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COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 June 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Hainaut concerned by Objective 1 in Belgium

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/623/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing

financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the competent authorities of the Kingdom of Belgium submitted to the Commission on 10 November 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the province of Hainaut; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94 ⁽²⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁷⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁸⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁹⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽¹⁰⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽¹¹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽¹⁰⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽¹¹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Belgian Hainaut concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in the province of Hainaut;

the main priorities are:

1. To relaunch economic activity;
2. To strengthen the attractiveness of the area and to promote rural development;
3. To improve transport infrastructure;
4. To provide opportunities for everyone;

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;

- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:

- the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
- the financial implementation provisions,
- the rules for compliance with Community policies;

- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;

- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)

1994	100
1995	108
1996	116
1997	124
1998	135
1999	147
Total	730

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 730 million.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 235 million.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 515,92 million
— ESF	ECU 166,70 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 47,01 million
— FIFG	ECU 0,37 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 42,18 million
— ESF	ECU 24,70 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 7,00 million
— FIFG	ECU 0,37 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measures ACE (No 1.1.1), AIDE (No 1.1.2) and Invest (No 1.1.7). In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally

binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December 1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 9

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 14 June 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 June 1994

on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the Spanish regions concerned by Objective 1, which are Andalucía, Asturias, Canarias, Cantabria, Castilla-La-Mancha, Castilla y León, Ceuta, Comunidad Valenciana, Extremadura, Galicia, Melilla and Murcia

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

(94/624/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional development plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 1;

Whereas Article 8 *et seq.* under Title III of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽⁴⁾, stipulates the conditions for the preparation and implementation of Community support frameworks; whereas Article 8 (3) sets out the content of Community support frameworks;

Whereas the Spanish Government submitted to the Commission on 20 October 1993 the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 for the Spanish Objective 1 regions; whereas this plan contains

also the elements referred to in Article 8 (7) and in Article 10;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes a description of the regional development priorities selected and of the corresponding operations together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), the Cohesion financial instrument, and through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments, envisaged for implementation of the plan;

Whereas the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the Cohesion financial instrument and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the Spanish authorities have considered their planned structural spending for the Objective 1 regions for the period 1994 to 1999 compatible with their amended convergence programme which is now in the preparatory phase;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the Community support framework in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of the framework on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

that in the Commission decisions approving the CSFs, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, this Decision shall be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of specific Commission decisions approving the operations concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community support framework for Community structural assistance in the Spanish regions concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999 is hereby approved.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines for the Structural Funds and other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

1. The Community support framework includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Spain;

the main priorities are:

1. Opening-up of the regions;
2. Development of the industrial base;
3. Tourism;
4. Agriculture and Rural Development;
5. Fisheries;
6. Infrastructure to support economic activity;

7. Development of human resources;

8. Technical assistance, monitoring and information;

- (b) an outline of the operations to be implemented, particularly their specific objectives and the main types of measures involved;
- (c) the indicative financing plan;
- (d) the procedures for monitoring and evaluation;
- (e) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (f) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the Community support framework;
- (g) information on the means available for technical assistance necessary for the preparation, implementation or adaptation of the measures concerned.

2. The indicative financing plan, not giving rise to indexation, specifies the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 48 905 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, that is ECU 26 300 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, approximately ECU 12 751 million for the public sector and ECU 9 853 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 9 000 million.

In indicative terms also, the amount of assistance from the Cohesion financial instrument in addition to the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, is situated between ECU 7 516 and 8 384 million for the period 1994 to 1999. This sum will be divided between Objective 1 and other regions in the light of circumstances at the time.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	3 609
1995	3 904
1996	4 185
1997	4 175
1998	4 864
1999	5 263
Total	26 300

2. For guidance, the initial forecast breakdown of the total Community assistance available between the Structural Funds and the FIG is as follows:

ERDF	60,6 %
ESF	23,0 %
EAGGF, Guidance Section	12,6 %
FIG	3,8 %
Total	100,0 %

This breakdown may be altered subsequently in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Spain as a declaration of intent in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Done at Brussels, 29 June 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 June 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Flevoland concerned by Objective 1 in the Netherlands

