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**SIX FINANCING DECISIONS * CONCERNING
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.**

The six financing decisions complete the work programme foreseen for 1990 concerning economic assistance to certain Central and Eastern European countries within the framework of the "PHARE" programme :

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| 1) Modernization of the Infrastructure for foreign trade in Hungary | (1,3 Mio Ecu) |
| 2) Programme for the development and reform of vocational education for Hungary | (1,5 Mio Ecu) |
| 3) Programme for the Social Welfare in Hungary | (3,0 Mio Ecu) |
| 4) An air pollution monitoring programme for Bulgaria | (3,5 Mio Ecu) |
| 5) Programme for the Rural Telecommunications in Poland | (6,0 Mio Ecu) |
| 6) Programme of assistance in the field of vocational education and training in Poland | (2,8 Mio Ecu) |

The adoption hereof will imply that the total funds available in the 1990 budget i.e. 500 MECU will be committed.

HUNGARY - 1.300.000 Ecus -
Modernization of the infrastructure for foreign trade.

The development of Hungary's foreign trade with Western economies and the EC in particular requires not merely an effort on the part of Hungarian enterprises but also the modernization and adaptation of infrastructure and procedures relating to standards and measures, certification and also packaging.

This programme provides for a range of initial inputs corresponding to priority needs in the field of equipment, technical assistance and training. It will be managed by the National Committee for Technical Development (NCTD).

This programme is divided into two projects :

1. The supply of scientific equipment and technical assistance, and the organization of seminars for the various bodies in charge of certification and the improvement of Hungary's standardization structure.

* In the annex are listed the detailed programmes financed on budget 1990 for the different beneficiary countries.

2. The supply of equipment and technical assistance to the Hungarian Institute of Materials Handling and Packaging (ACSI).

HUNGARY - 1,500,000 Ecus -

Programme for the development and reform of vocational education

The Hungarian government is carrying out a series of radical reforms in the area of youth training. The newly established National Institute of Vocational Education (NIVE) is due to play a major role in stimulating innovation and exchange of experience as well as in advising the Ministry of Labour on the development and implementation of new vocational curricula.

The present programme is of a preparatory nature and aims to assist the NIVE in launching a range of services and activities to benefit vocational school teachers and administrators and in developing cooperation with EC countries (Information exchange, study visits, language training).

HUNGARY - 3,000,000 Ecus -

Programme for the Social Welfare

Against a background of rising inflation, the spread of poverty and steadily increasing unemployment, the Hungarian government is planning new policy responses in the field of public welfare. In the context of local government reform, it is seeking to decentralise social welfare services and adapt them to local needs by encouraging local initiatives and the participation of non-governmental agencies.

To this end, the Ministry of Public Welfare has set up the "Hungarian Foundation for the Development of Local Social Networks" with the task of promoting self-help initiatives in the area of social welfare, employment and economic development.

The present programme will contribute to these objectives by supporting the Foundation during its start-up period. It will in particular assist the Foundation in :

- setting up its grand-aid activity to support local projects and providing initial operational finance to that end.
- providing appropriate training and technical assistance for local networks and local development specialists.
- developing a fund-raising strategy and an effective information and management system.

BULGARIA - 3,500,000 Ecus -

Air Pollution monitoring Programme

The programme responds, in the framework of the national automates system for environmental protection, to the urgent need to strengthen and further develop the national capacities for ambient air control monitoring.

It contributes to increased availability of coherent and concise data of air pollution which are a prerequisite for further policy and strategy definition as well as for implementing efficient measures to reducing and controlling air pollution mainly in the most seriously affected areas of the country.

Short term impacts of the programme will be :

- * availability of appropriate state-of-the-art equipment for both, monitoring and computer assisted processing of relevant data on air quality
- * transfer of know-how in the fields of air quality management practices, ambient air quality monitoring and air pollution control methods through short-term technical assistance, advanced training/re-training programmes including study tours in Europe
- * increased efficiency of the existing monitoring network through improved methods and calibration facilities for continuous monitoring
- * expertise on the design of a global environmental data system in relation to present/future priority requirements.

POLAND - 6,000,000 Ecus -

Programme for the rural telecommunication

The government of Poland is seeking different ways to develop economic activity in rural areas. To this aim, a number of feasibility studies on rural telecommunications have already been carried out under the PHARE programme.

