kingdom and France. The INTERREG Programme is a Community Initiative which seeks to promote co-operation and development in the Community's internal and external border regions.

Almost 22 MECUs will be made available for the France-United Kingdom programme. The areas which will benefit from the programme are Kent and the Nord-Pas-de-Calais region of France, two regions which are separated by 30 kilometres of sea.

Nord-Pas-de-Calais and Kent have done a great deal of pioneering work in developing transfrontier activities and they have recently expanded their Transmanche Euroregion which they established in 1987 by the inclusion of the three Belgian regions. At the same time the construction of the Channel Tunnel, coinciding as it does with the completion of the Single market, will provide the two regions both with new opportunities and a need to adjust to the loss of employment in the control and management of cross border traffic in goods and people.

The programme, which has been put forward by the two Governments, envisages the expenditure of more than 53 MECUs on a range of projects covered by five sub-programmes. The first sub-programme deals with **Transport and telecommunications** and projects proposed under this sub-programme include trilingual traffic signs to assist cross border drivers to adjust to the region they are in and state of the art telecommunications which will improve cross Channel links between businesses & public bodies.

Under the **Environment** sub-programme there is a range of projects including the care and protection of the White Cliffs in England and the Cap Gris Nez in France.

An **Economic development** sub-programme will seek to promote links and inter-trading between small and medium sized businesses on both sides of the Channel and jointly promote both regions.

The **Education & Training** sub-programme will, among other projects, develop further the established links between universities and other higher education institutions.

Under the **Tourism** sub-programme a number of initiatives are proposed which will enhance the capacity of the Euro-region to attract and retain visitors from among the ever increasing numbers who will pass through it as they travel to other destinations in the United Kingdom or destinations in continental Europe.

The programme, which will last until the end of 1993, will be managed by a transfrontier committee which will contain representatives of both British and French national & local government and the European Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - FRANCE

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2 + Art. 10
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.00.10.012
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1002

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Transport and telecommunications	4.25	2.08
Environment	15.34	7.67
Economic development	5.93	2.86
Education and training	12.89	4.39
Tourism	14.88	4.78
Technical Assistance	0.40	0.20
Total	53.69	21.98

The Commission is contributing 40.9 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	91.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	8.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/76

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - South Wales

The Commission has approved Community financial support for two integrated development Operational Programmes in industrial **South Wales** and in Clwyd, North Wales.

The South Wales programme covers the whole of the counties of Mid-Glamorgan and West Glamorgan; that part of South Glamorgan eligible for Objective 2 of the European Community Structural Funds; the county of Gwent, with the exception of the Travel-To-Work area of Monmouth; those parts of the Travel-To-Work areas of Ebbw Vale and Abergavenny, Aberdare and Swansea located in the county of Powys; and those parts of the Travel-To-Work areas of Llanelli and Swansea located in the county of Dyfed. These areas were selected by the Commission in 1989 as eligible for Community assistance because of the high unemployment and industrial decline which affect the region.

This programme will run for two years until the end of 1993 and will receive a contribution from the Community's Structural Funds of 106.4 MECUs (about £74.5 million) comprising 78.5 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 27.9 MECUs from the European Social Fund.

The Community Funds' contribution will be matched by an amount of 174.9 MECUs from both Central government and local authorities, and 8.4 MECUs from the private sector.

The programme is a continuation of the strategy and achievements of the 1989-1991 first phase programmes i.e. the creation of new jobs, the diversification and modernisation of industrial South Wales's economy, and the improvement of the region's image.

The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing new sites for industrial development
- ▶ improving transport links which are essential for such development
- ▶ business support measures
- ▶ environmental improvement works to help improve the region's image
- ▶ developing tourist attractions and facilities
- ▶ support for R & D, and vocational training.

The programme has been agreed between the partnership associating the European Commission, the United Kingdom government and the local authorities and other development agencies in industrial South Wales. The partnership will be responsible for the implementation of the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - South Wales

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.018
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 998/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive Activities	69.80	26.70
Transport	93.60	22.70
Business development	54.04	24.64
Environment	14.80	6.90
Tourism	38.88	17.38
Research, development and vocational training	18.58	8.08
Total	289.70	106.40

The Commission is contributing 37 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	73.7 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	26.3 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/77

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Clwyd

The Commission has approved Community financial support for two integrated development Operational Programmes in industrial South Wales and Clwyd, North Wales.

