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(Information)

COMMISSION

Ecu ⁽¹⁾

12 May 1989

(89/C 119/01)

Currency amount for one ecu:

Belgian and Luxembourg franc con.	43,5919	Spanish peseta	130,151
Belgian and Luxembourg franc fin.	43,7386	Portuguese escudo	172,213
German mark	2,08263	United States dollar	1,08640
Dutch guilder	2,34739	Swiss franc	1,85992
Pound sterling	0,653279	Swedish krona	7,04858
Danish krone	8,10782	Norwegian krone	7,53529
French franc	7,04043	Canadian dollar	1,29086
Italian lira	1517,70	Austrian schilling	14,6523
Irish pound	0,779342	Finnish markka	4,63513
Greek drachma	177,236	Japanese yen	147,664
		Australian dollar	1,38820
		New Zealand dollar	1,75453

The Commission has installed a telex with an automatic answering device which gives the conversion rates in a number of currencies. This service is available every day from 3.30 p.m. until 1 p.m. the following day. Users of the service should do as follows:

- call telex number Brussels 23789;
- give their own telex code;
- type the code 'cccc' which puts the automatic system into operation resulting in the transmission of the conversion rates of the ecu;
- the transmission should not be interrupted until the end of the message, which is marked by the code 'ffff'.

Note: The Commission also has an automatic telex answering service (No 21791) providing daily data on calculation of monetary compensatory amounts for the purposes of the common agricultural policy.

⁽¹⁾ Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 of 18 December 1978 (OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1), as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2626/84 (OJ No L 247, 16. 9. 1984, p. 1).

Council Decision 80/1184/EEC of 18 December 1980 (Convention of Lomé) (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 34).

Commission Decision No 3334/80/ECSC of 19 December 1980 (OJ No L 349, 23. 12. 1980, p. 27).

Financial Regulation of 16 December 1980 concerning the general budget of the European Communities (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 23).

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3308/80 of 16 December 1980 (OJ No L 345, 20. 12. 1980, p. 1).

Decision of the Council of Governors of the European Investment Bank of 13 May 1981 (OJ No L 311, 30. 10. 1981, p. 1).

Communication of Decisions under sundry tendering procedures in agriculture (cereals)

(89/C 119/02)

(See notice in Official Journal of the European Communities No L 360 of 21 December 1982, page 43)

Standing invitation to tender	Weekly invitation to tender	
	Date of Commission Decision	Maximum refund
Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2470/88 of 5 August 1988 opening an invitation to tender for the refund for the export of common wheat to countries of zones I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, the German Democratic Republic and the Canary Islands (OJ No L 213, 6. 8. 1988, p. 7)	11. 5. 1989	ECU 41,95/tonne
Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2472/88 of 5 August 1988 opening an invitation to tender for the refund for the export of barley to countries of zones I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, the German Democratic Republic and the Canary Islands (OJ No L 213, 6. 8. 1988, p. 13)	11. 5. 1989	ECU 62,99/tonne
Commission Regulation (EEC) No 3575/88 of 17 November 1988 opening an invitation to tender for the refund for the export of maize to countries of zones I, II, excluding the Soviet Union, III, excluding the Soviet Union, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII, the German Democratic Republic and the Canary Islands (OJ No L 312, 18. 11. 1988, p. 10)	11. 5. 1989	Tenders rejected
Commission Regulation (EEC) No 212/89 of 27 January 1989 on a special intervention measure for common wheat in Germany (OJ No L 25, 28. 1. 1989, p. 67)	11. 5. 1989	Tenders rejected

Invitation to tender for measures to promote the consumption of olive oil in the Community

(89/C 119/03)

(pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1970/80 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1651/86 ⁽²⁾, and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1348/81 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 2213/86 ⁽⁴⁾)

1. The Commission of the European Communities is planning certain measures (see Annex) with a view to promoting the consumption of olive oil in the Community.

2. If you are interested in taking part in these measures you should submit your tender to the following address:

Commission of the European Communities
Directorate-General for Agriculture
Division VI/C/4, 'Olive oil, olives and fibre plants'
Loi 130, 7/149
130 Rue de la Loi
B-1049 Brussels.

Tenders to be sent by post. In this case they must be registered. However, they may also be delivered by hand to the above address.

The closing date for submission is *26 June 1989* (not later than 17.00). Proof of the date of submission will be:

- the receipt, dated and signed by the official in the above department who took delivery, or
- the receipt, dated and signed by the Commission's central sorting office.

Your tender must be placed inside two sealed envelopes. The outer envelope should be addressed to the above department.

