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I

(Information)

COUNCIL

Communication relating to the opening of the quotas laid down by decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 21 June 1999 for the import of certain ECSC steel products originating in the Republic of Kazakhstan

(1999/C 184/01)

1. Steel products falling within the tariff headings set out in the decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council and originating in the Republic of Kazakhstan may be imported between 1 July and 31 December 1999 within the following limits:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| flat-rolled products | <i>(tonnes)</i> |
| SA1 (coils) | 14 629 |
| SA2 (heavy plate) | 5 123 |
| SA3 (other flat products) | 4 140 |

2. Applications for licences may be sent to the competent authorities of the Member States as listed in the Annex.

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COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

29 June 1999

(1999/C 184/02)

| | | | |
|---------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 euro | = | 7,4343 | Danish krone |
| | = | 324,6 | Greek drachma |
| | = | 8,7485 | Swedish krona |
| | = | 0,6544 | Pound sterling |
| | = | 1,0364 | United States dollar |
| | = | 1,5258 | Canadian dollar |
| | = | 125,3 | Japanese yen |
| | = | 1,6012 | Swiss franc |
| | = | 8,121 | Norwegian krone |
| | = | 76,86825 | Icelandic króna ⁽²⁾ |
| | = | 1,5775 | Australian dollar |
| | = | 1,9503 | New Zealand dollar |
| | = | 6,27540 | South African rand ⁽²⁾ |

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

⁽²⁾ Source: Commission.

II

(Preparatory Acts)

COMMISSION

Amended proposal for a Council Directive laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens kept in various systems of rearing ⁽¹⁾

(1999/C 184/03)

COM(1999) 223 final — 98/0092(CNS)

(Submitted by the Commission pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty on 12 May 1999)

On 11 March 1998 the Commission presented the above proposal to the Council.

Following the opinion the European Parliament delivered at its sitting of 28 January 1999, the original proposal is amended as follows:

— the following recital is added:

'Whereas it is also essential to strike a balance among all the factors involved, including pathological aspects and the socio-economic and environmental implications;'

— in Article 2 a new paragraph is added:

'6. "Beak-trimming": the removal of the point of the upper and lower mandible.'

— Article 3(1) first paragraph, is replaced by:

'1. Member States shall ensure that from 1 January 2001, all newly built or rebuilt systems of rearing and all such systems of rearing brought into use for the first time, excluding those already covered by Directive 88/166/EEC, comply at least with the following requirements:'

— Article 3(1)(b) is replaced by:

'(b) Adequate perching facilities, mounted at least 10 cm above housing or tier level, without sharp edges and providing at least 15 cm per bird, must be available for all hens. The horizontal distance between perches must be no more than 1 meter;'

— Article 3(1)(e) is replaced by:

'(e) when continuous drinking troughs are used, each bird must have access to at least 3 cm of trough and where circular drinking troughs are used there must be access of at least 1,5 cm. When cups or nipple drinkers are used, at least one cup or nipple drinker must be provided for every 10 birds. If the group size is less than 10 birds at least two nipple drinkers or two drinking cups shall be within reach of that group;'

— Article 3(2) is replaced by:

'2. If systems of rearing are used where the birds can move freely between different levels the following additional conditions to the requirements of paragraph 1 shall be met:

(a) stocking density may not exceed 20 hens per m² of floor surface area; nest areas are not to be included as part of the floor surface area;

(b) the height between the levels must be at least 50 cm;

(c) the drinking and feeding facilities must be distributed equally;

(d) the competent authority may allow beak trimming, with the restriction that beak trimming may only be practised on chickens less the age of 10 days;

(e) at least one third of the floor surface area must be supplied with litter.'

— Article 3(3) is replaced by:

'3. If enriched cages are used the following additional conditions to the requirements of paragraph 1 are met:

(a) cages shall be at least 50 cm high at any point;

(b) cages shall be provided with a fully-opening cage front or an equivalent opening in another part of the cage to prevent injuries to the birds;

(c) there shall be a minimum aisle width of 1 meter between tiers of cages to facilitate inspection, installation and depopulation of birds;

(d) the birds shall not have their beak trimmed.'

— Article 4(3) is replaced by:

'3. However, from 1 January 2006 the required space per hen as laid down in paragraph 1(a) of this Article shall be increased to at least 550 cm² per hen.'