The Clwyd programme covers the Travel-To-Work areas of Wrexham and of Shotton/Flint/Rhyl which were selected by the Commission in 1989 as eligible for Community assistance because of the high unemployment and industrial decline which affect the region.

This programme will run for two years until the end of 1993 and will receive a contribution from the Community's Structural Funds of 31.2 MECUs (about £21.8) comprising 28 MECUs from the European Regional Development Fund and 3.2 MECUs from the European Social Fund.

The Community Funds' contribution will be matched by an amount of 46.2 MECUs from both Central government and local authorities, and 3.2 MECUs from the private sector.

The programme is a continuation of the strategy and achievements of the 1989-1991 first phase programmes i.e. the creation of new jobs, the diversification and modernisation of Clwyd's economy, and the improvement of the region's image.

The main areas of action will be:

- ▶ providing new sites for industrial development
- ▶ improving transport links which are essential for such development
- ▶ business support measures
- ▶ environmental improvement works to help improve the region's image
- ▶ developing tourist attractions and facilities
- ▶ support for R & D, and vocational training.

The programme has been agreed between the partnership associating the European Commission, the United Kingdom government and the local authorities and other development agencies in industrial South Wales and in Clwyd. The partnership will be responsible for the implementation of the programme.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Clwyd

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.019
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 998/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	25.03	9.65
Transport	16.00	3.90
Business Development	10.23	4.75
Environment	9.58	4.56
Tourism	17.21	7.45
R & D, vocational training	2.48	0.89
Total	80.53	31.20

The Commission is contributing 39 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	89.5 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	10.5 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/78

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Tayside (Scotland)

The Commission has adopted a programme for regional development in the Tayside region. This programme covers the areas eligible for Community structural fund assistance under Objective 2, i.e. the Travel-To-Work areas of Dundee and Arbroath. It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 11.3 MECUs (approx £8 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of over 19 MECUs (£13 million) and over 5 MECUs (£3.5 million) from private companies.

The programme will continue the economic development of Tayside started under the 1989-91 Tayside Operational Programme, with an emphasis on job-creating investment, and a strategy of encouraging company development in growth sectors and inward investment, especially in the service sector. The types of action to be carried out under the new programme will be:

- ▶ providing new sites for industrial development,
- ▶ improving transport links which are essential for such development,
- ▶ business support measures,
- ▶ environmental improvement works to help improve the Region's image,
- ▶ developing tourist attractions and facilities,
- ▶ providing vocational training facilities.

The Tayside Operational Programme 1992-93 has been agreed between the European Commission, the U.K. government and the local authorities and other agencies responsible for development in Tayside. It will be run by representatives of this partnership and decisions will be taken at the local level.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Tayside (Scotland)

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.002
 Date of decision : 21.05.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 999

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	11.2700	4.5080
Transport	10.3684	2.5921
Business development	4.0530	1.1270
Environment	2.2540	1.1270
Tourism	5.8127	1.6905
Research & development, vocational training	1.7859	0.2254
Total	35.5440	11.2700

The Commission is contributing 32 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/85

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Fife (Scotland)

The Commission has adopted a programme of investments for regional development in the Fife region.

The programme covers the areas eligible for Community Structural Fund assistance under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. the travel-to-work areas of Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy, and part of the Alloa TTWA. It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 13.7 MECUs (approximately £9.5 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of nearly 22 MECUs (£15 million) and over 6 MECUs (£4 million) from private companies.

The programme will continue the economic development of Fife started under the 1989-91 Fife Operational Programme, with an emphasis on job-creating investment. It has as its primary objective an increase in the level and diversity of the local economy and aims to achieve this through a strategy of enabling development in areas likely to generate private investment, improving the area's physical and economic cohesion, stimulating the establishment of new enterprises and encouraging their growth, and developing the tourist industry. The types of action to be carried out under the new programme will be:

- ▶ providing sites and properties for industrial development,
- ▶ improving road and rail links which are essential for development,
- ▶ business support measures,
- ▶ environmental improvement works to help improve the region's image,
- ▶ developing tourist attractions and facilities,
- ▶ providing vocational training facilities.

The Fife Operational Programme 1992-93 has been agreed between the European Commission, the UK Government and the local authorities and other agencies responsible for development in Fife. It will be run by representatives of this partnership and decisions will be taken at the local level.

