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(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**15 June 1999**

(1999/C 168/01)

1 euro	=	7,4302	Danish krone
	=	323,94	Greek drachma
	=	8,863	Swedish krona
	=	0,6501	Pound sterling
	=	1,0392	United States dollar
	=	1,5207	Canadian dollar
	=	125,27	Japanese yen
	=	1,5941	Swiss franc
	=	8,189	Norwegian krone
	=	77,44865	Icelandic króna ⁽²⁾
	=	1,5735	Australian dollar
	=	1,9427	New Zealand dollar
	=	6,33699	South African rand ⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

⁽²⁾ Source: Commission.

Information procedure — technical regulations

(1999/C 168/02)

- Directive 83/189/EEC of 28 March 1983 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations

(OJ L 109, 26.4.1983, p. 8).

- Directive 88/182/EEC of 22 March 1988 amending Directive 83/189/EEC

(OJ L 81, 26.3.1988, p. 75).

- Directive 94/10/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 23 March 1994 materially amending for the second time Directive 83/189/EEC

(OJ L 100, 19.4.1994, p. 30).

Notifications of draft national technical regulations received by the Commission.

Reference (1)	Title	Echeance (2)
1999/235/D	Approval Regulation Reg TP 321 ZV 048 for television reporting radio installations in the 10 GHz range	13.8.1999
1999/236/D	Approval Regulation Reg TP 324 ZV 122 for inductive radio systems for private radio purposes	13.8.1999
1999/237/NL	Regulation issued by the Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management dated . . ., No CDJZ/WBI/1999-707, amending the BABW implementation Regulations concerning road signs, the traffic lights Regulation, the Regulation on requirements for practical exam A, the Regulation on requirements for practical exams B and E, in B: the Regulation on requirements for practical exams C and E, in C the Regulation on requirements for practical exams D and E, in D	18.8.1999
1999/238/UK	The wireless telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Restriction and Marking) Order 1999	18.8.1999
1999/239/D	Amendments to Building Regulations List A and List C — version 99/1 for edition 99/2	13.8.1999
1999/240/E	Draft order amending Annex II of Royal Decree 280/1994 of 18 February, laying down the maximum residue limits for pesticides and their control in certain products of vegetable origin	26.8.1999
1999/241/E	Draft order approving standard 8.1-IC. Vertical signposting, of the highways Regulations	26.8.1999
1999/242/E	Draft order approving standard 3.1-IC. Routing, of the highways Regulations	26.8.1999
1999/243/F	Decree on the processing aids which may be used in the manufacture of foodstuffs intended for human consumption Order on the guidelines for the contents of the documentation for applications for authorisation of the use of processing aids in human food	19.8.1999
1999/244/F	Decree laying down the safety requirements for mobile liquid fuel heating equipment, amending Decree No 92-1280 of 10 December 1992 and amended Decree No 62-1297 of 7 November 1962	19.8.1999
1999/246/P	Draft decree-law establishing the principles and standards applicable to the system of management for packaging and waste packaging	20.8.1999
1999/247/F	Draft order laying down the conditions for approval and the list of air temperature recorders	23.8.1999
1999/248/A	Building materials list for public works	30.8.1999
1999/250/UK	The draft producer responsibility obligations (packaging waste) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 1999	26.8.1999
1999/251/FIN	Decree of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on the safety of electrical equipment	26.8.1999

Reference ⁽¹⁾	Title	Expiry date ⁽²⁾
1999/252/D	Approval Regulation Reg TP 321 ZV 054 for narrow band point-to-point digital radio relay systems of radio base stations operating in the 7 GHz frequency range	27.8.1999
1999/254/B	Ministerial order regulating the supply of medicinal products for human use containing certain combinations of analgesics	27.8.1999
1999/255/FIN	Decree of the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs on the supply of information regarding quantities of dangerous chemicals	30.8.1999

⁽¹⁾ Year — registration number — Member State of origin.

⁽²⁾ Period during which the draft may not be adopted.

⁽³⁾ No standstill period since the Commission accepts the grounds of urgent adoption invoked by the notifying Member State.

⁽⁴⁾ No standstill period since the measure concerns technical specifications or other requirements linked to fiscal or financial measures, pursuant to the third indent of the second paragraph of Article 1(9) of Directive 83/189/EEC.

⁽⁵⁾ Information procedure closed.