(Only the Dutch text is authentic)

(94/625/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands submitted to the Commission on 3 November 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Flevoland; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Flevoland covered by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Flevoland;

the main priorities are:

1. Business development;
2. Tourism;
3. Agriculture and Rural development;
4. Fisheries;
5. Human Resources Development;
6. Commercial Infrastructure;
7. Transport Infrastructure;
8. Research and Development;
9. Technical assistance;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)

1994	20
1995	22
1996	24
1997	26
1998	28
1999	30
Total	150

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 150 million.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 80 million.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 80,0 million
— ESF	ECU 40,0 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 21,5 million
— FIFG	ECU 8,5 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 14,3 million
— ESF	ECU 3,2 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 1,9 million
— FIFG	ECU 0,6 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes under the priority 'Business Development'. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 9

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Done at Brussels, 29 June 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 July 1994

on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the Irish regions concerned by Objective 1, which is the whole country

(Only the English text is authentic)

(94/626/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional development plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 1;

Whereas Article 8 *et seq.* under Title III of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽⁴⁾, stipulates the conditions for the preparation and implementation of Community support frameworks; whereas Article 8 (3) sets out the content of Community support frameworks;

Whereas the Irish Government submitted to the Commission on 8 October 1993 the national development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 for the whole country;

whereas this plan contains also the elements referred to in Article 8 (7) and in Article 10;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes a description of the regional development priorities selected and of the corresponding operations together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), the Cohesion financial instrument, and through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments, envisaged for implementation of the plan;

Whereas the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the Cohesion financial instrument and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the Community support framework in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of the framework on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving the CSFs, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, this Decision shall be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of specific Commission decisions approving the operations concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community support framework for Community structural assistance in the Irish regions concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999 is hereby approved.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines for the Structural Funds and other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

1. The Community support framework includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Ireland;
the main priorities are:
 - 1. Strengthening the productive sector;
 - 2. Improving economic infrastructure;
 - 3. Developing human resources;
 - 4. Promoting local urban and rural development;
- (b) an outline of the operations to be implemented, particularly their specific objectives and the main types of measures involved;

- (c) the indicative financing plan;
- (d) the procedures for monitoring and evaluation;
- (e) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (f) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the Community support framework;
- (g) information on the means available for technical assistance necessary for the preparation, implementation or adaptation of the measures concerned.

2. The indicative financing plan, not giving rise to indexation, specifies the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 10 383 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, that is ECU 5 620 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, approximately ECU 2 335 million for the public sector and ECU 2 428 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 1 800 million.

In indicative terms also, the amount of assistance from the Cohesion financial instrument in addition to the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, is situated between ECU 1 012 and 1 045 million for the period 1994 to 1999.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	771
1995	834
1996	894
1997	956
1998	1 040
1999	1 125
Total	5 620

2. For guidance, the initial forecast breakdown of the total Community assistance available between the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ERDF	45,6 %
ESF	34,8 %
EAGGF, Guidance Section	18,8 %
FIFG	0,8 %
Total	100,0 %

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to Ireland as a declaration of intent in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Done at Brussels, 13 July 1994.

This breakdown may be altered subsequently in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

For the Commission
Bruce MILLAN
Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 13 July 1994

on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the Greek regions concerned by Objective 1, which is the whole country

(Only the Greek text is authentic)

(94/627/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional development plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 1;

Whereas Article 8 *et seq.* under Title III of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽⁴⁾, stipulates the conditions for the preparation and implementation of Community support frameworks; whereas Article 8 (3) sets out the content of Community support frameworks;

Whereas the Greek Government submitted to the Commission on 10 September 1993 the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 for the whole country;

whereas this plan was amended by the Greek Government on 17 December 1993 and completed on 14 March 1994; whereas this plan contains also the elements referred to in Article 8 (7) and in Article 10;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes a description of the regional development priorities selected and of the corresponding operations together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), the Cohesion financial instrument, and through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments, envisaged for implementation of the plan;

