

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 30 December 1994

on the approval of the Community support framework for Community structural assistance in the regions concerned by Objective 2 in Spain

(Only the Spanish text is authentic)

((94/1066/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<sup>(1)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2081/93<sup>(2)</sup>, and in particular Article 9 (9) thereof,

After consultation of the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions and the Committee pursuant to Article 124 of the Treaty,

Whereas, in accordance with Article 9 (9) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88, the Commission, on the basis of the regional and social conversion plans submitted by the Member States, shall establish, through partnership and in agreement with the Member State concerned, the Community support frameworks for Community structural operations for the regions concerned by Objective 2;

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<sup>(3)</sup>, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2082/93<sup>(4)</sup>, 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 Commission has established, by Decision 94/169/EC<sup>(5)</sup>, an initial list of declining industrial areas concerned by Objective 2 for the period 1994 to 1996;

Whereas the Spanish Government submitted to the Commission on 26 April 1994 the regional and social conversion plan referred to in Article 9 (8) of Regulation (EEC) No 2052/88 for the regions concerned by Objective 2 in Spain for the period 1994 to 1996;

Whereas the plan submitted by this Member State includes a description of the conversion priorities selected, together with an indication of the levels of assistance under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF), as well as an indication of the planned use of the resources of 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 ECSC and the other actions for structural purposes and the Cohesion Fund;

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 in conformity with its statutory provisions; whereas, however, it has not yet been possible to evaluate precisely the amounts of Community loans corresponding to the financial needs;

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<sup>(6)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2745/94<sup>(7)</sup>, 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 81, 24. 3. 1994, p. 1.

(6) OJ No L 170, 3. 7. 1990, p. 36.

(7) OJ No L 290, 11. 11. 1994, p. 4.

that in the Commission Decisions approving the Community support frameworks (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 regions concerned by Objective 2 in Spain, covering the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 1996, 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. support for employment and competitiveness of the enterprises;
2. protection of the environment;
3. support for research, technology and innovation;

4. development of transport linked to economic activities;
  5. local and urban development;
  6. 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 main priorities adopted for joint action by the Community and the Member State concerned, that is ECU 3 486,909 million for the whole period, and the financial arrangements envisaged for budgetary assistance from the Structural Funds, that is ECU 1 130 million.

The resulting national financial contribution, which is approximately ECU 1 310,373 million for the public sector and ECU 1 046,536 million for the private sector, may be met in part by Community loans, in particular from the ECSC and from the EIB.

#### Article 3

1. 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	360
1995	374
1996	396
Total	1 130

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

ERDF	77,0 %
ESF	23,0 %
Total	100,0 %

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

*Article 4*

Done at Brussels, 30 December 1994.

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.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

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