The 1989-91 Fife Operational Programme made available over 14 MECUs (£10 million) to the Region and grants have been awarded to the Regional and District Councils, the Forth Ports Authority and other bodies working in the field of economic development. Among the projects which have been assisted are a wide range of infrastructures to assist job creation such as the Leven West Distributor Road which will help attract industry to vacant sites in the surrounding area, business support measures and promotion initiatives such as the Dunfermline in London promotion event, the Fife Gateway improvements which give a much improved impression to visitors entering the region, and projects which will help develop tourism in the region such as the National Water Ski Centre at Town Loch. The Community has contributed almost £½ million to this last investment.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Fife (Scotland)

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.004
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/1

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	9.2610	3.7044
Transport	10.9760	2.7440
Business Development	4.9350	1.3720
Improving the image of the region	4.1160	2.0580
Development of tourism	9.2116	3.0184
R & D and vocational training	3.3943	0.8232
Total	41.8939	13.7200

The Commission is contributing 32.7 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/86

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Central Scotland

The Commission has adopted a programme for regional development in Central Region worth £26 million (38.4 MECUs).

The programme covers the areas eligible for Community Structural Fund assistance under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. the travel-to-work areas of Falkirk, Alloa (most) and Stirling (part). It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 12.3 MECUs (approximately £8.5 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of over 20 MECUs (£14 million) and over 5 MECUs (£4 million) from private companies.

The programme will continue the economic development of Central Region started under the 1989-91 Central Region Operational Programme, with an emphasis on job-creating investment, and a long-term strategy aim of regenerating Central Region's economy by creating a more dynamic, growth-oriented structure which is capable of providing jobs, raising incomes and reducing unemployment. The types of action to be carried out under the new programme will be:

- ▶ providing new industrial units,
- ▶ improving road and rail links which are essential for development,
- ▶ business support measures,
- ▶ environmental improvement works to help improve the region's image,
- ▶ developing tourist attractions and facilities,
- ▶ providing research and development facilities.

The Central Region Operational Programme 1992-93 has been agreed between the European Commission, the UK Government and the local authorities and other agencies responsible for development in the area. It will be run by representatives of this partnership and decisions will be taken at the local level.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Central Scotland

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.005
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/2

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	10.1062	4.0425
Transport	11.2700	2.8175
Development of business	4.4065	1.2250
Improving the image of the region	2.4500	1.2250
Development of tourism	8.2249	2.6950
R & D and vocational training	1.9419	0.2450
Total	38.3995	12.2500

The Commission is contributing 32 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/87

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Eastern England

The Commission has adopted a programme of investments for regional development in the East Midlands region.

The programme covers the areas eligible for Community Structural Fund assistance under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. the travel-to-work areas (TTWA's) of Chesterfield, Gainsborough, Mansfield, Retford and Worksop; the Nottingham Urban Programme area; and those parts of the Scunthorpe and Grimsby TTWAs in Lincolnshire. It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 34.7 MECUs (approximately £24.3 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of 54.6 MECUs (£38 million) and 3.5 MECUs (£2.4 million) from private companies.

Under the first East Midlands Programme there was considerable emphasis on infrastructure projects which would provide attractive location for new businesses. Example include the Oakham Business Park in Mansfield which provides 18 ½ hectares of serviced industrial sites at a cost of £2.6 m to which the European Regional Development Fund has contributed £873.000. This should provide 1000 jobs by 1995. Williamthorpe Industrial Park at Chesterfield will provide 350 jobs by 1995 at a cost of £743.000 and a grant of £294.000. It will bring former coal workings back into beneficial use. On a smaller scale the refurbishment of empty buildings will also create workspace within urban centres. Examples include the offices and workshops being created in Courts Building Chesterfield where up to 60 jobs will be created at a cost of £366.000 for a grant of £146.000 or the Lenton Business Centre in Nottingham where 57 workshops are being provided in the former Raleigh factory at a cost of £1.2 m of which £475.000 is a European Regional Development Fund Grant.

Improving access to jobs is as important as providing job opportunities. Through grant aid to communications projects, of which the most important will be the re-opening of the Robin Hood line, the Community will be improving the access of unemployed workers to jobs and widening their area of choice.

Throughout 1992/93 the East Midlands Programme will continue to be administered by the East Midlands Office of the Department of the Environment and managed by a partnership bringing together local government, the European Commission and UK national government departments.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Eastern England

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.007
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/3

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	39.48	14.80
Transport	22.91	5.70
Development of business	7.51	3.50
Improving the image of the region	11.45	5.70
Development of tourism	6.86	3.00
R & D and vocational training	4.55	2.00
Total	92.76	34.70

The Commission is contributing 37.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/88

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Humberside

The Commission has adopted a programme of investments for regional development in Humberside region.

