

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 March 2007

amending Decision 2006/595/EC drawing up the list of regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence Objective for the period 2007 to 2013 as concerns Bulgaria and Romania

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(2007/189/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 5(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) By Commission Decision 2006/595/EC ⁽²⁾ a list of regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence Objective for the period 2007 to 2013 was established.
- (2) Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania, regions in Bulgaria and Romania should be added to the list of regions benefiting from the Structural Funds under the Convergence Objective.
- (3) Decision 2006/595/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (4) For reasons of clarity and legal certainty, this Decision should apply from the date of accession of Bulgaria and Romania,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I of Decision 2006/595/EC is amended as follows:

- (a) the following entries are inserted before the entry 'CZ02 Střední Čechy':

'BG31 Severozapaden

BG32 Severen tsentralen

BG33 Severoiztochen

BG34 Yugoiztochen

BG41 Yugozapaden

BG42 Yuzhen tsentralen'

- (b) the following entries are inserted after the entry 'PT20 Região Autónoma dos Açores':

'RO11 Nord-Vest

RO12 Centru

RO21 Nord-Est

RO22 Sud-Est

RO31 Sud-Muntenia

RO32 București-Ilfov

RO41 Sud-Vest Oltenia

RO42 Vest'.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 January 2007.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 March 2007.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1989/2006 (OJ L 411, 30.12.2006, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 243, 6.9.2006, p. 44.