The goal of this programme will be to

- * demonstrate economic and financial results of establishing a few locally based telecommunication operator companies in selected rural regions.
- * set up and equip a development centre for rural telecommunication and train the staff.
- * co-ordinate the demonstrations and the development centre and prepare a strategic implementation plan for rural telecommunications.

The actions will :

- * establish the technico-economic viability of new rural telecommunications systems in Polish conditions
- * provide services to local users and support local economic development
- * help in restructuring the existing centralised planning system for expansion of telecommunications services
- * be compatible with the future evolution of the general telecommunication network
- * be extendable to other areas.

POLAND - 2,800,000 Ecus -
Programme in the field of vocational education and training

This programme is designed to give EC support to a number of priority fields for vocational education and training as identified by the Polish Government. It has been developed in close collaboration with the Polish authorities and has been approved by Minister Trzeciakowski who is responsible for the coordination of all non-loan related foreign assistance to Poland.

The programme concentrates on two types of activities :

- a) assistance in the development of strategies in priority policy areas, both with respect to the formulation of such policies, as well as concerning the use of foreign assistance for realising them; and
- b) providing a response to immediate and urgent needs for technical assistance, equipment and training.

A N N E X

List of the projects financed on budget 1990.

- * Central and Eastern European countries :
Two programmes for multidisciplinary technical assistance for Central and Eastern European countries (ECU 10 mio)
- * Poland, Hungary, GDR and Federal Republic of Czechoslovakia :
Implementation of the trans-European mobility programme for higher education (TEMPUS) (ECU 25 mio)
- * Poland and Hungary :
Cooperation in the field of economics (ECU 1,5 mio)
- * Poland (ECU 180,8 mio):
Sectoral programme of imports of crop protection products (ECU 50 mio)
Environmental protection programme (ECU 22 mio)
Programme of basic technical assistance for the privatization agency (ECU 9 mio)
Sectoral import programme for animal feeds and animal feed additives (ECU 20 mio)
Sectoral import programme (SIP) and technical assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises (ECU 25 mio)
Establishment of lines of credit for imports of agricultural equipment and equipment for the food industry (ECU 30 mio)
Statistical cooperation programme (ECU 1,5 mio)
Assistance to industrial restructuring (ECU 4 mio)
Development of the foreign trade infrastructure (ECU 8,5 mio)
Support to the acquisitions of holdings in private enterprises (ECU 2 mio)
Programme for the Rural Telecommunications (ECU 6 mio)
Programme of assistance in the field of vocational education and training (ECU 2,8 mio)
- * Hungary (ECU 90,8 mio):
Environmental protection programme (ECU 25 mio)
Community participation in the Regional Environment centre in Budapest (ECU 2 mio)
Modernization of the financial system (ECU 5 mio)
Programme for the development of private farming (ECU 20 mio)
Basic technical assistance programme for the privatization agency (ECU 5 mio)
Programme concerning small and medium-sized enterprises (ECU 21 mio)
Modernization of research infrastructure (ECU 3 mio)
Support for the improvement of higher education (ECU 4 mio)
Modernization of the infrastructure for foreign trade (ECU 1,3 mio)
Programme for the development and reform of vocational education (ECU 1,5 mio)
Programme for the Social Welfare (ECU 3,0 mio)
- * GDR (ECU 34 mio):
Environmental protection programme (ECU 20 mio)
Development of regional economic structures and adaptation of economic statistics (ECU 14 mio)

- * Bulgaria (ECU 24,5 mio):
Support programme for the reform of the bulgarian agriculture and the development of a private agriculture (ECU 16 mio)
Improvement of the maternal and child care (ECU 5 mio)
An air pollution monitoring programme for Bulgaria (ECU 3,5 mio)
- * Yougoslavia (ECU 35 mio)
Reform of the financial and enterprise sectors (ECU 35 mio)
- * Czechoslovakia (ECU 30 mio):
Environmental protection programme (ECU 30 mio)

Food supply programme

1. Along this budget line, the Commission has also granted 51 mio ECU foodaid (31 mio ECU to Poland, 20 mio ECU to Roumania) as well as humanitarian aid to Roumania of 15 mio ECU.
2. Moreover the Council on 17 december decided to supply humanitarian assistance (food and medicines) to Bulgaria and Roumania amounting to 100 mio ECU.