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 157, 4.6.1999, p. 8.

— Article 6.3 is replaced by:

'3. Every two years, by the last working day in April and for the first time by 30 April 2003, Member States shall inform the Commission of the results of the inspections carried out during the previous two years in accordance with this Article, including the number of inspections carried out in relation to the number of holdings in their territory. This report shall be available to the public.'

— Article 9(1) is replaced by:

'1. Not later than 1 January 2008, the Commission shall submit to the Council and to the Parliament a report, drawn up on the basis of an opinion from the Scientific Veterinary Committee, on the systems of rearing for keeping laying hens which comply with the requirements of the welfare of laying hens from the pathological,

zootechnical, physiological, behavioural and socio-economic point of view, together with appropriate proposals to phase out those systems of rearing which do not meet these requirements.'

— Article 10 is replaced by:

'Article 10

Council Directive 88/166/EEC is repealed with effect from 1 January 2001.'

— Article 11(1) first subparagraph, is replaced by:

'1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions, necessary to comply with this Directive before 1 January 2001. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.'

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

Call for proposals for activities on European integration**Article A-3022****Subsidies to study and research centres**

(1999/C 184/04)

1. CONTEXT

Article A-3022 of the general budget of the European Union provides for subsidies for study and research centres and organisations, associations and network bringing together teachers, researchers or students in order to help fund projects or initiatives aimed at promoting debate about, reflection on and knowledge of the process of European integration.

Subsidy heading A-3022 thus demonstrates the Commission's desire to promote specific activities organised by bodies operating individually or via transnational networks to inform the public and raise awareness of European integration.

2. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of these subsidies is to reinforce European citizenship and the active participation of citizens in the process of European integration by stimulating reflection and debate on the different aspects of these issues. The activities under line A-3022 appear to be a prime way of promoting European integration by linking it closely to civil society.

The subsidies will be used to co-finance projects whose direct aim is to promote awareness of European integration.

3. AVAILABLE BUDGET

The available budget is EUR 1,5 million. From that basis, the Commission should be in a position to support between 50 and 80 projects.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

4.1. Eligibility of applicants

The following bodies are eligible:

- study and research centres located in Member States,
- NGOs, associations or networks bringing together teachers, researchers or students,

wishing to launch initiatives to promote and support awareness of European integration.

Proposals will be considered only if they come from institutions:

- possessing their own legal status at the time of submission of the application,
- not run on a profit-making basis,
- which are themselves organising or directly contributing to the organisation of activities relating to European integration.

Preference will be given to organisations located in several Member States or those which perform their activities in close collaboration with organisations in other Member States.

4.2. Technical and financial capacity of applicants

The Commission will select applicants on the basis of their financial and technical capacity to complete the proposed activity, mainly by examining the supporting documents appended to the application (see 'Vademecum on subsidies').

4.3. Eligible activities

Preparing and organising activities on European integration, such as conferences, workshops or seminars, exploiting the results of these activities (e.g. by publishing them or disseminating them in other ways).

The activities funded under heading A-3022 must not be eligible for funding from other EU programmes or measures.

Priority will be given to initiatives related to European citizens' information and training on the following aspects:

- the main future developments in the EU as laid down by Agenda 2000 economic and monetary union, institutional reforms, EU financing, forthcoming enlargement),
- those areas of Community policy closest to the citizen: employment, the environment, consumer affairs, education and training, culture, etc.

Institutions wishing to submit an application for their general programme of activities must specify which activities may be eligible for a subsidy under heading A-3022. Only the expenditure required for the performance of these specific activities can be included in each subsidy application.

5. AWARD CRITERIA

- 5.1. The subsidy will be awarded once the articles of association of the applicant organisation have been examined and the programme of activities and the estimated budget detailing all the relevant income and expenditure have been evaluated.
- 5.2. In awarding its subsidies and deciding on the respective amounts, the Commission will consider the following criteria:
- the contribution of the project to the objectives of heading A-3022,
 - the quality of the project and its implementation. To ensure the quality of the project, the institutions must provide for self-assessment and external evaluation tools, the indicators of which must be included in the definition of the project,
 - the budget submitted and the amount of the contribution requested from the Commission in relation to the activities envisaged,
 - the probable impact of the project on the target group and its multiplier effect,
 - the degree of cooperation or affiliation with bodies or organisations in other Member States,
 - the effective financial requirements of the organisation,
 - an evaluation of subsidised activities performed in the previous year. The focus will consequently be on an evaluation of the results of activities performed by institutions that have been receiving a subsidy for several years,
 - the Commission's budget. Because of the increasing number of applications received each year, it has been decided to give priority to innovative projects.

