

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 May 1973

adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community in the field of
teledetection of earth resources

(73/127/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and in particular Articles 41 and 235 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Council Resolution of 17 December 1970 on the procedure for adopting research and training programmes;

Whereas Article 2 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community assigns to the Community, *inter alia* the task of promoting throughout the Community a harmonious development of economic activities, a continuous and balanced expansion and an accelerated raising of the standard of living; whereas the objectives of the Community's activities for these purposes are set out in Article 3 of the same Treaty;

Whereas the purpose of the projects which are the subject of this Decision is, in the initial phase, to offer to the Community a means of drawing up statistics and forecasts which may be used in various fields including agriculture;

Whereas the problem of evaluating and using natural resources constitutes an important element of these objectives;

Whereas the research projects which are the subject of this Decision seem necessary in order to achieve certain Community objectives in the context of the functioning of the common market;

Whereas the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community made no provision for the powers required for these purposes;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

A research programme for the European Economic Community in the field of teledetection of earth

resources, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, is hereby adopted for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1973. This Annex, forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The upper limit for expenditure commitments and for staff necessary for the implementation of this programme shall be 1.05 million units of account and 10 staff, the unit of account being defined in the Financial Regulation on the establishment and implementation of the budget of the European Communities and the responsibility of authorizing and accounting officers.

Article 3

The Commission shall ensure that this programme is carried out and, to this end, shall request the assistance of the Joint Research Centre. It shall submit an annual report to the Council on the subject.

Article 4

The programme defined in the Annex shall be subject to review at the beginning of the second year, in accordance with the appropriate procedures, and in the light of the decisions of the Paris Summit Conference.

Article 5

The information resulting from the implementation of the parts of the programme defined in the Annex shall be disseminated in accordance with the conditions and within the limits which are to be fixed at a later date.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1973.

For the Council

The President

R. VAN ELSLANDE

ANNEX

**DIRECT ACTION
NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS
TELEDETECTION OF EARTH RESOURCES***Joint programme*

A maximum amount of 1.05 million units of account shall be allocated to this objective and the upper limit for staff shall be fixed at 10 staff (including 4 programme staff).

The objective shall comprise direct support activity to the Directorates-General of the Commission for the purpose of establishing a technique for global analysis of the conditions of the soil and its constituents by aerial and spatial observation.

These activities will be carried out by the Ispra Establishment in conjunction with the Directorates-General concerned.
