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## I

*(Information)***COUNCIL****COUNCIL RESOLUTION****of 20 May 1999****on women and science**

(1999/C 201/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

plan for equal opportunities in the Commission (1997 to 2000) which applies to the scientific personnel of the Joint Research Centre (JRC);

Whereas:

(1) The promotion of equality between men and women is enshrined in Articles 2 and 3 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, as one of the Community's objectives;

(7) The Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST) was consulted and issued an opinion on this matter;

(2) The Council has reaffirmed this principle in the context of various Community policies, and in particular in its Recommendation of 2 December 1996 on the balanced participation of women and men in the decision-making process <sup>(1)</sup>;

WELCOMES the Commission's communication and the initiatives set out therein for promoting the involvement of women in RTD,

(3) The European Parliament in its Resolution of 9 March 1999 on the integration of equal opportunities in the Community policies has reiterated the importance it attaches to this matter;

RECOGNISES that:

(a) the question of under-representation of women in the field of scientific and technical research is a common concern for Member States and the Community and needs to be addressed, whilst noting that the problem of under-representation is not confined to the research sector alone;

(4) The Community equal opportunities policy is taken into account in the Fifth RTD Framework Programme (1998 to 2002) adopted by Decision No 182/1999/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>;

(b) this issue can best be addressed through effective and sustained action at all levels: regional, national and Community level. In this context, account also needs to be taken of social and economic factors as well as of the critical role of education and training in fostering the effective participation of women;

(5) The Commission presented, on 19 February 1999, a Communication on the subject 'Women and science: mobilising women to enrich European research' in which it proposes a series of measures to be taken so as to stimulate discussion and the sharing of experience in this field among Member States and to develop a coherent approach towards promoting women in research financed by the Community;

(c) the gender mainstreaming of research policy is not limited to promotion of women as research workers but should also ensure that research meets the needs of all citizens and contributes to the understanding of gender-relevant issues;

(6) An equal opportunities policy is also pursued by the Commission for its personnel through the third action

(d) the two objectives announced in the Commission's communication, i.e. to stimulate discussion and the sharing of experience in this field among Member States and to promote the involvement of women in Community research, on the basis of a coherent approach to be pursued in the implementation of the Fifth Framework Programme are most appropriate for action at Community level;

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 319, 10.12.1996, p. 11.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

- (e) the establishment of a specific target as regards participation of women in panels, consultative Committees and fellowships is a valid objective; takes note that the Commission has set itself a target of 40 % as regards such participation in the Fifth Framework Programme, while meeting the general criteria of the Fifth Framework Programme, including scientific and technological excellence;
- (f) more comprehensive indicators and statistical data on the participation of women in scientific research, which could be included, inter alia, in the European report on S&T indicators, will facilitate the development of appropriate policies at national and Community levels;

INVITES MEMBER STATES to:

- (a) make available existing information on the gender balance of R&D personnel; and establish methods and procedures to collect and produce appropriate data and indicators in the medium-term (in particular data showing the vertical and horizontal distribution of women within the scientific research system at the levels of government, higher education and, as far as possible, the private sector) to measure the participation of women in the development of science and technology in Europe;
- (b) actively engage in the dialogue proposed by the Commission in its communication by exchanging views on policies pursued at the national level so as to be able to analyse the situation and make a joint assessment of

on-going policies, taking into account benchmarking and best practice in Member States. Research institutes, higher education organisations and private enterprises should be involved in this process;

- (c) pursue the objective of gender equality in science by appropriate means, including through other national policies (e.g. through national employment action plans, where relevant);

INVITES THE COMMISSION to:

- (a) produce, building on Member States' contributions, comparable data and European indicators, as a basis for a Community-wide assessment of the situation of women in RTD;
- (b) pursue its efforts to encourage the increased participation of women throughout the Fifth Framework Programme, in accordance with all the principles and implementation criteria;
- (c) propose, in the light of the abovementioned dialogue with the Member States, guidelines for further initiatives to promote women in RTD;
- (d) deliver a special report to the European Parliament and the Council on progress in implementing the measures proposed in its Communication, after two years at the latest, with a view, inter alia, to contributing to the preparation of future Community research policies and programmes.
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## COMMISSION

