

**DECISION No 889/98/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
THE COUNCIL**

of 7 April 1998

**amending Council Decision 92/481/EEC on the adoption of an action plan for
the exchange between Member State administrations of national officials who are
engaged in the implementation of Community legislation required to achieve the
internal market (Karolus programme)**

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Community, and in particular Article 100a thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social
Committee ⁽²⁾,

Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in
Article 189b of the Treaty ⁽³⁾,

Whereas the Karolus programme, introduced by Decision
92/481/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, expired on 31 December 1997;

Whereas the usefulness of the programme has not been
sufficiently proven in terms of strengthening cooperation
between the Member States by exchanging experience
gained in the implementation of Community legislation
required to complete the internal market, particularly
because of the high number of priority measures;

Whereas, accordingly, the programme should be extended
for two years whilst ensuring the participation of officials
from as many Member States as possible, pending the
implementation of a new multiannual programme;

Whereas the programme should be opened up to partici-
pation by the associated countries of Central and Eastern
Europe (CEECs), in accordance with the terms laid down
in the Europe Agreements and in the Additional Proto-
cols annexed to the Association Agreements regarding
participation in Community programmes;

Whereas the programme should be opened up to partici-
pation by the EFTA States which are members of the
European Economic Area (EEA) and by Cyprus, the latter
on the basis of additional appropriations, subject to the
same rules as those applying to the EFTA States which
are EEA members, in accordance with procedures to be
agreed with Cyprus, the arrangements for this participa-

tion to be agreed between the parties concerned at the
appropriate time;

Whereas the European Parliament, the Council and the
Commission made a joint declaration on 6 March 1995
on the incorporation of financial provisions into legis-
lative acts ⁽⁵⁾;

Whereas this Decision establishes a financial framework
for the period 1998-1999 additional to the appropriations
committed during the period 1992-1997; whereas the
aggregate amount for the two periods constitutes the prin-
cipal point of reference within the meaning of point 1 of
the said declaration of 6 March 1995 for the budgetary
authority during the annual budgetary procedure;

Whereas an agreement on a *modus vivendi* between the
European Parliament, the Council and the Commission
concerning the implementing measures of acts adopted in
accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 189b
of the Treaty ⁽⁶⁾ was concluded on 20 December 1994,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 92/481/EEC is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 11 shall be replaced by the following:

'Article 11

1. The programme shall last seven years and its
implementation shall start with the 1993 budget year.

2. The appropriations committed for the period
1993-1997 shall amount to ECU 7,7 million. The
financial framework for implementation of the
programme during the extension period 1998-1999
shall be ECU 4,5 million. The aggregate amount of
ECU 12,2 million shall correspond to an overall figure
of 1 340 participations. The annual appropriations
shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within
the limits of the financial perspective and in accord-
ance with the criteria of sound financial management
referred to in Article 2 of the Financial Regulation.';

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 274, 10. 9. 1997, p. 9 and OJ C 1, 3. 1. 1998, p. 18.
⁽²⁾ Opinion delivered on 10 December 1997. (OJ C 73 of 9. 3.
1998, p. 49).

⁽³⁾ Opinion of the European Parliament of 18 November 1997
(OJ C 371, 8. 12. 1997), Common Position of the Council of
26 January 1998 (OJ C 62, 26. 2. 1998, p. 60), and Decision
of the European Parliament of 10 March 1998 (OJ C 104, 6.
4. 1998), Council Decision of 23 March 1998.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 286, 1. 10. 1992, p. 65.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 102, 4. 4. 1996, p. 4.

⁽⁶⁾ OJ C 102, 4. 4. 1996, p. 1.

2. The following Article shall be inserted:

'Article 11a

The programme shall be open to participation by the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEECs), in accordance with the terms laid down in the Europe Agreements and in the Additional Protocols annexed to the Association Agreements regarding participation in Community programmes.

The programme shall be open to participation by EFTA States which are European Economic Area (EEA) members and by Cyprus, the latter on the basis of additional appropriations, subject to the same rules as those applying to EFTA States which are EEA

members, in accordance with procedures to be agreed with Cyprus.

The arrangements for this participation shall be agreed between the parties concerned at the appropriate time.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 April 1998.

For the European Parliament

The President

J.M. GIL-ROBLES

For the Council

The President

D. BLUNKETT