The Commission draws attention to the judgment given on 30 April 1996 in the 'CIA Security' case (C-194/94), in which the Court of Justice ruled that Articles 8 and 9 of Directive 83/189/EEC are to be interpreted as meaning that individuals may rely on them before the national court which must decline to apply a national technical regulation which has not been notified in accordance with the Directive.

This judgment confirms the Commission's communication of 1 October 1986 (OJ C 245, 1.10.1986, p. 4).

Accordingly, breach of the obligation to notify renders the technical regulations concerned inapplicable, so that they are unenforceable against individuals.

Information on these notifications can be obtained from the national administrations, a list of which was published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 324 of 30 October 1996.

Publication of decisions by Member States to grant or revoke operating licenses pursuant to Article 13(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92 on licensing of air carriers ⁽¹⁾

(1999/C 168/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

AUSTRIA

Operating licenses granted

Category B: Operating licenses including the restriction of Article 5(7)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92

Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Decision effective since
Hubschrauber Transport GmbH	Kranebitter Allee 24 A-6020 Innsbruck	Passengers, cargo, mail	9.10.1998
City Jet Luftfahrtsgesellschaft mbH	General Aviation Center A-1300 Wien	Passengers, cargo, mail	23.11.1998
Krono Air GmbH	Walsersweg 12 A-5071 Wals bei Salzburg	Passengers, cargo, mail	23.12.1998
Inter-Avia Flugbetriebs-GmbH	Wildenhag 11 A-4880 St. Georgen	Passengers, cargo, mail	15.2.1999

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 240, 24.8.1992, p. 1.

Publication of decisions by Member States to grant or revoke operating licenses pursuant to Article 13(4) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92 on licensing of air carriers ⁽¹⁾

(1999/C 168/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

DENMARK

Operating licenses granted

Category B: Operating licenses including the restriction of Article 5(7)(a) of Regulation (EEC) No 2407/92

Name of air carrier	Address of air carrier	Permitted to carry	Decision effective since
HeliFlight East ApS	Hangarvej E 12 DK-4000 Roskilde	Passengers, cargo, mail	24.3.1999
Newair A/S	Billund Lufthavn DK-7190 Billund	Passengers, cargo, mail	26.2.1999

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 240, 24.8.1992, p. 1.

Prior notification of a concentration

(Case No IV/M.1551 — AT&T/MediaOne)

(1999/C 168/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 9 June 1999, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 ⁽²⁾, by which the undertaking AT&T Corp., (AT&T) enters into a full merger, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(a) of the Regulation, with the undertaking Media One Group, Inc., (MediaOne).

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- AT&T: telecommunication services,
- MediaOne: cable services and mobile telephony.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference IV/M.1551 — AT&T/MediaOne, to:

European Commission,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1040 Brussels.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

LIST OF AIRPORTS CORRESPONDING TO THE DEFINITION OF 'INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AIRPORT' GIVEN IN ARTICLE 197 OF COMMISSION REGULATION (EEC) No 2454

(1999/C 168/06)

BELGIË/BELGIQUE

Antwerpen (Deurne)	Liège (Bierset)
Brussel — Bruxelles	Oostende
Charleroi (Gosselies)	

DANMARK

Billund Lufthavn	Roskilde Lufthavn
Bornholms Lufthavn	Århus Lufthavn
Esbjerg Lufthavn	Aalborg Lufthavn
Københavns Lufthavn, Kastrup	

DEUTSCHLAND

Flughafen Augsburg	Flughafen Hof
Flughafen Bayreuth	Flughafen Karlsruhe
Flughafen Berlin-Schönefeld	Flughafen Kiel
Flughafen Berlin-Tegel	Flughafen Köln/Bonn
Zentralflughafen Berlin-Tempelhof	Flughafen Leipzig/Halle
Flughafen Bremen	Flughafen Mannheim
Flughafen Dortmund	Flughafen Mönchengladbach
Flughafen Dresden	Flughafen München
Flughafen Düsseldorf	Flughafen Münster/Osnabrück
Landeplatz Egelsbach (Hessen)	Flughafen Nürnberg
Flughafen Erfurt	Flughafen Paderborn/Lippstadt
Flughafen Frankfurt Main	Flughafen Rostock
Flughafen Friedrichshafen	Flughafen Saarbrücken
Flughafen Hamburg	Flughafen Stuttgart
Flughafen Hannover	

ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

Athinon	M. Alexandros (Kavala)
Makedonia (Thessaloniki)	Ioannina
N. Kazantzakis (Heraklio)	Mikonos
I. Kapodistrias (Kerkyra)	Preveza
Diagoras (Rodos)	Skiathos
Araxos	Santorini
Mytilini + Limnos	Milos
Dimokritos (Alexandroupolis)	Paros
Zakinthos	Karpathos
Kalamata	Chios
Kefalonia	Naxos
Kos	N. Aghialos
Samos	Sitia
Chania	

ESPAÑA

Alicante	Gerona-Costa Brava
Almería	Granada
Arrecife (Lanzarote)	Ibiza
Avilés (Asturias)	Jerez
Barcelona	La Coruña
Bilbao	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Madrid-Barajas
 Mahón-Menorca
 Málaga
 Melilla
 Murcia-San Javier
 Palma de Mallorca
 Puerto de Rosario-Fuerteventura
 Reus
 Sabadell
 San Sebastián
 Santa Cruz de la Palma

Santander
 Santiago
 Sevilla
 Tenerife-Norte
 Tenerife-Sur
 Valencia
 Villanubla-Valladolid
 Vigo
 Vitoria
 Zaragoza

FRANCE

Abbeville
 Agen
 Ajaccio-Campo dell'oro
 Albi
 Amiens
 Angers
 Angoulême
 Annecy
 Annemasse
 Auxerre
 Avignon
 Bâle-Mulhouse
 Bastia-Poretta
 Beauvais-Tillé
 Bergerac
 Besançon
 Béziers
 Biarritz-Bayonne-Anglet
 Bordeaux-Mérignac
 Bourges
 Brest-Guivapas
 Caen-Carpiquet
 Cahors
 Calais
 Calvi — Sainte-Catherine
 Cannes-Mandelieu
 Carcassonne
 Castres
 Cayenne-Rochambeau
 Chambéry
 Charleville
 Châteauroux
 Cherbourg
 Clermont-Ferrand — Aulnat
 Colmar
 Courchevel
 Deauville
 Dieppe
 Dijon
 Dinard
 Dôle
 Épinal
 Figari
 Fort-de-France — Le Lamentin
 Fréjus
 Gap
 Granville

Grenoble — Saint-Geoirs
 Issy-les-Moulineaux
 La Mole
 La Rochelle
 Lannion
 Laval
 Le Bourget
 Le Castelet
 Le Havre
 Le Mans
 Le Touquet
 Lille-Lesquin
 Limoges
 Lognes
 Lorient — Lann-Bihoué
 Lyon-Bron
 Lyon-Satolas
 Marseille-Provence
 Meaux
 Megève
 Metz-Nancy-Lorraine
 Montbéliard
 Montpellier-Fréjorgues
 Morlaix
 Nancy-Essey
 Nantes-Atlantique
 Nevers
 Nice-Côte d'Azur
 Nîmes-Garons
 Orléans-Bricy
 Orléans — Saint-Denis-de-l'Hôtel
 Orly
 Pau-Pyrénées
 Périgueux
 Perpignan-Rivesaltes
 Pointe-à-Pitre — Le Raizet
 Poitiers
 Pontarlier
 Pontoise
 Quimper
 Reims-Champagne
 Rennes — Saint-Jacques
 Roanne
 Rodez
 Roissy — Charles-de-Gaulle
 Rouen
 Saint-Brieuc

Saint-Denis — Gillot
Saint-Étienne
Saint-Nazaire
Saint-Yan
Strasbourg-Entzheim
Tarbes-Ossun-Lourdes
Toulouse Blagnac
Tours

Toussus-le-Noble
Troyes
Valence
Valenciennes
Vannes
Vesoul
Vichy

IRELAND/EIRE

Dublin airport
Cork airport

Shannon airport

ITALIA

Aosta
Albenga
Alghero Fertilia
Ancona Falconara
Bari Palese
Bergamo Orio al Serio
Biella
Bologna Borgo Panigale
Bolzano
Brindisi Casale
Cagliari Elmas
Catania Fontanarossa
Firenze Peretola
Forlì Ridolfi
Genova C. Colombo
Grosseto
Lamezia Terme
Marina di Campo
Milano Linate
Milano Malpensa
Napoli Capodichino