The inner envelope, also addressed to the above department, should be marked as follows:

'Tender for measures to promote the consumption of olive oil in Spain and Portugal. Not to be opened by the internal mail department'.

Tenders must be submitted in triplicate.

Additional information can be obtained from the address given above (tel. 235 32 84, 236 03 59).

3. Tenders should contain the following information:

- (a) name and address of tenderer;
- (b) the proposed programme, divided into two separate phases of 12 months' duration each;

(c) a budget expressed in terms of ecus, with estimates broken down by category of measure. Prices must be net of VAT (value added tax) and other duties or taxes. For measures other than market studies, the prices quoted should include a flat-rate amount to cover the cost of travel for consultations between the Commission and the bodies responsible for carrying out the programmes. The flat-rate amount must cover three journeys as well as administrative costs (telephone, telex, postage, photocopying, etc.) incurred within the framework of contacts with the Commission. To be valid, tenders must be presented in accordance with the provisions and deadlines set out in this invitation to tender. They remain valid until the end of the fourth month following submission.

4. Tenders must be drawn up on the basis of the following outline:

- (a) indication of the chapter(s) of the detailed programme and the Member State(s) to which the tender applies;
- (b) an introduction setting out the problem;
- (c) clearly defined objectives;
- (d) specific targets;
- (e) strategy to be followed;
- (f) a list and description of the measures proposed;
- (g) a timetable for the implementation of these measures;
- (h) a breakdown of the total budget by individual measure; an estimate of the cost involved for each individual measure, including fees (or commissions, as the case may be). Any refund received by the tenderer in the course of this contract must be credited to the Commission;
- (i) an estimate of the number of hours to be spent on each measure.

Tenders should not exceed 10 typewritten pages for each chapter of the detailed programme to which they refer.

The Commission reserves the right to request any additional information or visual material which it may consider necessary for a proper assessment of the tender.

5. Evidence of the tenderer's professional and financial status, as well as his experience and degree of specialization in the field concerned, should be annexed to the tender. A list of clients should also be attached. The names and qualifications of the persons who will be

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 192, 26. 7. 1980, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 145, 30. 5. 1986, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 134, 21. 5. 1981, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 193, 16. 7. 1986, p. 7.

responsible for the budget should be specified in the tender.

6. Tenders submitted by tenderers taking part in campaigns to promote oils and fats other than olive oil shall not be taken into consideration for the purposes of public relations, advertising or promotion campaigns as referred to in the Annex.

7. The Commission reserves the right to make such modifications to the tender as it considers necessary, or to accept tenders in part. In that case the price to be paid for implementation shall be agreed jointly by the parties concerned.

Tenderers will be notified by the Commission of its decision.

The Commission is under no obligation to inform the tenderer of any reasons it may have to reject a tender, either totally or in part, or to return the relevant documents to the tenderer when a proposal has not been accepted.

8. The Commission, having examined the proposals, will conclude contracts relating to the measures specified in the Annex with the tenderers whose proposals have been accepted. The Commission will select the tenders which offer the best value for the money to be spent.

The tender, with or without additions or amendments, will be annexed to the contract.

Submission of a tender implies acceptance of the general terms and conditions laid down in respect of all matters not specifically covered by this invitation to tender.

The standard contract governing the implementation of the programme, and the general terms and conditions applicable to contracts can be obtained from the address given in paragraph 2.

9. The terms of the contract must be fulfilled within 10 months of signature.

If, however, during the implementation of the contract, exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the contracting party make it impossible to observe an agreed deadline, an extension of such deadline may be granted by the Commission if a duly substantiated request has been submitted by the contracting party prior to the expiry of the contract.

10. The various rights relating to any texts, illustrations, films, screenplays, artistic work in general, radio and television programmes or music used for the purposes of the measures and covered by the terms of the tender will, from the moment of signature of the contract, be transferred to the Commission of the European Communities, whose freedom to transfer such rights to others cannot be contested.

11. Payments will be made in ecus subject to the following provisions:

(a) with regard to contracts for public relations and advertising campaigns:

(i) an advance of 20 % of the non-flat-rate part of the amount covered by the contract will be paid by the Commission within the six weeks following the date of signature. This advance is subject to the contracting party providing proof that a guarantee fund of the same amount has been constituted and is being held on the Commission's behalf by a bank, other financial institution or insurance company approved by the Commission;

(ii) one or more payments will be made during the year following the date on which the contract was signed, up to a maximum of 80 % of the non-flat-rate part of the amount covered by the contract. Invoices submitted with a view to obtaining this payment must be accompanied by a progress report and a list of supporting documents indicating amounts in national currency and in ecus (converted at the exchange rate applying on the first working day of the month during which the supporting document was issued; the rates are published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*).