The programme covers the areas eligible for Community Structural Fund assistance under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. the travel-to-work areas (TTWA's) of Hull and Grimsby; and that part of the Goole and Selby TTWA in the County of Humberside. It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 23.9 MECUs (approximately £16.7 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of 38.4 MECUs (£26.8 million).

This is the second Operational Programme for the area. Under the first programme which finished on 30 June 1992 the European Community contributed 16 MECUs (£11.2 m) to a programme for the economic development of the area.

Under the first Humberside Operational Programme over a third of the available funds was allocated to transport measures which included works at the ports of Hull, Immingham and Goole. Funding was also allocated to providing sites for industry. The most noteworthy example was £999,000 allocated to the £2.4 m Priory Park Industrial Estate at Hull or on a smaller scale the £115,000 grant given to an industrial estate at Grimsby.

Hull has been the main recipient of expenditure whose effect is to make the region more attractive to visitors - as well as enhancing the quality of life for the region's inhabitants. Almost £800,000 of grant has been allocated to £1.6 m improvements in Hull City centre. Grants to museums and art galleries in Hull come to almost £1 m for projects whose total cost is about £2¼m. The Fishing Heritage Centre in Grimsby received a grant of £196,000 towards a project which cost over £400,000.

This programme will, like its predecessor, be managed by a partnership bringing together local authorities, the regional offices of Government departments and the European Commission.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Humberside

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.008
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/4

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	21.50	8.60
Transport	18.40	4.60
Development of business	4.80	2.40
Improving the image of the region	7.60	3.80
Development of tourism	6.90	3.10
R & D and vocational training	3.10	1.40
Total	62.30	23.90

The Commission is contributing 38.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/89

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Mid-Yorkshire

The Commission has adopted a programme of investments for regional development in the Mid-Yorkshire region.

The programme covers the areas eligible for Community structural fund assistance under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. the travel-to-work areas (TTWA's) of Wakefield and Dewsbury, and Castleford and Pontefract, which take in Dewsbury in Kirklees Metropolitan District; the whole of the City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council; part of Selby in North Yorkshire; and part of the Bradford TTWA containing the settlements of Batley, Cleckheaton, Heckmondwike, Liversedge in Kirklees Metropolitan District; and Pudsey which falls within Leeds Metropolitan District. It will run for the two-year period up to the end of 1993 and will benefit from a contribution of 20 MECUs (approximately £14.0 million) from the Community's European Regional Development Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of 32 MECUs (£22.4 million).

Among the projects which were assisted under the 1989-91 Mid-Yorkshire programme were several which exemplified the Community's commitment to providing locations for new industrial development. These include the Whitwood Industrial Estate and the Whitwood Enterprise Park which between them have secured £1.3 m of European Regional Fund grants towards projects costing over £3 m. Enterprise Units and related infrastructure at Sherbourne are another example of the same strategic thrust of the programme.

The improvement in the area's attractiveness has been carried out through many small scale improvement schemes but is best exemplified by a larger scale project such as the Wakefield Cathedral precinct refurbishment scheme to which £½ m. of grant aid has been allocated. Among the tourist attractions aided are the Yorkshire Mining Museum & the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. The programme will, like its predecessor and the RECHAR Programme, be administered by a partnership of local authorities, Government departments and the European Commission. The day to day management of the programme is undertaken by the Department of the Environment's Leeds Office.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Mid-Yorkshire

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.009
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/5

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	18.00	7.20
Transport	15.20	3.80
Development of business	4.00	2.00
Improving the image of the region	6.40	3.20
Development of tourism	5.80	2.60
R & D and vocational Training	2.60	1.20
Total	52.00	20.00

The Commission is contributing 38.4 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/90

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Mersey Basin

The Commission has approved the Mersey Basin Operational Programme for 1992/93. This Programme covers the same area as the Mersey Basin Programme for 1989-91.

The Community's support for this programme will be worth 92 MECUs (£ 64.5 m) contributed in almost equal amounts by the European Regional Development Fund and the European Social Fund.

The large European Social Fund contribution to this programme emphasises the importance attached to training by the Commission, the Department of Employment and the local authorities in the towns covered by this programme.