Olbia Costa Smeralda
Padova
Palermo Punta Raisi
Pantelleria
Parma
Perugia S. Egidio
Pescara
Pisa
Reggio Calabria
Rimini Miramare
Roma Ciampino
Roma Fiumicino
Roma Urbe
Ronchi dei Legionari
Torino Caselle
Trapani Birgi
Treviso S. Giuseppe
Venezia Lido
Venezia Tessera
Verona Villafranca

LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg

NEDERLAND

Budel
Eelde
Eindhoven
Gilze-Rijen
Rotterdam
Schiphol
Seppe
Soesterberg

Hilversum
Lelystad
Maastricht
Midden-Zeeland
Teuge
Texel
Twente

ÖSTERREICH

Flughafen Wien
Flughafen Linz
Flughafen Salzburg

Flughafen Graz
Flughafen Klagenfurt
Flughafen Innsbruck

PORTUGAL

Aeroporto de Lisboa
 Aeroporto Francisco Sá Carneiro (Porto)
 Aeroporto de Faro
 Aeroporto de Santa Catarina (Madeira)

Aeroporto de Porto Santo (Madeira)
 Aeroporto de Ponta Delgada (Açores)
 Aeroporto de Santa Maria (Açores)
 Aeroporto das Lajes (Açores)

SUOMI

Helsinki-Vantaan lentoasema
 Ivalon lentoasema
 Joensuu lentoasema
 Jyväskylän lentoasema
 Kajaanin lentoasema
 Kemi-Tornion lentoasema
 Kruunupyyn lentoasema
 Kuopion lentoasema
 Lappeenrannan lentoasema

Mariehamn flygplats
 Oulun lentoasema
 Porin lentoasema
 Rovaniemen lentoasema
 Savonlinnan lentoasema
 Tampere-Pirkkalan lentoasema
 Turun lentoasema
 Vaasan lentoasema
 Varkauden lentoasema

SVERIGE

Arlanda (Stockholm)
 Arvidsjaur
 Bromma
 Falun-Borlänge
 Göteborg-Säve
 Halmstad
 Helsingborg Heliport
 Jönköping
 Kalmar
 Karlstad
 Kiruna
 Kristianstad
 Landvetter (Göteborg)
 Linköping

Luleå-Kallax
 Malmö Heliport
 Norrköping
 Nyköping (Stockholm-Skavsta)
 Örebro
 Östersund
 Ronneby
 Sturup (Malmö), including: Passenger Terminal in Malmö
 Sundsvall-Härnösand
 Umeå
 Visby
 Västerås
 Växjö

UNITED KINGDOM

Aberdeen (Dyce)
 Belfast (Aldergrove)
 Biggin Hill
 Birmingham
 Blackpool
 Bournemouth
 Bristol
 Cambridge
 Cardiff-Wales
 City-Airport-London
 Coventry
 East Midlands Airport
 Edinburgh
 Exeter
 Gatwick Airport-London
 Glasgow
 Heathrow Airport-London
 Humberside

Isle of Man (Ronaldsway)
 Leeds Bradford
 Liverpool
 Luton
 Lydd
 Manchester
 Manston
 Newcastle
 Norwich
 Plymouth (Roborough)
 Prestwick
 Shoreham
 Southampton
 Southend
 Stansted Airport-London
 Sumburgh
 Teesside

Case No IV/37.406 — Nordiska Satellitaktiebolaget (NSAB)

(1999/C 168/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The notification

On 11 February 1999 the Commission received an application and a notification pursuant to Articles 2 and 4 of Council Regulation 17⁽¹⁾ by which NSAB and its parent companies (Teracom AB, Swedish Space Corporation and Tele Danmark A/S) asked for a negative clearance or an exemption of an agreement dated 1 December 1998. This document, known as the Operations Agreement, establishes a framework for the management of NSAB, regulates the provision of services to NSAB by the parent companies and sets out how NSAB's resources should be allocated.

2. The parties

NSAB owns and operates communication satellites, primarily for the purpose of providing television and radio broadcasting services to the Nordic and Baltic regions, as well as Poland. SSC and Teracom have both 37,5 % of the shares of NSAB, with Tele Danmark owning the remaining 25 %. NSAB is controlled by both Teracom and SSC.

Teracom AB ("Teracom") is primarily involved in selling terrestrial broadcasting services to the two Swedish national television networks and to TV4, the Swedish privately owned television station. Teracom is 100 % owned by the Swedish State.

