

COMMISSION DECISION

of 4 August 2006

drawing up the list of regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds on a transitional and specific basis under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective for the period 2007-2013*(notified under document number C(2006) 3480)*

(2006/597/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 8(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to point (b) of Article 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 the Regional competitiveness and employment objective aims at strengthening the competitiveness and attractiveness of regions.
- (2) Pursuant to the first subparagraph of Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 the NUTS level II regions totally covered by Objective 1 in 2006 under Article 3 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds ⁽²⁾ whose nominal per capita gross domestic product (GDP) level, measured and calculated according to Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, will exceed 75 % of the average GDP of the EU 15 shall be eligible, on a transitional and specific basis, for financing by the Structural Funds under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective.

- (3) Pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, Cyprus shall also benefit in 2007-2013 from the transitional financing applicable to the regions referred to in the first subparagraph of the same Article.

- (4) It is necessary to establish the lists of eligible regions accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective on a transitional and specific basis, as referred to in Article 8(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, shall be those listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2006.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 (OJ L 223, 15.8.2006, p. 1).

ANNEX

List of NUTS II regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds on a transitional and specific basis under the Regional competitiveness and employment objective for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013

GR24	Stereia Ellada
GR42	Notio Aigaio
ES41	Castilla y León
ES52	Comunidad Valenciana
ES70	Canarias
IE01	Border, Midland and Western
ITG2	Sardegna
CY00	Kypros/Kıbrıs
HU10	Közép-Magyarország
PT30	Região Autónoma da Madeira
FI13	Itä-Suomi
UKD5	Merseyside
UKE3	South Yorkshire