Whereas the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the Cohesion financial instrument and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the Community support framework in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of the framework on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving the CSFs, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and

(¹) OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

(²) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

(³) OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

(⁴) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

(⁵) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(⁶) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, this Decision shall be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of specific Commission decisions approving the operations concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community support framework for Community structural assistance in the Greek regions concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999 is hereby approved.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines for the Structural Funds and other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

1. The Community support framework includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Greece;

the main priorities are:

1. Reduction of the degree of peripherality and promotion of internal integration by the development of large infrastructures;
2. Improvement of living conditions;
3. Development and competitiveness of the economy;
4. Development of human resources and promotion of employment;

5. Reduction of regional disparities and opening-up of island areas;

- (b) an outline of the operations to be implemented, particularly their specific objectives and the main types of measures involved;
- (c) the indicative financing plan;
- (d) the procedures for monitoring and evaluation;
- (e) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (f) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the Community support framework;
- (g) information on the means available for technical assistance necessary for the preparation, implementation or adaptation of the measures concerned.

2. The indicative financing plan, not giving rise to indexation, specifies the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 29 721,3 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, that is ECU 13 980 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, approximately ECU 7 069,9 million for the public sector and ECU 8 671,4 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 2 368 million.

In indicative terms also, the amount of assistance from the Cohesion financial instrument in addition to the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, is situated between ECU 2 312 and 2 891 million for the period 1994 to 1999.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	1 918,1
1995	2 075,1
1996	2 224,2
1997	2 379,0
1998	2 586,3
1999	2 797,3
Total	13 980,0

2. For guidance, the initial forecast breakdown of the total Community assistance available between the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ERDF	67,9 %
ESF	18,3 %
EAGGF, Guidance Section	12,9 %
FIFG	0,9 %
Total	100,0 %

This breakdown may be altered subsequently in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Hellenic Republic as a declaration of intent in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Done at Brussels, 13 July 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the German regions concerned by Objective 1, which are Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Sachsen-Anhalt, Sachsen, Thüringen and Berlin (East)

(Only the German text is authentic)

(94/628/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional development plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 1;

Whereas Article 8 *et seq.* under Title III of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽⁴⁾, stipulates the conditions for the preparation and implementation of Community support frameworks; whereas Article 8 (3) sets out the content of Community support frameworks;

Whereas the German Government submitted to the Commission on 13 July 1993 the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC)

No 2052/88 for the new Länder and Berlin (East); whereas this plan contains also the elements referred to in Article 8 (7) and in Article 10;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes a description of the regional development priorities selected and of the corresponding operations together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), and through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments, envisaged for implementation of the plan;

Whereas the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the Community support framework in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of the framework on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving the CSFs, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, this Decision shall be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of specific Commission decisions approving the operations concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community support framework for Community structural assistance in the German regions concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999 is hereby approved.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines for the Structural Funds and other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

1. The Community support framework includes the following essential information:

(a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Germany;

the main priorities are:

1. Support for productive investments and for complementary investments in related infrastructure;
2. Support measures for small and medium-sized enterprises;
3. Support measures for research and technological development and for innovation;
4. Measures to protect and improve the environment;
5. Measures to combat unemployment and to develop the potential of human resources and for professional training and employment;

6. Measures to develop agriculture, rural areas and fisheries;

7. Technical assistance;

- (b) an outline of the operations to be implemented, particularly their specific objectives and the main types of measures involved;
- (c) the indicative financing plan;
- (d) the procedures for monitoring and evaluation;
- (e) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (f) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the Community support framework;
- (g) information on the means available for technical assistance necessary for the preparation, implementation or adaptation of the measures concerned.