Supporting documents (invoices from subcontractors and suppliers of goods and services, despatch vouchers, expenses claims, etc.) must be attached;

(iii) 25 % of the flat-rate amount referred to in Article 2 (2) of the contract will be paid at the same time as the amounts referred to under (ii) above, upon presentation of an invoice. Supporting documents do not, however, have to be submitted for travel and subsistence expenses;

(iv) the payment of the balance due to the agency (or, where appropriate, the return to the Commission of sums paid in excess of requirements), the payment of the final quarter of the flat-rate amount, and the release of the guarantee, will take place on the basis of a final report accompanied by all supporting documents that remain to be submitted and by an account of all travel undertaken for the purposes of consultations between the Commission and the contracting party;

(b) payments relating to market research contracts will be made in instalments on the following basis:

— an advance of 30 % of the total amount within six months following the date on which the contract is signed,

— an advance of 40 % of the total amount after acceptance by the Commission's departments of a progress report to be submitted no later than . . . ,

— the balance (30 %) after acceptance of the final report by the Commission's departments.

Detailed programme of measures for the promotion and consumption of olive oil in Spain and Portugal in 1989

A. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ADVERTISING SCHEMES

Maximum indicative amount:	ECU 1 700 000
1. — Spain:	ECU 1 050 000
— Portugal:	ECU 450 000.

2. In order to establish a link with the fourth programme currently underway, a contribution to the common actions laid down for 1989 on airlines in particular is contemplated. To that end the overall amount of such measures, fixed at ECU 1 million in the 1987/88 programme, will be increased to ECU 1,2 million. The additional ECU 200 000 will be added to the amounts in 1.
3. The proposals must show the public relations and publicity measures to be implemented, the cost of each measure proposed and the reasons for it. In particular, the reasons governing the proposed share-out of the budget between public relations measures and conventional publicity measures must be stated. Some space must be given to television.

The promotional campaigns will be based on the following two topics:

- the gastronomic qualities of olive oil,
- the nutritional characteristics of olive oil, which give this oil a special status as a 'balanced health food'.

They will in particular show how olive oil takes its place in the Mediterranean diet.

They will cover olive oil of all qualities without indication of brand or geographic origin; however, in view of the organoleptic qualities peculiar to virgin olive oil, the emphasis will be placed on this specific feature making virgin olive oil unique of its kind.

The campaign will also include all references to current measures and efforts undertaken by the Community in the consumer protection area.

Information for the consumer on the significance of the names used to differentiate olive oil qualities offered to him must not be neglected.

4. With regard to the gastronomy theme, as indicated above emphasis must be laid on the organoleptic qualities of virgin olive oil and on the various properties of olive oil which make it particularly suitable for certain uses. Stress will be laid on the fact that all qualities of olive oil, including olive-pomace oil, are particularly suitable for frying.

As regards the 'health food' theme, the arguments to be adduced must be taken exclusively from those in the scientific documentation provided by the Commission; in this context, the role of olive oil in a balanced diet should be stressed. Only the use of 'positive' arguments is allowed.

5. The measures must be targeted at the final stage at:
 - traditional consumers, with a view to inducing them to keep up their consumption of olive oil, and, where appropriate, to increasing the share of olive oil in lipids consumed,
 - consumers who have given up olive oil, with a view to convincing them once more with new scientific arguments to include olive oil in the oils and fats they usually consume,
 - new consumers, i.e. those who are reaching the age of making their own purchases, and new families.

For this purpose, the campaign will neglect none of the economic, professional and media targets and none of the associations, organizations or institutions deemed likely to have an impact on consumers.

6. Among the measures which will be proposed, there will, in the Commission's opinion, be some which could usefully be included in each of the programmes presented for the two Member States.

These are the following measures:

- educational programme on olive oil in schools,
- press visit to an olive-oil growing area,
- sponsoring of a book on the problem of diet, with a chapter on the olive tree and olive oil (geography, history, manufacture of oil, gastronomy, nutrition, economics, etc.),
- organization or use of an 'event' such as will provide an opportunity to draw attention to olive oil.

Tenders will include suggestions as to procedures for implementing these measures, or, where appropriate, will state the reasons why other measures would be preferable.

7. With a view to making best use of funds available by close coordination with the promotion work being carried out by the olive-oil associations, it is vital that the various olive-oil organizations concerned, including the consumer organizations and offices of the Commission of the European Communities, should be informed in good time of the action the agencies are planning. For that purpose, the procedures to be used for providing this information will be stated in tenders. Tenders not including these indications will not be considered.