Under the 1989-91 Programme the Community had been able to assist the development and diversification of the region's economy through improving communications, bringing industrial land back into use, providing premises and support for new businesses, supporting new tourist attractions and by encouraging projects which will improve the image of the region. Among the 300 projects which have been assisted are the provision of work space for small businesses such as the Altham Industrial Estate near Accrington to which the Community contributed almost £1 m.; communications projects such as the electrification of the Hooton-Chester line to which the Community has contributed more than £1 m., tourism and image enhancement projects which make the region a more attractive place and projects which improve the region's long term technology capability such as the Science & Technology Training Centre being built by Lancashire County Council.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Mersey Basin

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.010
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/6

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Facilities for development of productive activities	45.13	18.05
Communications	14.44	3.61
Development of business	79.62	34.68
Improving the image of the region	30.42	13.69
Development of tourism	29.80	12.69
R & D and vocational training	28.66	9.57
Total	228.07	92.29

The Commission is contributing 40 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	50.24 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	49.76 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/91

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Merseyside

The Commission has approved the Merseyside Operational Programme for the two years 1992/93.

The Merseyside programme continues the work of the programme for the years 1989-91 and covers the Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral Council areas.

The problems which Merseyside faces have been widely recognised. The loss of manufacturing and port-related employment and the relative shift of British export trade from the west coast to the south and east have made the process of adjustment in Merseyside particularly difficult. It is hardly surprising that Merseyside has the unenviable distinction of being the most disadvantaged region in Great Britain. In these circumstances sustained and selective support from the European Community provides a major contribution to those public bodies in the region which are working hard to promote the recovery of their region. It also provides a major psychological boost to all in the public and private sectors who need a framework for long term recovery if they are to make the investment decisions which will re-establish and then reinforce confidence in the region.

Under the programme which has just finished the Commission has co-financed, through the European Regional Development Fund, over 180 projects which have either directly facilitated the creation of employment - such as Phase 2 of the Wavertree Technology Park - or which have contributed to improving the efficiency of the local economy by improving communications, improving the attractiveness of the region or increasing the regional capability in research and technology through for example the St. Helens Technology Campus to which the European Regional Development Fund has to date contributed £4.4 m.

As well as investing heavily in the future of the region by means of important capital projects through the European Regional Development Fund the Community has provided, over the 1989-91 period, 35.8 MECUs (£25m) from the Social Fund to support vocational training schemes. Over the two years 1992/93 the Social Fund will contribute a further 43.5 MECUs (£30 m) in support of vocational training.

Earlier this year the Commission approved the Merseyside RENAVAL Programme - which provides a small but important additional measure of Community support to Wirral and Sefton - and the Lancashire RECHAR programme which covers the St. Helens' travel to work area. Under the latter, the European Coal & Steel Community will provide loans and in some cases interest rate subsidies for projects which provide employment opportunities in former mining communities.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Merseyside

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.011
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/7

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Facilities for development of productive activities	20.28	8.11
Communications	83.20	20.80
Development of business	71.54	29.72
Improving the image of the region	46.69	21.01
Development of tourism	45.18	15.65
R & D and vocational training	100.51	19.65
Total	367.40	114.94

The Commission is contributing 31.3 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	62.14 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	37.86 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/92

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Manchester

The Commission has approved the Manchester, Salford, Trafford Operational Programme for the two years 1992/93. This Programme covers the same area and follows the same strategy as the 1989-91 Manchester, Salford, Trafford Programme.

Over the next two years the Community's funds will continue the task of restoring Manchester to its position as one of Europe's foremost economic centres. Among the projects to which we expect the Community's assistance will contribute is the Concert Hall project which will both provide a new home for the Hallé orchestra and also provide Manchester with a prestigious redevelopment of a derelict city centre site. But along with that will be a host of small projects supporting new businesses, improving the attractiveness of the area, encouraging research and development and giving people new skills and now hope for their future.

The progress that has been made to date and the new opportunities for Manchester which are appearing fully justify the Commission's continued support for the area.

The Manchester, Salford, Trafford Programme is targeted on the inner city areas of the three boroughs and seeks to tackle the dereliction which has been caused by the decline of traditional industries and make the inner city once again an attractive and successful location for economic activity. By supporting, through the European Social Fund, a large training programme, it seeks to complement the other programmes which try to improve the quality of life for the acutely disadvantaged inner city wards.