- 5.3. The use of the appropriations is the subject of a formal decision under a written procedure adopted by the Commission.

6. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 6.1. The subsidies are awarded on a strictly annual basis and do not give any entitlement whatsoever to a subsidy in subsequent years.
- 6.2. The maximum amount of the subsidy will be EUR 100 000 per project. In general, the subsidies awarded may not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs. The amount of the subsidy will not be calculated automatically as a fixed percentage of eligible costs.

If the actual amount spent turns out to be less than initially anticipated, the Commission will reduce the subsidy in proportion to the difference between the two amounts.

- 6.3. The period to be covered by the subsidy must be specified in the application. The subsidy will be granted only for activities taking place after submission of the application.

In any event, the period of eligibility for expenditure related to projects funded from the 1999 budget will expire in October 2000.

- 6.4. The subsidy application must include a detailed budget. This estimated budget must be balanced and expressed in euro. It must also be detailed enough to allow the proposed activities to be identified, monitored and verified.

- 6.5. Eligible expenditure:

The following costs are eligible:

- personnel costs directly linked to the execution of the project,
- travel costs directly linked to the execution of the project,
- the cost of consumables and supplies,
- communication and postage costs directly linked to the project.

The operating costs of applicant organisations will be covered only in exceptional circumstances.

Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible, but must not exceed 7 % of the total eligible costs.

The following costs are *not* eligible:

- those which do not give rise to actual, effective expenditure,

- expenditure on luxuries or expenditure considered excessive,
- expenditure on the purchase of fixed equipment,
- contributions in kind. However, these may be taken into consideration when the maximum amount of the subsidy is being determined.

6.6. Beneficiaries must clearly acknowledge the aid received from the European Commission.

7. PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

7.1. All applicants should refer to the 'Vademecum on subsidies' (*Vademecum sur la gestion des subventions*). This Vademecum describes the general terms and conditions of the scheme, as a framework of reference.

7.2. All applications must be supported by a programme of activities and the annual budget of the organisation. A copy of the organisation's articles of association must also be appended, except in the case of public bodies such as universities.

Only properly completed applications will be accepted. An application will not be considered 'properly completed' unless it is accompanied by a balanced budget (income and expenditure), a proper description of the activity and the other documents stated on the form.

7.3. Applications for subsidies must be submitted to DG XXII using the appropriate application form and budget form. The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 September.

Further information on the procedures for the submission of proposals, will be provided in the information package, which may be obtained by faxing or by mailing a request to the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General XXII, Unit A 1
For the attention of Mr. A. Hingel, B-7, 7/24
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels

E-mail: UNITE-A1@dg22.cec.be
Fax (32-2) 299 22 31

The written request must state the following: name of addressee, full address including postcode and the language in which the information package is required.

Information packages will be sent by ordinary mail only. For each request, only one copy will be sent. The Commission will stop sending out information five working days prior to the final date for the submission of proposals.

The information package could also be found at the following address:

<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg22>

7.4. Only applications submitted on the proper form, completed, signed, sent in triplicate and postmarked no later than the deadline fixed in the call for proposals will be considered.

7.5. If the application is accepted, the head of the recipient organisation must give a signed undertaking to provide proof that the subsidy has been used correctly and to permit the Commission and/or the Court of Auditors to check the organisation's accounts if they so wish.

7.6. If a subsidy is granted by the Commission, and agreement drawn up in euro stating the terms and conditions and the level of the subsidy will be sent to the beneficiary. This agreement must be signed and returned to the Commission immediately.

7.7. Applications from organisations which have previously received a subsidy from the Commission will be considered only if the correct use of this previous subsidy has been duly proven. If necessary, internal or external audit reports for the previous financial year should be appended to the application. If these reports are not available, the accounts for the previous year should be appended, duly certified by the responsible person in the organisation.

Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on competitive and sustainable growth

(1999/C 184/05)

Call identifier: Dedicated call GNSS-2

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 (RTD) activities for the period 1998 to 2002 ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as 'the fifth framework programme'), and with the Council Decision of 25 January 1999, adopting the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on competitive and sustainable growth ⁽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, 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 called by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place. Proposals not having met this deadline will not be considered under this call notice.
3. The specific programme is implemented 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 ⁽³⁾ (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, 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
 DG XII-C.O — DEDICATED CALL GNSS-2
 E-mail: growth@dg12.cec.be
 Fax (32-2) 296 67 57 or 295 80 72
 Internet: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp5>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme are hereby invited to submit proposals that address the following parts of the work programme:

KEY ACTION: SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AND INTERMODALITY

Modal and inter-modal transport management systems

Second generation satellite navigation and positioning systems

(Indicative budget: EUR 30 millions)

On 10 February 1999, the European Commission tabled a communication entitled 'Galileo — Involving Europe in a new generation of satellite navigation services' (COM(1999) 54 final) with the objective to contribute and steer the development and implementation of a European strategy regarding the second generation of global navigation satellite system (GNSS-2). This Communication led to extensive discussions within the European institutions and identified major research areas.

Research should enable the use of satellite navigation and positioning across the value chain of the transport sector. Appropriate coordination mechanisms will be implemented in order to ensure the maximum synergies with the work to be carried out by the European Space Agency (ESA) through its Galileosat programme and other programmes of the fifth framework programme such as user-friendly information society (IST).

Research should address the following three areas:

- area 1: the overall definition of Galileo as a technological and operational capability enabling Europe to play a decisive role on the international stage. This area should include the definition of the overall Galileo's architecture and address the optimal integration of EGNOS into Galileo,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 40.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

- area 2: the development and implementation of a strategy for fostering the penetration of satellite based navigation and positioning systems into every mode of transport. This area aims at supporting the definition of standards for Galileo,
- area 3: the analysis of user requirements, opportunities and constraints linked to the specificities of the various modes of transport. This area focuses on the definition of Galileo services.

NB:

- an additional information document has been produced detailing the background of the tasks to be carried out and the objectives to be met,
- proposals for research objectives other than those listed above will not be accepted,
- proposals will be evaluated according to the procedures set out in the Evaluation Manual for the fifth framework programme.

The deadline for submission of proposals is Friday 1 October 1999 at 5 p.m.

5. Proposals must be sent before the deadline by one of the following methods:

- post, preferably registered, as confirmed by the postmark, to:

European Commission
 DG XII-C.O — DEDICATED CALL GNSS-2
 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, to:

European Commission
 DG XII-C.O — DEDICATED CALL GNSS-2
 The Research Proposal Office (ORBN 8)
 Square Frère Orban Square 8
 B-1000 Brussels

- electronic submission, the details of which are given in the Guide for 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 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 before the relevant 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 before the deadline. Proposals sent by courier service or hand-delivered must be received 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.

6. In all correspondence relating to this call (e.g. 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.

Call for the expression of interest**with a view to setting up an advisory panel on information society standardisation initiatives**

(1999/C 184/06)

1. A call for proposals for standardisation projects for the information society in the context of the Commission's Information Society Initiative on Standardisation (ISIS) has been published on 22 May 1999 ⁽¹⁾.
 - consumer protection and representation of public interest, in particular regarding matters such as accessibility, security, data protection and privacy.
2. With the adoption of the call, the Commission has announced that an advisory panel will monitor the implementation of the ISIS work programme, evaluate the results achieved, and identify priorities and optimal working methods for future initiatives in the field of information society standardisation. The advisory panel should include representatives of industrial users, the public interest, academia and consumers.
3. To this end, the Commission hereby invites expressions of interest and applications for inclusion on its list of candidates for the Information Society Standardisation Advisory Panel (ISSAP).
4. The Member States, other Community institutions, professional bodies of scientists or engineers, universities, industrial or consumer associations, and any other organisations concerned with the legal, economic and technological dimensions of standardisation in support of the information society are invited to inform all eminent persons with the required qualification about this call: The Commission will also consider applications from scientific, professional, industrial, consumer or general organisations proposing a natural person.

Interested persons must provide evidence of their professional experience and a high level of ability by submitting a detailed CV. If selected, they must also be able to provide evidence at any time that they will not derive direct personal benefit from the work of the advisory panel to which they were appointed. Selected persons must inform the Commission of any possible conflict of interests.