B. STUDIES

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| 1. Maximum indicative amount | ECU 200 000 |
| including: | |
| — for the study mentioned in 2 (a) | ECU ... |
| — for the study mentioned in 2 (b) | ECU ... |
2. (a) A structural analysis of the market in a Member State not producing olive oil and not yet concerned by the promotional campaign will be designed to assess the attitude of the existing or potential consumers with regard to olive oil and the possibilities of developing such consumption. The initial findings of the study will be available before November 1989 with a view to use in the drafting of the next overall promotional programme (fifth campaign).
- (b) In addition, a scientific study will be conducted on the characteristics and conditions under which olive oil is produced and marketed in Spain. The concept of quality will be the basic factor in this study: production must be adapted to the quality criteria of the Community market.

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(89/C 119/04)

At the TC2-Europe Conference of IATA in Geneva which started on 7 September, the Commission's observer made a statement explaining the terms and conditions of the block exemption granted by the Commission for agreements on consultations on tariffs. Following that statement a question arose as to whether Article 4 (1) (a) of the block exemption applies to inclusive tour (IT) and group inclusive tour (GIT) fares.

As a result of the explanation given on this point, the IATA secretariat developed a proposal under which consultations on IT and GIT fares within IATA would respect the following rules:

- (i) fares will only be discussed where the inventory risk is with the carrier (i.e. there will be no discussion of part-charter fares);
- (ii) there will be no discussion of minimum tour prices or any aspects of tour arrangements;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 239, 30. 8. 1988, p. 9.

(iii) IATA resolutions on IT and GIT fares would be modified to provide that:

- the fare is to appear on the ticket, or (where no ticket is issued) is to be available to the passenger on request,
- the fare is interlinable,
- the fare is available for sale to the public with inclusive tour arrangements to be approved by the sponsoring carrier.

These arrangements would, in the Commission's view, be sufficient to bring consultations on IT and GIT fares within the scope of the block exemption, provided that the conditions set out in Article 4 (1) (b) to 4 (2) are respected and subject to the proviso that carriers participating in the consultations must, after the consultations, observe all the requirements listed. In particular a carrier may not, even on a unilateral basis, introduce a

minimum tour price condition or refuse to interline if so requested by the tour operator or travel agent or by the passenger where the latter is dealing directly with the airline. In applying Article 4 of Regulation No 2671/88 to consultations on IT and GIT fares the Commission will, accordingly, base any action on the above guidelines.

This statement is based on the information currently available to the Commission and cannot be binding on national courts. It may be reviewed if new information comes to the Commission's attention.

While the Commission has at this stage taken no view on the terms of any block exemptions to be proposed in the context of the next stage in the liberalization of air transport within the Community, it would appear unlikely in any event that such an exemption would be granted for consultations on IT and GIT fares.

Commission communication regarding calls for proposals concerning the implementation of the Sprint Programme (strategic programme for innovation and technology transfer)

(89/C 119/05)

1. Introduction

By Council Decision 89/286/EEC of 17 April 1989⁽¹⁾, the European Community has approved the implementation of the main phase of a strategic programme for innovation and technology transfer (Sprint) (1989 to 1993). This programme is a follow-up to the actions originally launched by Council Decision 83/624/EEC⁽²⁾ and continued by Council Decision 87/307/EEC⁽³⁾.

The principal objective of Sprint is to promote innovation in the Community's economies and the rapid penetration of those economies by new technologies as they become available. Innovation is the process whereby ideas originating in research and development or from the identification of demand are successfully converted into new or improved, economically viable products, processes or services.

Council Decision 89/286/EEC contains three main lines of action for the implementation of Sprint till the end of 1993:

1. to strengthen the European infrastructure for innovation services by the formation or the consolidation of intra-Community networks of agents for technology transfer and innovation support;

2. to support specific projects for intra-Community transfer of innovations;
3. to improve the environment for innovation through a better knowledge of its workings and increased concertation between the Member States and the Commission.

This communication announces three calls for proposals that are launched within the context of the above first main line of action.

2.A. Call for proposals for the promotion of transnational cooperation between technology and innovation management advisory services

With a view to promoting the rapid penetration of the Community's economies by the new technologies, Sprint encourages the establishment of cooperation schemes between technology and innovation management advisory services located in different Member States.

The Commission, acting on behalf of the European Communities, is prepared to contribute financially for an initial period of one year to a limited number of such cooperation schemes that aim to identify, in their respective regions and/or sectors, enterprises with complementary activities, to bring these companies into contact with each other and to assist the establishment of collaboration between them, particularly in the field of

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 112, 25. 4. 1989, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 353, 15. 12. 1983, p. 15.

