

COUNCIL DECISION

of 14 May 1973

adopting a research programme for the European Economic Community on the protection of the environment

(73/126/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 235 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Having regard to the Council Resolution of 17 December 1970 on the procedure for adopting research and education programmes;

Whereas Article 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community lays down that the activities of the Community shall include the elimination, as between Member States, of customs duties and of quantitative restrictions on the import and export of goods, and of all other measures having equivalent effect, the institution of a system ensuring that competition in the common market is not distorted, and also the approximation of the laws of Member States to the extent required for the proper functioning of the common market; whereas the activities defined in the Annex to this Decision are necessary, among others, for achieving these objectives and promoting, in accordance with Article 2 of the same Treaty, a harmonious development of economic activities throughout the Community and an improvement in conditions of life and employment in the Member States;

Whereas the research projects which are the subject of this Decision therefore appear necessary in order to achieve certain Community objectives in the context of the functioning of the common market;

Whereas the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community made no provision for the powers required for these purposes;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

A research programme for the European Economic Community on the protection of the environment as set out in the Annex to this Decision is hereby adopted for a period of four years beginning on 1 January 1973. This Annex forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2

The upper limit for expenditure commitments and for staff necessary for the implementation of this programme shall be fixed at 13 million units account and 142 staff, the unit of account being defined in the Financial Regulation on the establishment and implementation of the budget of the European Communities and the responsibility of authorizing and accounting officers.

Article 3

The Commission shall ensure that this programme is carried out and to this end shall request the assistance of the Joint Research Centre. It shall submit an annual report to the Council on the subject.

Article 4

The programme defined in the Annex shall be subject to review at the beginning of the second year, in accordance with the appropriate procedures, and in the light of the decisions of the Paris Summit Conference.

Article 5

The information resulting from the implementation of the parts of the programme defined in the Annex will be disseminated in accordance with the conditions and within the limits laid down by the Commission.

Done at Brussels, 14 May 1973.

*For the Council**The President*

R. VAN ELSLANDE

ANNEX

DIRECT ACTION
NON-NUCLEAR PROJECTS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Joint programme

A maximum amount of 13.0 million units of account shall be allocated to this objective and the upper limit for staff shall be fixed at 142 staff (including 75 programme staff).

The objective shall be:

- analysis and supervision (particularly development of a multidetection unit; studies on teledetection and measurement of pollution; formation of a data bank for chemicals);
 - spread and effect of pollutants (in particular studies of biological indicators of water pollution, genetic toxicity and bio-telemetry of subacute toxic effects on laboratory animals);
 - model and systems analysis of the process of eutrophication of an alpine lake and of atmospheric pollution;
 - theoretical studies on thermal pollution and the purification of water by catalytic oxidation.
 - These activities will be carried out by the Ispra Establishment.
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