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COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 June 1964

on the organization of a survey of infrastructure costs in respect of transport by rail, , road and inland waterway

(64/389/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 75 thereof:

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament1;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee²;

Whereas the development of the common transport policy entails a harmonization of national provisions concerning the use of the infrastructure, such harmonization to take into account the need to eliminate disparities liable to distort competition in the transport sector;

Whereas the pursuit of this objective demands inter alia as full a knowledge as possible of infrastructure costs; whereas to this end a survey governed by common principles and covering a common period of reference should be organized for all the Member States and for all modes of transport,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

There shall be carried out in the Community, on the basis of common principles, a survey of infrastructure costs in respect of transport by rail, road and inland waterway.

Each Member State shall be responsible for the organization and execution of the survey in respect of those matters with which it is concerned.

Article 2

- 1. The object of the survey shall be to determine:
- (a) total infrastructure costs;
- (b) what part of those costs is attributable to the transport function of infrastructure in cases where such infrastructure is at the same time fulfilling other functions;
- (c) the allocation of those costs among the various categories of transport.
- 2. The survey shall relate to data for the year 1966.

Article 3

In order to gather the data relating to the use of infrastructure required in order to carry out the survey provided for in Article 1, Member States shall carry out a series of censuses and samplings spread over the years 1965 and 1966.

The types of census and sampling to be carried out during each of those years shall be laid down before 15 July 1964 and 30 April 1965 respectively, by decisions of the Commission taken after consulting the Member States.

Article 4

Before 30 April 1965 the Council, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, shall determine the scope of the survey and specify the methods of determining and allocating the costs referred to in Article 2.

Article 5

Member States shall adopt in good time such laws, regulations or administrative provisions as may be necessary for the organization and carrying out of the survey and shall inform the Commission thereof.

Article 6

Member States shall communicate the results of the survey to the Commission by 31 December 1967 at

OJ No 24, 8.2.1964, p. 421/64.

² OJ No 102, 29.6.1964, p. 1600/64.

the latest. They shall assist the Commission in comparing and interpreting those results.

Article 7

Before 30 June 1968 the Commission shall place before the Council a report on the results of the survey, together with a study on the covering of infrastructure costs.

The report shall be accompanied by proposals for the introduction of a permanent standard accounting system in respect of revenue and expenditure relating to transport infrastructure.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 June 1964.

For the Council
The President
A. BERTRAND