⁽³⁾ OJ No L 153, 13. 6. 1987, p. 45.

technology transfer, licensing agreements, the joint development of new products and processes, mutual commercial representation, etc.

After the initial period of one year, the Commission may, depending upon the performance of each cooperation scheme, renew the financial support on an annual basis while requiring that the cooperation becomes financially self-sufficient in the long term.

In the past, the Commission has launched four calls for proposals similar to the present one ⁽¹⁾. As a result of these calls, 52 transnational cooperation schemes involving approximately 150 technology and innovation management advisory services, both from the public and private sector, are currently being supported financially by the Commission. These advisory services are spread throughout the Community and are extremely diverse in nature: they include regional development agencies, chambers of commerce, technology and licence brokers, private management consultants, etc. A list of these cooperation schemes may be obtained by returning the information sheet of the Annex appropriately filled out.

Proposals for such transnational cooperation schemes may be submitted by any natural or legal person, public or private body, institution or group (hereinafter referred to as 'advisory body') established in the territory of a Member State and that provides, wholly or in part, technology and innovation management advisory services to firms.

Applicants should indicate the partners in other Member States with whom they intend to establish a new partnership.

Bodies which qualify and which are interested in participating in this call for proposals, but which are unable to indicate partners in other Member States with whom they wish to collaborate, may also make themselves known to the Commission. The Commission services will endeavour to facilitate their search for partners in other Member States.

All proposals should be submitted on a special form which can be obtained by returning the information sheet in the Annex appropriately filled out. An application package will be provided which gives indications on how to fill out the application form and further details on the conditions of eligibility, the principles governing financial support as well as general assessment and selection criteria.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 210, 10. 8. 1984.
OJ No C 125, 22. 5. 1985.
OJ No C 40, 21. 2. 1986.
OJ No C 196, 25. 7. 1987.

B. Call for proposals for the promotion of transnational cooperation between industrial research associations, technical institutes and other similar bodies

Also with a view to implementing the first main line of action mentioned in the introduction, the Commission welcomes proposals for transnational cooperation between industrial research associations, technical institutes and other similar bodies, the aim of which will be to promote technology transfer towards and innovation in enterprises in the respective industrial sector.

The Commission is prepared to give financial assistance for an initial period of one year to a limited number of such cooperation schemes whose principal aim covers one of the following priorities:

- to develop and implement jointly measures designed to bring about the adoption by enterprises of available technologies which have proven their ability to improve the productivity and/or profitability of enterprises but which are not as widely used as they might be. (These may, for example, include comparative cost effectiveness surveys of new available technologies, jointly developed expert systems, reciprocal appraisal of market potentials of innovations, etc.),
- to develop and implement jointly specific advisory tools and methods for promoting innovation and technological development of firms (these may, for example, include joint consultancy to firms, joint publications, on-site presentations of working new technologies, bringing together of equipment users and manufacturers, etc.),
- to organize and implement jointly transnational cooperative activities between groups of enterprises with a view to promoting innovation, modernization, productivity and quality (e.g. through the joint development of quality control tools, etc.),
- to develop and implement jointly measures to improve the Community-wide industrial exploitation of the research results of the participating organizations, in as much as they do not stem from Community funded R & D programmes ⁽²⁾.

In the past, the Commission has launched two calls for proposals similar to the present one ⁽³⁾. As a result of those calls 16 transnational cooperation projects

⁽²⁾ The dissemination and utilization of results stemming from Community R & D programmes will be taken care of by the Value programme.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 196, 25. 7. 1987.

involving in total approximately 90 industrial research organizations, spread throughout the Community, are currently being supported financially by the Commission. A list of these organizations may be obtained by returning the information sheet in the Annex appropriately filled out.

Proposals may be submitted by any industrial research association, technical institute or similar organization offering services in the fields of innovation and technology transfer to industry. Proposing organizations must be established on the territory and serve the industry of a Member State of the European Communities. They may be profit making, but must be non-profit distributing. The proposal must involve partners in different Member States, at least two, but preferably more.

In addition to supporting collaboration between industrial research associations and technical institutes, the Commission is prepared to support, on an experimental basis, a limited number of proposals for transnational cooperation between:

- contract research organizations,
- university-industry or research-industry liaison organizations, and
- engineering consultancies,

the aim of which will be to promote industrial innovation and technology transfer taking into account as much as possible one of the four priority lines mentioned above.

Proposals should be submitted on a special form which can be obtained by returning the information sheet in the Annex appropriately filled out.

An application package will be provided which gives indications on how to fill out the application form, further details on the aims of this call, the principles governing financial support as well as general assessment and selection criteria.

