

COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 March 1990

amending Decision 85/338/EEC on the adoption of the Commission work programme concerning an experimental project for gathering, co-ordinating and ensuring the consistency of information on the state of the environment and natural resources in the Community

(90/150/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and, in particular, Article 130s thereof,

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

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas, by Decision 85/338/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted the Commission work programme concerning an experimental project for gathering, co-ordinating and ensuring the consistency of information on the state of the environment and natural resources in the Community (hereinafter referred to as the Corine programme);

Whereas the period of time provided for the Corine programme in Article 1 of the said Decision was four years with effect from 1 January 1985 and the amount of funds estimated to be necessary for its implementation, indicated in Article 2 of the said Decision, was ECU 4 million;

Whereas in accordance with Article 3 of the said Decision, the Commission has furnished a communication to the European Parliament and the Council indicating the intermediate results and future guidelines; whereas that report indicated the importance and usefulness of the data generated and of the overall programme;

Whereas the Commission has submitted a proposal for a Council Regulation for the establishment of a European Environment Agency and a European Environment Monitoring and Information Network; whereas that proposal provides that the said Agency shall be entrusted with continuing, as appropriate, the work undertaken by the Commission pursuant to Decision 85/338/EEC;

Whereas, however, provision should be made that the work programme undertaken pursuant to Decision 85/338/EEC should be continued for a transitional period of two years pending the envisaged integration of Corine and the European Environment Agency: whereas that extension should be financed from Community financial resources;

Whereas the financing of the programme of environmental statistics as laid down in the Council resolution of 19 June 1989 on the implementation of a plan of priority actions in the field of statistical information: Statistical programme of the European Communities (1989-1992) ⁽⁵⁾, which is complementary to Corine, will be covered by a separate Council Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 85/338/EEC is hereby amended in the following respects;

- (a) the terms 'four years' in the first paragraph of Article 1 shall be replaced by 'six years';
- (b) the terms '4 million ECU' in Article 2 shall be replaced by 'ECU 10,5 million'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 22 March 1990.

For the Council

The President

P. FLYNN

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 269, 21. 10. 1989, p. 7.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 68, 19. 3. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 56, 7. 3. 1990, p. 13.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 176, 6. 7. 1985, p. 14.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No C 161, 28. 6. 1989, p. 1.