

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## OPINION OF THE COMMISSION

on the amendment proposed by the European Parliament to the Council's common position on the proposal for a Decision to adopt two specific research and technological development programmes in the field of environment

STEP: Science and Technology for Environmental Protection  
EPOCH: European Programme on Climatology and Natural Hazards  
1989 - 1992

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(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 149.2(d)  
of the EEC Treaty)



Explanatory Memorandum

1. On 11 October 1989 the European Parliament completed its second reading on the STEP/EPOCH proposal (COM(88) 632 final) and adopted one amendment to the Common Position.

2. Pursuant to art. 149 - 2(d) of the EEC Treaty, the Commission maintains the text of the Common Position of 20 June 1989 as its re-examined proposal.

3. Comment of the Commission on the amendment not accepted by the Commission

As regards the first part of the amendment, the Commission has undertaken to include in all future specific R&D programme proposals a provision concerning the relationship between the term "amount deemed necessary", the budgetary procedure, and the interinstitutional agreement on budgetary discipline. It considers untimely the introduction of any such provision for proposals already submitted as this could delay the adoption of the programme concerned.

As regards the second part of the amendment, the Common Position already contains an indicative allocation of funds for each subdivision.

4. The text of the amendment which has not been accepted is given in the Annex.

ANNEX

## Amendment no. 1 adopted by the European Parliament

Common position of the Council

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the two programmes amount to ECU 115 million including expenditure on a staff of 28. The funds and staff are allocated as follows:

- STEP: ECU 75 million  
(19 staff)
- EPOCH: ECU 40 million  
(9 staff).

An indicative allocation of these funds is set out in Annex II.

Amendment adopted by the European Parliament

(Amendment No. 1)

## Article 2

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the two programmes amount to ECU 115 million including expenditure on a staff of 28. The funds and staff are allocated as follows:

- STEP: ECU 75 million  
(19 staff)
- EPOCH: 40 million  
(9 staff).

Each year, under the annual budgetary procedure, the Commission shall propose to the budgetary authority the inclusion of these appropriations under the heading for the two programmes, in accordance with the actual requirements of the financial year in question and the financial estimates laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement.

An indicative allocation of these amounts for each subdivision of these two programmes is set out in Annex II.