2. The indicative financing plan, not giving rise to indexation, specifies the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 57 906 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIG, that is ECU 13 640 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, approximately ECU 10 256 million for the public sector and ECU 34 010 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 5 400 million.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIG is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	1 872
1995	2 024
1996	2 170
1997	2 321
1998	2 523
1999	2 730
Total	13 640

2. For guidance, the initial forecast breakdown of the total Community assistance available between the Structural Funds and the FIG is as follows:

ERDF	50,00 %
ESF	30,00 %
EAGGF, Guidance Section	19,39 %
FIG	0,61 %
Total	100,00 %

This breakdown may be altered subsequently in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Federal German Republic as a declaration of intent in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the establishment of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance for the Italian regions concerned by Objective 1, which are Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(94/629/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 8 (5) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 8 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional development plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks (CSFs) for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 1;

Whereas Article 8 *et seq.* under Title III of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 ⁽⁴⁾, stipulates the conditions for the preparation and implementation of Community support frameworks; whereas Article 8 (3) sets out the content of Community support frameworks;

Whereas the Italian Government submitted to the Commission on 29 October 1993 the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of

Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 for the Italian Objective 1 regions; whereas this plan contains also the elements referred to in Article 8 (7) and in Article 10;

Whereas the plan submitted by the Member State includes a description of the regional development priorities selected and of the corresponding operations together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), and through the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments, envisaged for implementation of the plan;

Whereas the Community support framework has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the Community support framework in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of the framework on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94 ⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving the CSFs, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 8 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 sets out the regions concerned by Objective 1; whereas Annex I of the same Regulation specifies that the Abruzzo Region is eligible under Objective 1 only for the period 1994 to 1996;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, this Decision shall be sent as a declaration of intent to the Member State;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 20 (1) and (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the budgetary commitments relating to the contribution from the Structural Funds to the financing of the operations covered by the Community support framework will be made on the basis of specific Commission decisions approving the operations concerned,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Community support framework for Community structural assistance in Italian regions concerned by Objective 1, which are the Abruzzo Region for the period from 1994 to 1996 and the regions of Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily, for the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

The Commission declares that it intends to contribute to the implementation of this Community support framework in accordance with the detailed provisions thereof and in compliance with the rules and guidelines for the Structural Funds and other existing financial instruments.

Article 2

1. The Community support framework includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Italy;

the main priorities are:

1. Opening-up of the regions;
2. Industry, crafts and services to firms;
3. Tourism;

4. Development and diversification of agricultural production and rural development;
5. Fisheries;
6. Support infrastructure for economic activities;
7. Human resources development;

- (b) an outline of the operations to be implemented, particularly their specific objectives and the main types of measures involved;
- (c) the indicative financing plan;
- (d) the procedures for monitoring and evaluation;
- (e) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (f) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the Community support framework;
- (g) information on the means available for technical assistance necessary for the preparation, implementation or adaptation of the measures concerned.

2. The indicative financing plan, not giving rise to indexation, specifies the total cost of the priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 32 439 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF, that is ECU 14 860 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, approximately ECU 10 327 million for the public sector and ECU 7 252 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 9 000 million.

Article 3

1. For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	2 039
1995	2 205
1996	2 365
1997	2 529
1998	2 748
1999	2 974
Total	14 860

2. For guidance, the initial forecast breakdown of the total Community assistance available between the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ERDF	65,01 %
ESF	18,43 %
EAGGF, Guidance Section	14,99 %
FIFG	1,57 %
Total	100,0 %

This breakdown may be altered subsequently in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic as a declaration of intent in accordance with Article 10 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Corsica concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/630/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 22 December 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Corsica; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in

(¹) OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

(²) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

(³) OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

(⁴) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

(⁵) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(⁶) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document satisfies the conditions and includes the information required by Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated

approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Corsica concerned by Objective 1 in France, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Corsica;

the main priorities are:

1. Opening-up of the region and supporting infrastructure;
2. Valorization of the products of the soil and of the sea;
3. University, research and new sources of energy;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

4. Development of the tourism and cultural heritage;
 5. Environment;
 6. Economic development;
 7. Development of human resources;
 8. Technical assistance;
- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
- the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	34,36
1995	37,10
1996	39,73
1997	42,58
1998	46,23
1999	50,00
Total	250,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 249,875 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 125 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single

programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all French Objective 1 regions.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 147,375 million
— ESF	ECU 31,000 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 64,000 million
— FIFG	ECU 7,500 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 20,148 million
— ESF	ECU 4,261 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 8,796 million
— FIFG	ECU 1,031 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 9