C. Call for proposals for the promotion of European conferences or workshops on technology and innovation

With a view to promote the dissemination on a Community-wide scale of information concerning innovation and/or technology transfer, the Commission welcomes proposals from the organizers of conferences on innovation or technological subjects who are prepared to give a European dimension to conferences

which would normally be held on a national or regional basis. The Commission is prepared to give financial and other assistance to a limited number of such conferences or workshops, which are scheduled to take place after *31 March 1990*. Several conferences have been or are already being supported through earlier similar calls for proposals ⁽¹⁾.

Preference will be given to conferences or workshops focussing on one of the following themes:

1. aspects of economic, fiscal and legal environments in the Community that either act as barriers or might be better exploited to promote innovation and technology transfer;
2. the exploitation of new financial engineering techniques in the field of innovation which complement or enhance traditional venture capital techniques;
3. actors and methods in innovations and technology transfer, with particular reference to the identification and diffusion of best practice and to possibilities for transnational cooperation. Possible examples are insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions, organizations that exploit R & D results (including the exploitation departments of public research centres, university-industry transfer organizations), contract research firms, engineering consultants, systems engineers, value analysts, industrial designers, patent licensing specialists, etc.;
4. ways to develop or implement technologies, separately or in combination, which may have a significant impact on the expansion of small and medium-sized enterprises in the Community.

Proposals may be submitted by any natural or legal person, public or private body, institution or group established in the territory of a Member State. Applications should be submitted on a special form which can be obtained by returning the information sheet in the Annex appropriately filled out.

3. How to apply

Persons and undertakings that are interested in participating in one or more of the above calls are invited to submit their proposals to:

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 210, 10. 8. 1984.
OJ No C 125, 22. 5. 1985.
OJ No C 40, 21. 2. 1986.
OJ No C 196, 25. 7. 1987.

Mr Robin Miège,
Commission of the European Communities
Directorate-General for Telecommunications,
Information Industries and Innovation
DG XIII/C-1
L-2920 Luxembourg.

Applications should be submitted on a special form which can be obtained by returning the information sheet in the Annex, appropriately filled out, to the above address. Persons or undertakings wishing to participate in several calls are requested to submit a separate sheet for each call in which they wish to participate.

Proposals must be submitted in one of the official Community languages.

For applications under paragraphs 2.A and 2.B, the proposal(s) duly signed by the applicant(s) with 10 copies must be delivered to the above address no later than *Friday, 14 July 1989, 17.00.*

The evaluation and selection of proposals submitted by the date specified above will be carried out in 1989.

For applications under paragraph 2.C, the closing date of 14 July 1989 applies to proposals for European conferences or workshops on technology and innovation which are scheduled to take place *after 31 March 1990.* The closing date for proposals for European conferences and workshops scheduled to take place *after 31 August 1990* is *30 November 1989.*

ANNEX

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 (Name of the person requesting the application form(s))

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 (If applicable, name of the enterprise or organization which you represent)

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 (Address)

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 (Telephone)

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 (Telefax)

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 (Telex)

1. Please send to the above address an application form for the:

- call for proposals for the promotion of transnational cooperation between technology and innovation management advisory services to small and medium-sized enterprises (see 2.A)
- call for proposals for the promotion of transnational cooperation between industrial research associations, technical institutes and other similar bodies (see 2.B)
- call for proposals for the promotion of European conferences on technology and innovation (see 2.C)

2. Please send the application form in the following language:

	1 st choice	2 nd choice (in case first choice not yet available)
DANISH	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DUTCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ENGLISH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FRENCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GERMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GREEK	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ITALIAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PORTUGUESE	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SPANISH	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. Please send a list of the collaborations and participants currently supported in the context of the action on:

- transnational cooperation between technology and innovation management advisory services to small and medium-sized enterprises
- transnational cooperation between industrial research associations, technical institutes and other similar bodies

Call for offers to undertake activities and for expressions of interest in undertaking activities relating to the preliminary programme of scientific and technical activities in the plant health field for the Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities

(89/C 119/06)

1. The Directorate-General for Agriculture of the Commission of the European Communities has established a preliminary programme of scientific and technical activities in the plant health field for 1989 (OJ No C 117, 11. 5. 1989). The undertaking of these activities is, in principle, eligible for assistance from the 1989 Community budget (appropriations made available under item 7399: ECU 1 000 000).

2. Applicants are invited to make proposals to carry out projects conforming to the following activities by completing the standard proposal form, obtainable from the address given in paragraph 4 below.