Svenska rymdaktiebolaget ("SSC") is a technical organisation that operates the Swedish space and remote sensing programs. It aims to develop the commercial application of space technology and remote sensing in Sweden, and to market systems and services in these fields world-wide. SSC is also 100 % owned by the Swedish State, although both SSV and Teracom are operated as commercially independent undertakings.

Tele Danmark is the principal provider of telecommunications services in Denmark, offering fixed and mobile telephony services, as well as cable television. 34,4 % of Tele Danmark's shares belong to Ameritech, with the rest being in private ownership.

3. Earlier notified agreements

The original NSAB Operations Agreement between SSC and Teracom was signed on 29 April 1994 and was notified to the European Commission on 9 September 1994. On 22 January 1998 the Commission sent a comfort letter granting the agreement an individual exemption. A new Operations

Agreement was drawn up as a result of Tele Danmark taking a shareholding in NSAB.

Several related NSAB agreements have also been notified. On 19 July 1995 NSAB, Kinnevik (a privately owned Swedish group of undertakings with interests in media) and Tele Danmark notified an agreement, whereby Kinnevik and Tele Danmark lease transponders on an NSAB satellite. This agreement was amended by a new agreement, which was provided to the Commission on 26 May 1997. Also on 26 May 1997, NSAB together with MTG (at that time the media arm of Kinnevik) and the Viacom group notified a transponder lease and distribution arrangement. Under this arrangement, NSAB undertakes to provide MTG with up-linking facilities and satellite transponder capacity for the analogue distribution in the Nordic region of certain channels then owned, in whole or in part, by the Viacom corporate group. The distribution arrangement concerns the grant to MTG of distribution right for broadcasting such Viacom channels to DTH households. Such distribution arrangements granted certain exclusivity to MTG concerning analogue DTH distribution for the Nordic region.

4. The relevant market

According to the parties to the Operations Agreement, there are three relevant product markets relating to the provision of satellite transponder capacity: the market for public TV and radio broadcasting, the market for closed circuit radio and TV, and a market for other services. Closed circuit radio and TV encompasses 'contribution services' (eg linking a sports stadium to a TV studio) and internal business TV services for corporations with widespread offices. Other services includes all services provided by NSAB other than the first two markets, such as data distribution, data communication services and some Internet traffic applications.

Parties argue that the geographic market for all three products is pan-European. The coverage of the satellites used includes various regions in Europe: the Nordic and the Baltic region northern Germany and Poland. The market for closed circuit radio and TV and other services is also pan-European, because the services provided to customers within this market are distributed across Europe.

5. Provisions of the agreement

There are a number of exclusive rights in the Operations Agreement with regard to the sale and marketing of NSAB's satellite transponder capacity. NSAB has an exclusive right to use its capacity for public radio and TV services. Teracom and

⁽¹⁾ OJ L3, 21.12.1962, p. 204/62.

Tele Danmark have exclusive rights regarding the use of satellite capacity for closed circuit radio and TV services. For its part NSAB is obliged to use SSC for a range of satellite management services (tracking, telemetry and control, testing, frequency coordination, insurance, transponder booking, monitoring satellite use and procuring new satellites. NSAB is also obliged to use Teracom for its uplink services for existing customers of its public radio and TV services.

6. Conclusion

Upon preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified agreement could fall within the scope of Regulation 17.

The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 30 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax ((32-2) 296 98 04) or by post under reference number IV/37.406 to the following address:

European Commission,
Directorate General for Competition (DG IV),
Directorate C,
Office C-150, 3/158,
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,
B-1049 Brussels

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on improving the human research potential and the socio-economic knowledge**Accompanying Measures****Call Identifier: IHP-ACCO-99-1**

(1999/C 168/08)

1. In accordance with Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998, concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002) ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the fifth framework programme), and with Council Decision 1999/173/EC of 25 January 1999, adopting the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on improving the human research potential and the socio-economic knowledge base (1998-2002) ⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the specific programme), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme ⁽³⁾, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative budget and types of indirect RTD actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme.

2. This call relates to:

Proposals specified under point 4 of this call, called under a continuous submission scheme, under which, proposals will be evaluated at intervals that depend on the number of proposals received but which will not exceed three months.

Details of types of indirect actions, and, where applicable, their respective deadlines for receipt, are specified under point 4 of this call notice. Proposals under this scheme may be submitted at any time up to the date of closure of the scheme.