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 8

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Guadeloupe concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/631/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 21 December 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Guadeloupe; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to

(¹) OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

(²) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

(³) OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

(⁴) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

(⁵) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(⁶) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Guadeloupe concerned by Objective 1 in France, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Guadeloupe;

the main priorities are:

1. Seeking social balance — Development of human resources;
2. Seeking economic balance;
3. Seeking spatial balance;
4. Seeking ecological balance;
5. Technical assistance;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

<i>ECU million (1994 prices)</i>	
1994	47,42
1995	51,20
1996	54,82
1997	58,76
1998	63,80
1999	69,00
Total	345,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 344,84 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 160 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all Objective 1 regions in France.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 159,84 million
— ESF	ECU 104,30 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 74,50 million
— FIGF	ECU 6,20 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 23,567 million
— ESF	ECU 11,931 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 10,282 million
— FIGF	ECU 0,800 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measures 204, 'aids for capital equipment in firms' and 208, 'improvement of financial engineering of firms'. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Guyana concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/632/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 21 December 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Guyana; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94 ⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Guyana concerned by Objective 1 in France, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Guyana;

the main priorities are:

1. Opening-up of the region;
2. Industry, craftwork and services;
3. Tourism;
4. Agricultural resources and rural development;
5. Fisheries;
6. Supporting infrastructure;
7. Development of human resources;

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	22,68
1995	24,49
1996	26,21
1997	28,11
1998	30,51
1999	33,00
Total	165,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 164,908 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 92 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all Objective 1 regions in France.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 92,208 million
— ESF	ECU 35,800 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 27,400 million
— FIGF	ECU 9,500 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 8,756 million
— ESF	ECU 4,920 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 3,760 million
— FIGF	ECU 1,310 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measures 2.1 (Aids to industry), 2.2 (Aids to craftwork), 2.3 (Aids to services to firms), 2.5 (Industrial and craftwork zones), 2.6 (Financial engineering). In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Martinique concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/633/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 21 December 1993 the single

programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Martinique; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Martinique concerned by Objective 1 in France, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Martinique;

the main priorities are:

1. Tourism;
2. Industry;
3. Commerce and craftwork;
4. Land-use planning;
5. Opening-up of the region;
6. Environment;
7. Qualification and development of human resources;
8. Agriculture;
9. Fisheries and aquaculture;
10. Technical assistance;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

<i>ECU million (1994 prices)</i>	
1994	45,36
1995	48,96
1996	52,44
1997	56,21
1998	61,03
1999	66,00
Total	330,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 329,84 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 160 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all Objective 1 regions in France.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 166,34 million
— ESF	ECU 89,00 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 67,00 million
— FIFG	ECU 7,50 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 10,271 million
— ESF	ECU 12,253 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 9,560 million
— FIFG	ECU 1,040 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measure 1, 'Aids to firms' in subprogramme 2 — 'Industry'. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Réunion concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/634/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 21 December 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Réunion; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94 ⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in

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⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated

approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Réunion concerned by Objective 1 in France, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Réunion;

the main priorities are:

1. Development of productive sectors and of the factors of competitiveness;
2. Opening-up of the region;
3. Environment and infrastructure supporting development;
4. Implementation of Objective 5a and development of the food sector;
5. Diversification and development of agricultural production;
6. Support for agricultural and rural development;
7. Development of fisheries and aquaculture;

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

8. Qualification and development of human resources;
9. Technical assistance and regional cooperation;
- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)

1994	90,71
1995	97,95
1996	104,88
1997	112,41
1998	122,05
1999	132,00
Total	660,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIGF granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 659,70 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 300 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all Objective 1 regions in France.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 320,20 million
— ESF	ECU 183,00 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 149,00 million
— FIGF	ECU 7,50 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 35,35 million
— ESF	ECU 25,14 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 20,51 million
— FIGF	ECU 1,01 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIGF and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measures 1.2 and 5 of Subprogramme 1, 'Development of productive sectors and of the factors of competitiveness'; In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to French Republic.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Nord-Pas-de-Calais in the '*arrondissements*' of Avesnes, Douai and Valenciennes concerned by Objective 1 in France

