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**Adoption of 13 new programmes**

In Inforegio News for June 1997 we announced the adoption in principle of 14 programmes for declining industrial regions (Objective 2). All these programmes have now been finally adopted. In the mean time, the Commission has also definitively approved Community funding for 10 new programmes under Objective 2 as well as three programmes

for revitalising declining urban areas (Community Initiative 'Urban').

To obtain more information on these programmes, contact L. Nigri, DG XVI/F/2 (fax +32-2-230.49.15) or consult the ERDF pages on the Internet site of DG XVI <<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg16/dg16home.htm>>

Country / area	Total public investment (million ecu)	Contribution of the Structural Funds (million ecu)
<b>B</b> Limburg	182.947	67.838
Meuse-Vesdre (Liège)	260.549	114.443
<b>I</b> Piemonte	803.372	309.495
Valle d'Aosta	29.867	13.532
Lombardia	86.869	34.001
Liguria	313.453	129.489
Veneto	284.513	107.822
Marche	77.999	31.004
Umbria	121.094	53.114
<b>UK</b> East Midlands	257.273	113.749
URBAN Coventry	9.316	4.506
URBAN Bristol	9.834	4.506
URBAN Brighton	9.261	4.506

**Environmental projects  
financed by the Cohesion Fund**

The Commission recently approved Community funding with a total volume of ECU 138 million for a new series of projects connected with the environment.

**Portugal:**

- ECU 22 million for solid waste treatment on the coast of the Norte region
- ECU 15 million for solid waste treatment in the Vale do Sousa (Norte)
- ECU 10 million for solid waste treatment in the Vale do Ave (Norte)
- ECU 6 million for the treatment of waste water at Vila Real de Santo Antonio (Algarve).

**Ireland:**

- ECU 60.9 million for water collectors in Cork
- ECU 5.8 million for water supply in Limerick
- ECU 5.5 million for a national water conservation project.

**Spain:**

- ECU 11 million for cleaning-up the environment in the inter-commune area of Aljarafe (province of Seville)

**Greece:**

- ECU 1.5 million for drinking water supply in Veria.



# Urban pilot projects

As part of the innovative schemes financed under Article 10 of the ERDF Regulation, money is given to projects which assist in the economic and social development of problem urban areas.

In response to its call for proposals in November 1995, the Commission received more than 500 submissions and has selected 26 urban pilot projects which will each receive Community funding of between ECU 1.3 million and ECU 3.2 million.

Country / city / title of the project	Contribution of the ERDF (in ecu)
<b>B</b> Ville de Bruxelles: RECYCLART	1,785,150
<b>DK</b> Randers: Underværket	2,246,826
<b>D</b> Dortmund: Umweltinitiative Scharnhorst	1,388,115
Leipzig: Die Weiterentwicklung des Systems der "Behutsamen Stadterneuerung"	2,939,100
Friedrichshain (Berlin): Strategien für Friedrichshain	2,191,977
Bremerhaven (Bremen): Entwicklungspool Dienstleistungszentrum	2,070,000
<b>GR</b> Alexandroupolis International Networking City - ALEX - POLI NET	2,536,737
West Athens SWANS - Sustainable West Athens Novelty Scheme	3,016,488
<b>E</b> Granada: "El Albayzín": Revitalización Económica del Centro Histórico	2,953,897
León: BUILDING LEÓN (propuesta de desarrollo para la parte antigua de la ciudad)	3,000,000
Gran Canaria: Proyecto "Guiniguada": La Estrategia del Parque en la Rehabilitación del Paraíso	2,705,245
Bilbao: OTZARKOAGA	2,481,250
<b>F</b> Besançon: CHORUS - Centre Historique: Opération de Revitalisation Urbaine et Sociale	3,168,093
Bordeaux: Les deux rives	3,000,000
<b>IRL</b> Dublin: Maintaining the Historic Heart of Dublin	1,980,000
<b>I</b> Torino: The GATE: "living not leaving"	2,530,186
Napoli: Rete di piazze telematiche per la Città di Napoli	2,966,750
Brindisi: "PROTAGONIST": Pilot for the Recovery of Old Town Areas to Generate Occupation and New Initiatives in the Social and Tourist Sectors	2,062,500
Milano: Servizi e tempo per gli anziani e le famiglie	1,007,065
<b>NL</b> Utrecht: Museum Quarter	2,981,246
<b>A</b> Graz: e.l.m.a.s. - ein Leben mit allen Sinnen	2,150,000
<b>P</b> Vila do Conde: Viagem à Rosa dos Ventos	2,999,200
<b>FIN</b> Helsinki: "LASIPALATSI film and media centre"	2,700,000
<b>SV</b> Falun, Borlänge: "Ecological sustainability as a driving force in a medium-sized urban region"	1,875,000
<b>UK</b> Leicester: Blueprint for Sustainable Development	1,939,855
Huddersfield: Creative Town Initiative "Kirklees"	2,926,780

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## In brief

### European Job challenge

To underline the positive impact of the Structural Funds on employment, the Commission is launching a competition to pick those projects supported by the Union which have been the most effective at creating lasting jobs. This competition is open to all projects undertaken since 1989 in an area eligible under Objective 2 (conversion of declining industrial regions),

whether financed by the European Regional Development Fund or the European Social Fund. The deadline for submitting projects for consideration is 15 September 1997.

The rules of the competition and an application form can be obtained on request by fax to +32-2-230.49.15 or from the WWW site of DG XVI: <<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg16/dg16home.htm>>



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