Applicants will be appointed by the Commission in their personal capacity. Their travelling and subsistence expenses for travel undertaken for attending meetings with the Commission and/or the ISSAP will be reimbursed in accordance with the provisions in force within the Commission.

The Commission will draw up the list of possible members of the ISSAP at its own discretion. The Commission may decide to modify the composition of the ISSAP at any moment and it may involve any third party in its activities.
5. Candidates expressing interest in membership in the advisory panel may qualify on the grounds of their personal expertise in one or more of the following areas:
 - technological expertise as regards IT and related technologies, in particular on interoperability issues,
 - legal expertise as regards standardisation, intellectual property rights, competition rules and antitrust regulations,
 - socio-economic expertise, in particular with a view to the market power and potential market failures related to electronic commerce and (public) procurement,
6. All applicants must be recognised as having a very high level of competence in one or more of the areas concerned, as being able to consider economic, legal and technological prospects and assess them in the light of Community policies.
7. Expressions of interest must be sent, duly signed, no later than 5 August 1999.

They must be submitted:

 - either by registered letter, as confirmed by the postmark, to the following address: European Commission, ISIS Secretariat, SC 15 1/161, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels,
 - or by private courier service to the following address: European Commission, ISIS Secretariat, SC 15 1/161, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels,
 - or by hand to the following address, as confirmed by the acknowledgement of receipt: European Commission, ISIS Secretariat, SC 15 1/161, rue de la Science/Wetenschapsstraat 15, B-1049 Brussels,
 - or by fax to (32-2) 296 95 00.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 144, 22.5.1999, p. 12.

8. Expressions of interest must be accompanied by an application form and a duly signed curriculum vitae. The application form is available at the European Commission, ISIS Secretariat, SC 15 1/161, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels. It can also be requested by sending an e-mail to isis@dg3.cec.be. The e-mail must indicate in the subject area 'ISSAP expert application form'.

Each application must be submitted in one of the official languages of the European Union. They may be sent the applicant or by his or her organisation.

9. Background information on the Information Society Initiative on Standardisation (ISIS) can be obtained from the Commission services, at the following address: European Commission, ISIS Secretariat, SC 15 1/161, rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels.

The information can also be downloaded from the world wide web at the following address:

<http://www.ispo.cec.be/isis>.

Call for proposals

Programme of Community action on health promotion, information, education and training within the framework for action in the field of public health (1996 to 2000)

(1999/C 184/07)

1. Background

The European Commission ensures the implementation of Decision No 645/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁾ adopting a programme of Community action on health promotion, information, education and training within the framework for action in the field of public health (hereinafter referred to as 'the programme').

The objective of the programme is to contribute towards ensuring a high level of health protection; it comprises actions aimed at:

1. encouraging the 'health promotion' approach in Member States' health policies by lending support to various cooperation measures (exchanges of experience, pilot projects, networks, etc.);
2. encouraging the adoption of healthy lifestyles and behaviour;
3. promoting awareness of risk factors and health-enhancing aspects;
4. encouraging intersectoral and multidisciplinary approaches to health promotion, taking account of the socio-economic factors and the physical environment necessary for the health of the individual and the community, especially for disadvantaged groups.

Actions to be implemented under the programme (total budget 1996 to 2000: EUR 35 million cover the following areas:

- A. Health promotion strategies and structures
- B. Specific prevention and health promotion measures
- C. Health information

D. Health education

E. Vocational training in public health and health promotion.

2. Purpose of the call for proposals

On the basis of the detailed information contained in the documents referred to in Section 7 of the present call, and more particularly in accordance with the selection and awarding criteria summarised in Sections 3 and 4, organisations active in the fields covered by the programme are invited to submit proposals for projects in selected priority areas of the programme to the Commission services.

As an indication, and without prejudice to the decision of the budgetary authorities, the budget available in 2000 for financing projects under the present call may be expected to be in the area of EUR 5 million.

3. Selection criteria

Without prejudice to the more detailed provisions contained in the various documents listed in Section 7, the selection of projects submitted under the present call will be based mainly on the following criteria:

1. Proposals must be drawn up using the form and summary sheet obtainable from the address given in section 5.
2. The information provided via these forms must be complete and verifiable, and correspond to the instructions given.
3. Proposals must be submitted, in triplicate, by the deadline stated in section 5.
4. Proposals must indicate the legal status of the proposer as well as the proposer's financial and technical capacity to complete the proposed operation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 95, 16.4.1996, p. 1.