(Only the French text is authentic)

(94/635/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, and the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the French Government submitted to the Commission on 22 December 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the districts of Avesnes, Douai and Valenciennes; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to

(¹) OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

(²) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

(³) OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

(⁴) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

(⁵) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(⁶) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated

approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIGF;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁸⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF, Guidance Section, have been complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the 'arrondissements' of Avesnes, Douai and Valenciennes concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in this region;

the main priorities are:

1. Relaunching economic activity;
2. Research and development and technology;
3. Development of human resources;
4. Upgrading of the area;

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds as referred to in Article 4;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

(c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:

- the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
- the financial implementation provisions,
- the rules for compliance with Community policies;

(d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;

(e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds is as follows:

<i>ECU million (1994 prices)</i>	
1994	60,47
1995	65,30
1996	69,92
1997	74,93
1998	81,38
1999	88,00
Total	440,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 440 million.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 150 million for all Objective 1 regions in France.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 308,14 million
— ESF	ECU 82,40 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 49,46 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 42,35 million
— ESF	ECU 11,32 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 6,80 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in measure No 1.1, 'Investment by Firms'. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Merseyside concerned by Objective 1 in the United Kingdom

(Only the English text is authentic)

(94/636/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, and the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the Government of the United Kingdom submitted to the Commission on 4 November 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Merseyside; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document satisfies the conditions and includes the information required by Article 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁷⁾, as last amended by

Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁸⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, and the EAGGF, Guidance Section, have been complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Merseyside concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Merseyside;

the main priorities are:

1. Action for Industry: inward investment and key corporate business development;
2. Action for Industry: indigenous enterprise and local business development;
3. Action for Industry: knowledge based industries and advanced technology development;
4. Action for Industry: developing the cultural, media and leisure industries; and
5. Action for the People of Merseyside: pathways to integration, a better training system, community development and a better quality of life;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds is as follows:

<i>ECU million (1994 prices)</i>	
1994	111,96
1995	121,11
1996	129,83
1997	138,87
1998	150,93
1999	163,30
Total	816,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 816 million.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans

from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 250 million.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 475 million
— ESF	ECU 338 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 3 million

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 65,17 million
— ESF	ECU 46,38 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 0,41 million

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 9

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Article 8

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Northern Ireland concerned by Objective 1 in the United Kingdom

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the Government of the United Kingdom submitted to the Commission on 3 November 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the region of Northern Ireland; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in which each decision is taken and shall be subject to

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(³) OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

(⁴) OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

(⁵) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(⁶) OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated

approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with;

Whereas it has been agreed in the partnership to reserve an amount of the appropriations allocated to technical assistance for actions to be undertaken at the initiative of the Commission; whereas, therefore, this amount should be deducted from the total amount of assistance allocated under this single programming document,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the region of Northern Ireland concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in Northern Ireland;

the main priorities are:

1. Promoting economic development and competitiveness;
2. Investment in communities and people;
3. Reducing the effects of peripherality;
4. The development of agriculture, fisheries and the rural economy;
5. Protection and enhancement of the natural and built environment;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

<i>ECU million (1994 prices)</i>	
1994	169,29
1995	182,05
1996	196,33
1997	210,11
1998	228,17
1999	247,05
Total	1 233,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 1 232,82 million, after deduction of an amount of ECU 180 000 reserved for technical assistance on the initiative of the Commission.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 250 million.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 676,82 million
— ESF	ECU 354,00 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 186,88 million
— FIFG	ECU 15,12 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 85,41 million
— ESF	ECU 48,56 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 23,48 million
— FIFG	ECU 1,56 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes in the measures 1.1.1 to 1.1.6, 1.2.1, 1.2.3 and 3.2.3. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission

COMMISSION DECISION

of 29 July 1994

on the adoption of the single programming document for Community structural assistance in the Highlands and Islands Enterprise area concerned by Objective 1 in the United Kingdom