Proposals are invited to be submitted in one step.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of the specific programme.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programme, Council Decision 1999/65/EC of 22 December 1998, concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme ⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the work programme.

Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the Guide for proposers for accompanying measures, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

European Commission,
Directorate-General XII,
Science, Research and Development,
Directorate F: Human Capital and Mobility,
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels,

E-mail: improving@dg12.cec.be
Fax (32-2) 295 88 65
Web: <http://cordis.lu/improving>

Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme are hereby invited to submit proposals for accompanying measures which enhance the implementation of the programme in its different phases: the monitoring and assessment of research activities, the preparation of new activities within the lifetime of the programme, the dissemination and valorisation of results, the analysis and assessment of the impact of activities, and the preparation of future Community action in the area.

The present call for accompanying measures covers the following specific measures:

— Measure 1: Support for the monitoring, assessment and valorisation of socio-economic research activities. The objective of this measure is to maximise the added value of socio-economic research through the provision of support for the monitoring, assessment and valorisation of activities;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ European Commission Decision C(1999) 508.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

- Measure 2: Support for information, communication and dissemination activities, including scientific publications and activities for the promotion and exploitation of results, within the framework of the key action on 'improving the socio-economic knowledge base'. The objective of this measure is to strengthen the visibility and utilisation of the key action on 'improving the socio-economic knowledge base'; to provide the opportunity of support for a limited selection of well-focused events within a European context; to disseminate and exploit the results of socio-economic research and enhance policy-research linkages;
- Measure 3: Stimulation grants within the framework of the key action on 'improving the socio-economic knowledge base'. The objective of this measure is to provide Community support in order to bring together potential participants to stimulate the development of future research directions of particular relevance to the overall objectives of this Key Action, particularly in newly emerging research fields, including trans- and multi-disciplinary approaches or in fields where European cooperation is weak in relation to the needs;
- Measure 4: Studies in support of the Key Action on 'Improving the Socio-economic Knowledge Base'. The objective of this measure is to enhance the relevance and impact of the key action and to maximise its linkages to the research and policy communities in the EU;
- Measure 5: Studies, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops on strategic issues linked to the overall objectives of the Human Potential programme. The objective of this measure is to enhance the implementation of the programme, identify new research areas, and maximise its impact to all potential participants.

Further information on the content, scope and objectives of the present call is provided in the Guide for accompanying measures.

The indicative budget available for accompanying measures under this call notice is 8 million euro of Community contribution.

The first evaluation deadline of the continuous submission scheme is September 10th 1999. Proposals received after this deadline will be evaluated at intervals that depend on the number of proposals received but which will not exceed three months.

4. Proposals for accompanying measures must be sent on or before 28 June 2002. Proposals must be sent by one of the following methods:
 - Post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission,
The Research Proposal Office (ORBN 8),
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200,
B-1049 Brussels

- Courier ⁽¹⁾ or hand-delivery, as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt, by 5 p.m. (Brussels local time), to:

European Commission,
The Research Proposal Office,
Square Frère Orban/Frère-Orbanplein 8,
B-1000 Brussels

Please mark envelopes with appropriate call identifier.

- Electronic submission, the details of which are given in the Guide to proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file which provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. This validation file must be received by the European Commission on or before the deadline specified above. The second file contains the proposal and must be received unmodified, as verifiable from the unique identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

Proposals sent by post must be posted on or before the applicable deadline. Proposals received by the European Commission up to 10 working days after this deadline will be accepted if both sent by post and clearly postmarked on or before the deadline. Proposals sent by courier service or hand-delivered must be received on or before the deadline.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods, described above, by which to submit proposals, and to submit only one version of any given proposal. In the case of an eligible proposal being received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be evaluated.

5. In all correspondence relating to this call (for example, when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) please make sure to cite the relevant call identifier.

In submitting a proposal, either on paper or electronically, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.

All proposals received by the European Commission will be treated in strict confidence.

According to the rules for participation and dissemination and the European Commission regulation for implementing them, Member States and associated States may have access, on presentation of a reasoned request, to useful knowledge which is relevant to policy-making. This knowledge must have been generated by those RTD actions supported as a result of this call and which addressed a part of the work programme specified as eligible for such access.

The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals or to be involved in their submission.

⁽¹⁾ For courier services that require a telephone number for the recipient, please use (32-2) 296 02 45.