4. Evaluation criteria

Without prejudice to the more detailed provisions contained in the various documents listed in Section 7, the evaluation of projects submitted under the present call will be based mainly on the following criteria:

1. The project must relate to one or more of the 20 actions listed in the Annex to Decision No 645/96/EC, and to the priorities set out in the work programme for the year 2000, which constitutes the main reference framework for the evaluation of proposals under the present call.
2. The following must produce a real added value for the European Community. The following activities are regarded as producing such added value:
 - activities involving the participation of several Member States,
 - activities conducted jointly in several Member States,
 - activities which could be applied in other Member States if adapted to their conditions and cultures (pilot projects).
3. Beyond these minimal requirements, priority will be given to
 - large-scale projects showing a clear policy dimension,
 - projects actively involving all or a maximum number of Member States and EEA countries, as well as those applicant countries for which the decisions of the respective Association Councils have entered into force,
 - projects showing a clear potential for benefiting the health promotion and public health structures and activities in the European Union, and ultimately its citizens,
 - initiatives using existing knowledge in order to influence determinants of health.
4. Proposals must take account of activities carried out by other Commission services, by national organisations or by international organisations such as the WHO, the Council of Europe, the ILO, the OECD, etc., in order to avoid any overlapping and foster synergy.

5. Submission of proposals

The following instructions and guidelines apply for the submission of proposals under this call:

1. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **15 September 1999**.

2. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate

— either by post, preferably registered, before or on the above deadline as evidenced by the postmark, to the following address:

European Commission
Health promotion programme — DG V/F/3
Bâtiment Jean Monnet
Plateau de Kirchberg
L-2920 Luxembourg

Proposals received by the European Commission up to 10 working days after the above deadline will be accepted if clearly postmarked before or on the deadline.

— or, by courier or hand delivered, before or on 5 p.m. on the above date (Luxembourg local time), as confirmed by acknowledgement or receipt, to:

European Commission
Health promotion programme — DG V/F/3
Bâtiment Euroforum bureau 3284
Rue Robert Stumper/zone industrielle 'Cloche d'Or'
L-2557 Luxembourg

3. Proposers are requested to use only one of the above methods to submit proposals, to submit proposals in one single step, and to only submit one version of any given proposal.
4. Submissions by fax or electronic mail will not be accepted.
5. In submitting a proposal, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.
6. In all correspondence relating to this call (for example when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) reference should clearly be made to the health promoting programme; once a registration number has been attributed by the Commission services to a received project, this number must be used by the proposer in all subsequent correspondence.
7. The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals or to participate in their submission.

6. Financial provisions

After completion of the appropriate evaluation and consultation procedure, and on the basis of the criteria summarised in Section 4 of the present call, the Commission services in charge of the programme will propose the financing of a limited number of projects to the Commission's budgetary and financial control services (for information, in 1998 a total of 27 projects with an

average Community participation of EUR 226 000 corresponding to an average proportion of 60 % of the estimated total project cost were proposed for financing).

Without prejudice to the European Commission's Financial Regulations, and summarising the more detailed provisions contained in the various documents listed in Section 7, the following main financial provisions apply for the financing of projects under this call:

1. For the projects proposed for financing, the Commission services will determine the amount of financial assistance to be granted on the basis of the available budget.
2. Project financing is based on the shared cost principle. If the amount granted by the Commission services is lower than the financial assistance sought by the proposer, it is up to the latter to find supplementary financial resources or to cut down on the total cost of the project without reducing the objectives or the content of the project.
3. The amount granted by the Commission services will be proportionate to the estimated total cost of the project and will be reduced proportionally where the total real costs are lower than the estimated total cost.

7. Practical information

An information pack containing all the documents required for submitting a proposal is available on written request from the postal address given in Section 5 (letter or fax: (352) 43 01-320 69); the information pack can also be consulted (in English only) at the internet site of the health promotion programme

http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg05/health/index_ph.htm

The pack contains:

1. Decision No 645/96/EC published in Official Journal L 95 of 16 April 1996, p. 1;
2. the annual work programme indicating the priorities for 2000;
3. the document 'Arrangements, criteria and procedures for the selection and financing of projects';
4. the Vade-mecum on grant management (for applicants and beneficiaries);
5. the application form, along with a summary sheet;
6. other information, where appropriate.