While the UK recession has undoubtedly set back Manchester's recovery there are plenty of signs that the strategy which underpins the Manchester, Salford, Trafford programme will work. Large areas of derelict land have been opened to new industrial and commercial uses, the first phase of the Metro transport system has been completed and Manchester is bidding for the Olympic Games in 2000. Overall, the ERDF has supported 239 projects.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Manchester

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.013
 Date of decision : 06.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 1358/8

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Facilities for development of productive activities	19.60	7.84
Communications	62.36	15.59
Development of business	41.70	16.80
Improving the image of the region	20.67	9.30
Development of tourism	62.41	22.06
R & D and vocational training	27.19	7.48
Total	233.93	79.07

The Commission is contributing 33.8 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	71.47 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	28.53 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/100

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Lothian (Eastern Scotland)

The Commission has adopted a programme for regional development in Lothian, Scotland. The programme has been allocated 11,8 MECUs (£8 million) from the European Regional Development Fund. This is the European Community's commitment to an investment programme worth almost £26 million.

This programme covers the areas of Lothian which are eligible for Community Structural Fund aid under Objective 2 (reconversion of declining industrial regions) i.e. West Lothian and Midlothian Districts, and part of East Lothian District. It runs until 31 December 1993. Beyond the contribution from the European Regional Development Fund, 19.6 MECUs (£13.7 million) will come from central and local government and 5.4 MECUs (£3.7 million) from the private sector.

The Lothian Operational Programme seeks to continue the economic development of the area started on the previous Lothian National Programme of Community Interest. Under that programme major infrastructures have been provided such as the Starlaw Road scheme forming part of the Livingston western distributor road, and a major water supply scheme in West Lothian. Industrial estates and workshop units designed to encourage small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) have been developed throughout the programme area and investments to develop the local tourist industry have been supported.

The Operational Programme for Lothian will have an emphasis on job-creating investment, and the types of actions to be carried out will include:

- ▶ providing further industrial space,
- ▶ improving essential road and rail links,
- ▶ business support measures,
- ▶ environmental improvements that will help improve the region's image,
- ▶ establishing tourist attractions,
- ▶ vocational training facilities.

This Operational Programme has been agreed between the European Commission, the UK Government and the local authorities and other agencies responsible for development in the Lothian region. It will be run by representatives of this partnership and decisions will be taken at the local level.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Lothian (Eastern Scotland)

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 91.09.09.003
 Date of decision : 30.07.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 170

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes/Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	9.7020	3.8808
Transport	10.8192	2.7048
Development of business	4.2315	1.1760
Improving the image of the region	3.5280	1.7640
Development of tourism	6.5907	1.9992
R & D and vocational training	1.8652	0.2352
Total	36.7366	11.7600

The Commission is contributing 32 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) : 100 %

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Fact Sheet N° 92/107

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - West Cumbria

The Commission has approved an operational Programme for the Objective 2 region of West Cumbria in the United Kingdom. The programme covers the period 1992 and 1993 and will enable the European Community to give grant aid to projects which commence in 1992 or 1993 and are completed before the end of 1995.

West Cumbria has a rapidly developing partnership of public and private bodies who have shown already that by acting together they can begin to tackle the area's underlying economic problems. Within six months of approving the first programme three quarters of the available money had already been allocated to a number of useful and highly visible job creating projects. These include the provision of 30 000 sq ft of West Lake Science and Technology park which is already over 70% let, 30 acres of new industrial land at Whitehaven Commerce Park and the provision of 5 000 sq ft of additional workspace at Cleater Moon.

The strategy for the region also involves developing its tourist potential and many projects which make the towns of West Cumbria more attractive to visitors are currently under way, triggering in turn private sector investment and improving the image of the region. One project has already won a national award.

West Cumbria needs to broaden its economic base. The second programme which the Commission has just approved will enable the pace of economic development to be maintained. The 10 MECUs which the Commission is contributing will lead to expenditure in the region of over 25 MECUs on projects which would not have been implemented so soon or on such a scale without the Community's support. Among the individual projects which are likely to be supported are a Research Centre at West Lake which will specialise in health and safety and waste management, new industrial land at North Shore and, on the tourism side, a heritage centre costing £3m at Whitehaven as well as an interpretation centre at Maryport.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - West Cumbria

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.09.09.002
 Date of decision : 20.10.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2146

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Sub-Programmes	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Facilities for development of productive activities	3.25	1.30
Communications	8.00	2.00
Business Development	6.30	1.90
Improving the image of the region	3.00	1.50
Tourism	4.40	1.60
Vocational training	7.00	1.70
Total	31.95	10.00

The Commission is contributing 31.3 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	77 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	23 %

► National/Regional Authority responsible for executing the Programme :

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Fact Sheet N° 92/113

Operational Programme

UNITED KINGDOM - Yorkshire and Humberside

The Commission approved the Yorkshire and Humberside Steel Area Multifund Operational Programme for 1993. This Programme covers virtually the same area as the Yorkshire and Humberside Steel Area Integrated Development Operations Programme for 1987-1992.