(Only the English text is authentic)

(94/638/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards coordination of the activities of the different Structural Funds between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93 ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 10 (1) last subparagraph thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee referred to in Article 124 of the Treaty, the Management Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Standing Management Committee on Fisheries Structures,

Whereas the programming procedure for structural assistance under Objective 1 is defined in Article 8 (4) to (7) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 of 24 June 1988 on the tasks of the Structural Funds and their effectiveness and on coordination of their activities between themselves and with the operations of the European Investment Bank and the other existing financial instruments ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93 ⁽⁴⁾; whereas, however, the last subparagraph of Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in order to simplify and to speed up programming procedures, Member States may submit in a single programming document the information required for the regional development plan referred to in Article 8 (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 and the information required at Article 14 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88; whereas Article 10 (1) last subparagraph of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 foresees that in that case the Commission adopts a single decision in a single document covering the points referred to in Article 8 (3) and the assistance from the Funds referred to in the last subparagraph of Article 14 (3);

Whereas the Government of the United Kingdom submitted to the Commission on 3 November 1993 the single programming document referred to in Article 5 (2) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88 for the Highlands and Islands Enterprise area; whereas this document contains the elements referred to in Article 8 (4) and (7) and in Article 10 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas the single programming document submitted by the Member State includes a description of the priorities selected and the applications for assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), Guidance Section, the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG), as well as an indication of the planned use of the assistance available from the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the other financial instruments in implementing the single programming document;

Whereas, in accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, the Commission is charged with ensuring, within the framework of the partnership, coordination and consistency between assistance from the Funds and assistance provided by the EIB and the other financial instruments, including the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and the other actions for structural purposes;

Whereas the EIB has been involved in the drawing up of the single programming document in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, applicable by analogy in the establishment of the single programming document; whereas it has declared itself prepared to contribute to the implementation of this document on the basis of the forecast loan packages shown in this Decision and in conformity with its statutory provisions;

Whereas Article 2 second subparagraph of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1866/90 of 2 July 1990 on arrangements for using the ecu for the purpose of the budgetary management of the Structural Funds ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 402/94 ⁽⁶⁾, stipulates that in the Commission decisions approving a single programming document, the Community assistance available for the entire period and the annual breakdown thereof shall be set out in ecus at prices for the year in

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 20.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 9.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 54, 25. 2. 1994, p. 9.

which each decision is taken and shall be subject to indexation; whereas this annual breakdown must be compatible with the progressive increase in the commitment appropriations shown in Annex II to Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88; whereas indexation is based on a single rate per year, corresponding to the rates applied annually to budget appropriations on the basis of the mechanism for the technical adjustment of the financial perspectives;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4254/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Regional Development Fund ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2083/93 ⁽²⁾, defines the measures for which the ERDF may provide financial support, referring specifically to the measures eligible pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4255/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the European Social Fund ⁽³⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2084/93 ⁽⁴⁾, defines the measures for which the ESF may provide financial support;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4256/88 of 19 December 1988 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the EAGGF Guidance Section ⁽⁵⁾, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2085/93 ⁽⁶⁾, defines the measures for which the EAGGF Guidance Section may provide financial support for the implementation of measures pursuant to Objective 1;

Whereas Article 1 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2080/93 of 20 July 1993 laying down provisions for implementing Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 as regards the Financial Instrument of Fisheries Guidance ⁽⁷⁾, defines the measures for which the FIFG may provide financial support;

Whereas the single programming document has been established in agreement with the Member State concerned through the partnership defined in Article 4 of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88;

Whereas certain measures planned under this single programming document include the part-financing of aid schemes which have not been approved by the Commission; whereas the financial commitments should be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission;

Whereas the present assistance satisfies the conditions laid down in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88, and so should be implemented by means of an integrated approach involving finance from more than one Fund and the FIFG;

Whereas Article 1 of the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Communities ⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Regulation (Euratom, ECSC, EEC) No 610/90 ⁽⁹⁾, states that the legal commitments entered into for measures extending over more than one financial year must contain a time limit for implementation which must be specified to the recipient in due form when the aid is granted;

Whereas all the other conditions laid down for the grant of aid from the ERDF, the ESF, the EAGGF, Guidance Section, and the FIFG, have been complied with,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The single programming document for Community structural assistance in the Highlands and Islands Enterprise area concerned by Objective 1, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1999, is hereby approved.

