

COMMISSION DECISION

of 8 September 1999

fixing an indicative allocation by Member State of the allocations under the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund Guarantee Section for rural development measures for the period 2000 to 2006

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(1999/659/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 of 17 May 1999 on support for rural development from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular to Article 46(2) thereof,

- (1) Whereas the allocation of commitment appropriations for rural development measures integrated into Objective No 1 programmes shall be cofinanced by the EAGGF Guidance Section in accordance with Article 35(2), first indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999;
- (2) Whereas Community support for other rural development measures shall be cofinanced by the EAGGF Guarantee Section in accordance with Article 35(2), second indent, of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999;
- (3) Whereas, paragraph 23 of the Presidency Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999 fixed the financial perspective pertaining to rural development and accompanying measures financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for the period 2000 to 2006;
- (4) Whereas according to Article 46(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 the Commission shall make initial allocations to Member States for rural development measures cofinanced under the EAGGF Guarantee Section, broken down on an annual basis and using objective criteria which take into account particular situations and needs, and efforts to be undertaken especially for the environment, job creation and maintenance of the landscape;
- (5) Whereas in view of the particular structural difficulties in rural areas eligible under Objective No 2 of the Structural Funds, the Commission shall seek to ensure that in

the programming of rural development measures, the intensity of Community aid per head of population is significantly higher in these areas than in areas not covered by Objective No 1 or Objective No 2 as far as the measures set out in Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 are concerned;

- (6) Whereas paragraph 22 of the Presidency Conclusions of the Berlin European Council of 24 and 25 March 1999 has been taken into account;
- (7) Whereas according to Article 46(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1257/1999 the Commission shall adjust the initial allocations on the basis of actual expenditure and revised expenditure forecasts submitted by the Member States taking into account programme objectives,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The initial allocations to Member States for rural development support cofinanced by the EAGGF Guarantee Section for the period 2000 to 2006 shall be as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 8 September 1999.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.

ANNEX

Support for rural development 2000 to 2006**Allocations to Member States**

Member State	Financial allocation ⁽¹⁾	
	annual average EUR million 1999 prices	%
Belgium	50	1,2
Denmark	46	1,1
Germany	700	16,1
Greece	131	3,0
Spain	459	10,6
France	760	17,5
Ireland	315	7,3
Italy	595	13,7
Luxembourg	12	0,3
Netherlands	55	1,3
Austria	423	9,7
Portugal	200	4,6
Finland	290	6,7
Sweden	149	3,4
United Kingdom	154	3,5
Total	4 339	100

⁽¹⁾ In calculating the annual allocation by Member State for the period 2000 to 2006, the percentages in the table above shall be applied to the financial perspective ceilings per year set out in paragraph 23 of the Presidency Conclusions of the Berlin European Council.