

COUNCIL DECISION

of 17 December 1990

on the implementation of a two-year programme (1991-1992) for developing
Community tourism statistics

(90/665/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 213 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Whereas Decision 86/664/EEC ⁽³⁾ established a consultation and cooperation procedure in the field of tourism ;

Whereas the Resolution of the European Parliament of 22 January 1988 on the facilitation, promotion and funding of tourism in the European Community ⁽⁴⁾ stresses the Community's role in publishing statistics, opinion surveys and information on tourism ;

Whereas completion of the single market heightens the need for reliable, rapid and comparable statistical information based on Community criteria ;

Whereas the business environment of firms in the tourist industry should be improved by ensuring better analysis and dissemination of information at Community level ;

Whereas a Community reference framework for preparing Community tourism statistics should be devised to provide the most appropriate concepts and methods for satisfying the information requirements of users ;

Whereas proposals for data collection at Community level should not result in the duplication of data collection at the level of the Member States and should, as far as possible, make use of existing systems ;

Whereas efforts should be made at Community level to ensure the comparability of statistical information on tourism already available in the Member States ;

Whereas the workload involved in collecting data from businesses should be taken into account when establishing priorities ; whereas it should be reduced as much as possible through more extensive use of tourist demand analysis and the development of appropriate basic statis-

tical tools, while ensuring the quality and consistency of the Community statistical information system ;

Whereas Article 5 of the Treaty places Member States under the obligation to assist the Commission in carrying out its tasks ; whereas it follows from this obligation that Member States must make available to the Commission the tourism statistics in their possession ;

Whereas, under Council Decision 89/382/EEC, Euratom of 19 June 1989 establishing a Statistical Programme Committee of the European Communities ⁽⁵⁾, that Committee carries out the functions devolved to it by the provisions adopted by the Council in the field of statistics ;

Whereas the sum of appropriations allocated annually for the task provided for by this Decision is stipulated in the financial perspective attached to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 29 June 1988 on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽⁶⁾ ; whereas the appropriations actually available will be determined under the budgetary procedure in accordance with the said Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The action plan of the two-year programme 1991-1992 for developing Community tourism statistics (hereinafter referred to as the 'programme') is hereby approved.

Article 2

The aim of the programme shall be the development of a Community frame of reference for the compilation of Community statistics on tourism, by harmonizing the concepts and methods used by the Member States.

Article 3

With a view to achieving the aim referred to in Article 2, the Commission shall, in consultation with the Member States and in conformity with the action plan set out in the Annex :

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 150, 19. 6. 1990, p. 4.

⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 23 November 1990 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 348, 31. 12. 1986, p. 52.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 49, 22. 2. 1988, p. 157.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 181, 28. 6. 1989, p. 47.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ No L 185, 15. 7. 1988, p. 33.

- (a) analyse and evaluate users' needs with regard to tourism statistics as ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 ;
- (b) collect and disseminate existing data on tourism ;
- (c) analyse the systems that exist in the Member States and those used by international organizations ;
- (d) prepare a Community methodological framework for the compilation of Community tourism statistics.

Article 4

1. Member States shall analyse and assess the needs of the main national users.
2. The Commission shall coordinate this work following consultation with the Statistical Programme Committee.
3. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the results of the work referred to in paragraph 1 by 30 June 1991.

Article 5

For the purpose of carrying out the tasks referred to in Article 3, Member States shall, as soon as possible and in any case by 31 December 1991, supply the Commission with existing statistics on tourism and with details of future tourism statistics programmes proposed, as well as with any information the Commission may require

concerning the methodology used for collecting existing statistics.

Article 6

The Commission shall present to the Council :

- (a) by 31 May 1992, an interim progress report ;
- (b) by 31 December 1992, a report evaluating the outcome of the work referred to in Article 3 and the conclusions prompted by the report as to the development of the information system required for Community tourism statistics after 1992, and including a list of priorities.

Article 7

1. The sum of the appropriations allocated annually for the task provided for by this Decision shall be fixed in the framework of the annual budgetary procedure.
2. The budget authority shall determine the appropriations available for each year.

Article 8

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 1990.

For the Council
The President
G. CARLI

*ANNEX***STATISTICAL ACTION PLAN**

(1991-1992)

(a) Analysis and evaluation of users' needs with regard to tourism statistics

Collection and analysis of the needs of the main users, in particular the Community institutions, national administrations, international organizations and economic operators.

The analysis will take into account long-term needs and completion of the single market in 1992, to allow long-term planning and convergence of statistical efforts at national and Community level.

Determination of users' needs will require the broadest possible consultation of the parties concerned, to be achieved through co-ordination by Member States at national level.

The various needs will be placed in order of priority bearing in mind the resulting burden on, and the advantages derived by, providers of statistics.

(b) Collection and dissemination of existing data on tourism

The aim is to collect and regularly disseminate data on tourism.

(c) Analysis of existing systems in the Member States and those used by international organizations

— Analysis of supply in the tourist industry

— Analysis of tourist demand

— World data on third countries (sources: WTO, OECD) to monitor the Community's development against other countries and at world level

— Data from other statistical projects with a bearing on tourism.

(d) Preparation of a Community methodological framework for the compilation of Community tourism statistics

The aim is to establish a reference framework for statistics on tourism, covering both existing data and additional data collections. It will be used as a basic harmonization tool for developing official European statistics and as guidance for non-official statistics.