Article 2

The single programming document includes the following essential information:

- (a) a statement of the main priorities for joint action, their specific quantified objectives, an appraisal of their expected impact and their consistency with economic, social and regional policies in the Highlands;

the main priorities are:

1. Business development;
2. Tourism, heritage and cultural development;
3. Preservation and enhancement of the environment;
4. Development of the primary sectors and related food industries;
5. Community development;
6. Improvement of communications and service networks to support business and community development technical assistance;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 34.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 21.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 39.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 374, 31. 12. 1988, p. 25.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 44.

⁽⁷⁾ OJ No L 193, 31. 7. 1993, p. 1.

⁽⁸⁾ OJ No L 356, 31. 12. 1977, p. 1.

⁽⁹⁾ OJ No L 70, 16. 3. 1990, p. 1.

- (b) the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG as referred to in Article 4;
- (c) the detailed provisions for implementing the single programming document comprising:
 - the procedures for monitoring and evaluation,
 - the financial implementation provisions,
 - the rules for compliance with Community policies;
- (d) the procedures for verifying additionality and an initial evaluation of the latter;
- (e) the arrangements for associating the environmental authorities with the implementation of the single programming document.

Article 3

For the purpose of indexation, the annual breakdown of the global maximal allocation foreseen for the assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG is as follows:

ECU million (1994 prices)	
1994	42,75
1995	46,84
1996	49,84
1997	53,02
1998	56,90
1999	61,65
Total	311,00

Article 4

The assistance from the Structural Funds and the FIFG granted to the single programming document amounts to a maximum of ECU 311 million.

The procedure for granting the financial assistance, including the financial contribution from the Funds to the various priorities and measures which the single programming document comprises, is set out in the financing plan annexed to this Decision ⁽¹⁾.

The national financial contribution as indicated in the financing plan may be met in part by Community loans from the European Investment Bank and other types of loans. In indicative terms, EIB loans could reach ECU 50 million.

⁽¹⁾ Annex not published in the Official Journal.

Article 5

1. The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG of the total Community assistance available is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 180,0 million
— ESF	ECU 55,2 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 56,0 million
— FIFG	ECU 19,8 million.

2. The budgetary commitment for the first instalment is as follows:

— ERDF	ECU 21,95 million
— ESF	ECU 8,30 million
— EAGGF, Guidance Section	ECU 8,60 million
— FIFG	ECU 3,90 million.

Commitments of subsequent instalments will be based on the financing plan for the single programming document and on progress in its implementation.

Article 6

The breakdown among the Structural Funds and the FIFG and the procedure for the grant of the assistance may be altered subsequently, subject to the availability of funds and the budgetary rules, in the light of reprogramming decided according to the procedure laid down in Article 25 (5) of Regulation (EEC) No 4253/88.

Article 7

This Decision is without prejudice to the Commission's position on the aid schemes within the six priorities of the programme listed in Article 2 of this Decision. In accordance with Articles 92 and 93 of the Treaty, the aid schemes must be approved by the Commission and hence the financial commitments shall be reduced by the amounts corresponding to the said measures until the aid schemes are approved by the Commission.

Article 8

The Community aid concerns expenditure on operations under the single programming document which, in the Member State concerned, are the subject of legally binding commitments and for which the requisite finance has been specifically allocated no later than 31 December

1999. The final date for taking account of expenditure on these measures is 31 December 2001.

Article 10

This Decision is addressed to the United Kingdom.

Article 9

Done at Brussels, 29 July 1994.

The single programming document shall be implemented in accordance with Community law, and in particular Articles 7, 30, 48, 52 and 59 of the EC Treaty and the Community directives on the coordination of procedures for the award of contracts.

For the Commission

Bruce MILLAN

Member of the Commission