

COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 April 1992

adopting a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the joint research centre for the European Atomic Energy Community (1992-1995)

(92/275/Euratom)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Article 2

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the programme amount to ECU 75 million. An indicative breakdown of this amount is given in Annex II.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

Article 3

The Commission, assisted by the Board of Governors of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) shall be responsible for carrying out the programme and, to this end, shall call upon the services of the JRC.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission submitted after consultation of the Scientific and Technical Committee ⁽¹⁾,

Article 4

The Commission shall decide on the terms of reference of the Board of Governors.

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

Article 5

1. The Commission shall each year, before 31 March, submit to the European Parliament, the Council, and the Economic and Social Committee a report on the implementation of this Decision.

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

2. This report shall be accompanied by the observations of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may also submit through the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, and the Economic and Social Committee a separate report on any aspect of the implementation of this Decision.

Whereas, the Council adopted a Resolution on 29 April 1992 concerning the activities to be undertaken by the Joint Research Centre ⁽⁴⁾;

Whereas, in the context of the common policy relating to the field of science and technology, the research programme is one of the principal means whereby the European Atomic energy Community can contribute to the safe use of nuclear energy and to the acquisition and dissemination of information in this field,

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Done at Luxembourg, 29 April 1992.

The supplementary programme on the operation of the high flux reactor (HFR), hereinafter referred to as 'the programme', the objectives of which are set out in Annex I, is hereby adopted for a period of four years, starting on 1 January 1992.

*For the Council**The President*

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(1) OJ No C 234, 7. 9. 1991, p. 19.

(2) OJ No C 13, 20. 1. 1992, p. 510.

(3) OJ No C 49, 24.2.1992, p. 16.

(4) OJ No C 118, 9. 5. 1992, p. 8

ANNEX I

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the programme are:

1. The safe operation of the HFR (high flux reactor) in Petten. This comprises routine operation of the facility for more than 250 days/year, fuel cycle management and safety and quality management.
2. Efficient utilization of the reactor in a wide scope of topical sectors: irradiation testing of materials for fission reactors, as well as for future thermonuclear fusion reactors, neutron applications to solid state physics and materials sciences investigations, radioisotope production and related activities, neutron radiography as a non-destructive testing method, and treatment of certain types of cancer with neutrons (Boron neutron capture therapy) and related research.

ANNEX II

INDICATIVE BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS

The funds to be contributed to the supplementary programme are broken down as follows:

- Germany 50 %
- Netherlands 50 %

Other funds are provided for, in addition to the supplementary programme, either under the heading of work carried out as part of the JRC specific programmes or under the heading of contractual work.

The indicative breakdown is as follows:

— Supplementary programme:		
(a) <i>Exploitation of reactor</i>		
— Germany		ECU 32,5 million ⁽¹⁾
— Netherlands		ECU 32,5 million ⁽¹⁾
(b) <i>Preparation of experiments (studies, rigs, etc.)</i>		
— Germany		ECU 10,0 million
— Netherlands		p.m. ⁽²⁾
	Total appropriations	ECU 75,0 million
— JRC specific programmes and contractual work for external third parties		ECU 15,0 million + p.m. ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ These figures should be the subject of a review and a possible revision at mid-term (mid-1993).

⁽²⁾ Work to be carried out directly by the Netherlands, the equivalent of such work valued by the Commission at ECU 10 million.