The Community's support for this Programme amounts to 27.8 MECUs (approximately £22.6 million) from the European Regional Development Fund and 5.0 MECUS (£4.1 million) from the European Social Fund. This will be matched by a commitment from central and local government of 51.2 MECUs (£41.6 million) and 2.00 MECUs (£1.6 million) from the private sector.

The Programme will continue the process of economic development started under the 1987-1992 Yorkshire and Humberside Steel Area Integrated Development Operations Programme. Under the 1987-1992 Programme, which will end on 31 December 1992, the Community has been able to assist the development of the region's economy by bringing industrial land back into use, providing premises, supporting existing firms and stimulating new ones, encouraging environmental improvements to enhance the region's image for tourism and industrial development, improving access and communication networks, and supporting vocational training schemes.

Earlier this year the Commission approved the South Yorkshire RECHAR Programme which aims to support infrastructure projects, business support measures and vocational training schemes to improve employment opportunities in former and existing South Yorkshire mining communities. In addition, the European Coal and Steel Community will provide loans and in some cases interest rate subsidies for certain types of projects located in these areas.

The Yorkshire and Humberside Steel Area Multifund Operational Programme 1993 has been agreed between the European Commission, the UK Government, and the local authorities and other agencies responsible for development in the area. It will be run by representatives of this partnership and decisions will be taken at the local level.

Technical and Financial Information

UNITED KINGDOM - Yorkshire and Humberside

► Technical Information :

Objective : 2
 ERDF number of the programme : 92.09.09.001
 Date of decision : 25.11.1992
 Number of decision : C(92) 2775

► Financial Information per Sub-Programme :

Measures	Total cost (in MECUs)	EC share (in MECUs)
Productive activities	25.50	10.00
Transport acilities	21.20	5.30
Development of business	11.20	4.40
Improving the image of the region	11.20	5.50
Tourism and culture	12.20	5.50
R & D and vocational training	4.70	2.10
Total	86.00	32.80

The Commission is contributing 38.1 % to the overall estimated costs.

The share between the various Funds is as follows :

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) :	84.8 %
European Social Fund (ESF) :	15.2 %

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ABBREVIATIONS

CI	Community Initiative
CP	Community Programme
CSF	Community support framework
EAGGF	European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
EIB	European Investment Bank
Envireg	Community Initiative to contribute to the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic development, principally in regions whose development is lagging behind
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
GLG	Global grant
Interreg	Community Initiative to prepare border regions for the large single market, principally through greater cooperation between regions straddling national borders
OP	Operational Programme
Prisma	Community Initiative to improve infrastructure and business services in regions whose development is lagging behind, in preparation for the completion of the single market.
Rechar	Community Initiative to increase Community support for the economic and social conversion of coal-mining areas, mainly through the establishment of new economic activities
Regen	Community Initiative to promote the development of networks to carry natural gas and electricity to regions whose development is lagging behind
Regis	Community Initiative to strengthen Community measures for the most remote regions in order to speed up adaptation of their economies so that they may be better integrated into the single market
Renaval	Community Programme to assist the conversion of shipbuilding areas
Resider	Community Programme to assist the conversion of steel areas
Star	Community Programme for the development of certain less-favoured regions of the Community by improving access to advanced telecommunications services (Special telecommunications action for regional development)
Stride	Community Initiative to improve the innovation and technological development capacity of regions whose development is lagging behind or which are undergoing industrial conversion

- Telematique** Community Initiative to promote the use of advanced telecommunications services in regions whose development is lagging behind
- Valoren** Community Programme for the development of certain less-favoured regions of the Community through the exploitation of endogenous energy potential
- Objective 1** Regions whose development is lagging behind
- Objective 2** Areas undergoing industrial conversion
- Objective 5b** Rural areas whose economy is to be diversified

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