A. Rhizomania

Evaluation and development of rapid detection and identification tests for beet necrotic yellow vein virus, the cause of rhizomania disease, particularly in soil.

B. Non-European insect pests (*Trypetidae*, *Thrips*, *Tortricidae* and *Aleurodidae* species)

Evaluation and development of rapid detection and identification tests and of treatments (chemical and other) to eliminate non-European insect pests of the *Trypetidae*, *Thrips*, *Tortricidae* and *Aleurodidae* species on consignments of plants or plant products.

C. Harmful organisms of non-European wood

Evaluation and development of methods or procedures for treatment to ensure freedom from organisms harmful to wood.

Evaluation and development of rapid detection and identification tests for pine wood nematodes (*Bursaphelenchus* species).

D. Virus vectors

Assessment of risks of transmission of virus diseases of plants by insect vectors (in particular *Frankliniella occidentalis*, *Bemisa tabaci*).

3. Applicants are invited to express their interest in carrying out the following activities by specifying briefly:

- the project conforming to the activity,
- the language(s) in which proposal(s), correspondence and report(s), where applicable, could be made,

- previous activities of the applicant in the area of work,
- previous work carried out for the Commission, and
- the period of validity of interest.

E. Potato diseases (*virus* and *viroid*)

Evaluation and development of rapid detection and identification tests for non-European viruses of potatoes.

F. Pine wood nematode

Assessment of risks of transmission of pine wood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus* species) by wood, wood products and otherwise.

G. Vine diseases (*bacterial*, *virus*, *mycoplasma*)

Evaluation and development of rapid detection and identification tests in relation to non-European diseases of vines.

H. Virus vectors

Assessment of risks of transmission of virus diseases of plants by vectors (in particular nematode and aphid).

I. Non-European insect pests (*Trypetidae*, *Tortricidae*, *Aleurodidae* families and *Thrips* species)

Evaluation and development of treatment (chemical and other) to eliminate non-European insect of the *Trypetidae*, *Tortricidae*, *Aleurodidae* families and *Thrips* species on consignments of plants or plant products.

4. Further information in relation to specific activities may be sought from the Commission (at the address given in paragraph 5 or by telephone on Brussels 2-235 66 89 or by telefax on Brussels 2-235 01 65).

5. Proposals and expressions of interest should be sent by registered post, postmarked on or before 30 June 1989 to the following address:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate-General VI,
Division B.II.1 'Plant Health',
130 Rue de la Loi,
B-1049 Brussels
For the attention of Mr C. F. Hinsley, Office Loi 130 4/163.

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt.

6. The Commission may select proposals to carry out projects conforming to activities A, B, C and D and may offer the applicants contracts to undertake those projects, modified as necessary by agreement.

7. The Commission will select applicants expressing an interest in carrying out activities E, F, G, H and I and may, in due course, request those selected to make proposals to carry out specific projects.

Commission communication pursuant to Article 18 (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4257/88 of 19 December 1988, applying to general tariff preferences for 1989 with regard to certain industrial products originating in developing countries

(89/C 119/07)

According to Article 18 (3) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4257/88 of 19 December 1988 (OJ No L 375 of 31. 12. 1988), the Commission informs that the following tariff ceilings have been reached:

Order No	Description	Origin	Amount of ceiling (ECU)
10.0530	Other sheep or lambskin leather	India	2 400 000
10.1320	Entertainment articles	China	4 000 000

**Notice pursuant to Article 19 (3) of Regulation No 17 ⁽¹⁾ concerning Notification IV/32.595
(D'Ieteren — motor oils)**

(89/C 119/08)

(only the English text is authentic)

1. On 12 February 1988 D'Ieteren SA, Brussels, Belgium notified a circular letter sent on 14 December 1987 to its contractual (authorized) dealers; it requested negative clearance or, in the alternative, exemption pursuant to Article 85 (3) of the EEC Treaty, for the instructions to dealers embodied in the circular letter.

2. D'Ieteren SA ('D'Ieteren') is the exclusive, contractual importer for Belgium of vehicles of the Volkswagen and Audi marques. It re-sells some of those vehicles to the final user through its own retail establishments or otherwise, but also supplies a number of dealers, with each of whom it has a long-term dealer agreement:

— defining the territory in which the dealer receives the exclusivity of supply of the vehicles concerned (and of parts therefor) for the purpose of resale, and

— imposing certain restrictions on the sale by the dealer of competing products, and minimum standards for facilities to be available, guarantee and other services to be provided, etc., including minimum standards which relate to the repair and maintenance of contract product, particularly as concerns the safe and reliable functioning of motor vehicles.

The dealer agreements are of the kind described by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 123/85 of 12 December 1984 on the application of Article 85 (3) of the Treaty to certain categories of motor vehicle distribution and servicing agreements ⁽²⁾.

3. Volkswagen AG, Wolfsburg, Federal Republic of Germany ('Volkswagen') manufactures the vehicles concerned and supplies them to D'Ieteren. It is not a party to the agreements described above, or to the notification. The notified circular reproduces the terms of recommendations, and of a limitation of warranty obligations, published by Volkswagen to its importers and dealers and to vehicles users.

4. The notified circular recommends the use of motor oils meeting the standards 'VW 500.00' and 'VW 505.00', while tolerating the use of 'VW 501.01' — standard oil in some circumstances and provided that a lower price is passed on to the consumer. It also

reminds dealers of Volkswagen's published statement that no additive should be added to lubricating oils or other lubricants. Damage resulting from such products is not covered by the guarantee. It concludes with a statement that oil quality is of crucial importance for engine reliability; all are reminded of their responsibility to comply with the recommendations in this respect.

5. The Volkswagen standards are of an objective nature. They lay down values for the content (e.g. minimum percentage by volume of certain elements) and performance (e.g. shelf-life, viscosity and shear-resistance) and also methods whereby compliance with these values shall be measured. The three standards correspond to the different types of use to be expected; for example, the 'VW 505.00' standard relates to specific requirements of high-performance turbo-diesel engines.

Any manufacturer or supplier of motor oils who wishes to obtain detailed specifications of these standards may do so from Volkswagen.

6. The notified circular is apt to have an appreciable effect on trade between Member States. In particular, the lubricants or additives are made in Member States and in third countries, and are distributed through many different channels (specialist wholesalers, petrol-station operators, general retailers as well as producers' own representatives or distribution operations) in all Member States. However, according to D'Ieteren:

— the whole effect of the circular is directed towards the object referred to in Article 4 (1) No 1 (e) of Regulation (EEC) No 123/85, namely the setting of minimum standards for repair and maintenance of contract products, and

— in so far as the provisions of the circular merely put into practice certain objectively necessary technical requirements, they cannot be considered restrictions within the meaning of Article 85 (1) of the Treaty.

7. On the basis of the foregoing facts and arguments, the Commission intends either to take a decision granting a negative clearance pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation No 17 or to have its Directorate-General for Competition send a provisional letter as described in the notice on procedures concerning notifications ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 13, 21. 2. 1962, p. 204/62.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 15, 18. 1. 1985, p. 16.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 295, 2. 11. 1983, p. 6.

The Commission, therefore, invites interested parties to send their observations within one month from the publication of this notice to the following address, quoting the reference IV/32.595 — D'Ieteren — motor oils:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate-General for Competition,
Directorate for Restrictive Practices, Abuse of
Dominant Positions and other Distortions III,
200 rue de la Loi.
B-1049 Brussels.

Notice regarding the anti-dumping proceeding concerning synthetic fibres of polyesters originating in Mexico, Romania, Taiwan, Turkey, the United States of America or Yugoslavia

(89/C 119/09)

On 17 December 1988 the Council published Regulation (EEC) No 3946/88 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of synthetic fibres of polyesters originating in the abovementioned countries⁽¹⁾.

Under Article 1 (3) of that Regulation the anti-dumping duty imposed by Article 1 (1) was suspended for a period of five months from the date of entry into force of the Regulation with regard to fiberfill.

During that period, the Commission was asked by the Council to carry out a further investigation into the allegations of the existence of shortages of fiberfill, in order to determine whether there were grounds for reviewing the measures concerning fiberfill.

Since the investigation has shown that the allegations of a shortage are unfounded, the Commission hereby informs the interested parties that there are no grounds for reviewing Regulation (EEC) No 3946/88 and that the suspension of the application of the anti-dumping duty imposed on fiberfill by that Regulation will be terminated on 18 May 1989.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 348, 17. 12. 1988, p. 49.

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) concerning the promotion of energy technology in Europe

(Official Journal of the European Communities No C 101 of 22 April 1989)

(89/C 119/10)

On page 3 the title should read as follows:

Proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) concerning the promotion of energy technology in Europe

European technologies for energy management

THERMIE Programme

Corrigendum to the notice of invitation to tender for the sale for export of 16 083 666 kilograms of baled tobacco from the 1986 and 1987 crops held by the Italian intervention agency (AIMA)

(Official Journal of the European Communities No C 113 of 4 May 1989)

(89/C 119/11)

On page 11 under heading 'I. Security' in point 2:

for: '... ECU 1 = Lit 1 668.'

read: '... ECU 1 = Lit 1 690.'