### Euro exchange rates <sup>(1)</sup>

15 July 1999

(1999/C 201/02)

<b>1 euro</b>	=	7,4372	Danish krone
	=	324,7	Greek drachma
	=	8,7775	Swedish krona
	=	0,6513	Pound sterling
	=	1,0201	United States dollar
	=	1,5109	Canadian dollar
	=	123,04	Japanese yen
	=	1,6055	Swiss franc
	=	8,1685	Norwegian krone
	=	76,7486	Icelandic króna <sup>(2)</sup>
	=	1,5435	Australian dollar
	=	1,9514	New Zealand dollar
	=	6,27617	South African rand <sup>(2)</sup>

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<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Commission.

## OPINION

**of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations given at the 59th meeting on 19 January 1999  
concerning a preliminary draft decision relating to Case IV/M.969 — A. P. Møller**

(1999/C 201/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that A. P. Møller negligently failed to notify three concentrations thereby infringing Article 4(1) of the Merger Regulation.
  2. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that A. P. Møller negligently put into effect three concentrations in breach of Article 7(1) of the Merger Regulation.
  3. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the infringements of Articles 4(1) and 7(1) constitute a case of qualified negligence that cannot be ignored.
  4. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that A. P. Møller be fined in accordance with Article 14 of the Merger Regulation.
  5. A majority of the Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission on the amount of the fines proposed in accordance with
    - (a) Article 14(1)(a) of Regulation 4064/89, and
    - (b) Article 14(2)(b) of that Regulation.A minority of the Advisory Committee considers that the level of fines should be reduced.  
A further minority disagrees with the method of calculation of the fines under Article 14(2)(b).
  6. The Advisory Committee invites the Commission to take account of all the points raised in the discussion.
  7. The Advisory Committee recommends publication of its opinion in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.
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## OPINION

**of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations given at the 57th meeting on 23 October 1998 concerning a preliminary draft decision relating to Case IV/M.1157 — Skanska/Scancem**

(1999/C 201/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified operation constitutes a concentration within the meaning of article 3(1)(b) of the EC Merger Regulation and that it has a Community dimension.
  2. The Committee agrees with the Commission:
    - (a) that there are separate product markets for cement, aggregates, ready-mixed concrete and dry concrete;
    - (b) that the market definition can be left open for the other products included in the operation.
  3. The Committee agrees with the Commission:
    - (a) that the cement market is either limited to Sweden, Finland and Norway or covers, at most, the Nordic area, but that this question does not need to be decided given that the result of the assessment would be the same regardless of the definition used;
    - (b) that the market for pre-cast concrete products, dry concrete and construction are mainly national in scope;
    - (c) that the assessment of the exact scope of the relevant geographic market for ready-mixed-concrete and aggregates can be left open, since the assessment would not be significantly different whether made on national, regional or local level.
  4.
    - (a) The Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified concentration would strengthen a dominant position in the Swedish market for cement, and possibly also in Finland and Norway.
    - (b) The majority of the Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified concentration would create a dominant position on the Swedish markets for ready-mixed concrete, dry concrete and pre-cast concrete products. A minority states that the concentration would further strengthen a dominant position on the Swedish markets for ready mixed concrete, dry concrete and pre-cast-concrete products.
  5. The majority of the Committee agrees with the Commission that the undertakings proposed by Skansa would remove the competitive concerns of the notified concentration. However, on part of the majority agrees, but expresses concern on possible proportionality issues. Another part agrees, but considers that the proposed commitments do not constitute an adequate solution. Another part agrees, but considers that the exercise of the voting rights, held by Skanska in Scancem, with a view to sell Skanska's shares should be left to a trustee after the transnational period. A minority disagrees with the Commission.
  6. The majority of the Committee agrees with the Commission that, subject to compliance with the submitted commitments, the notified concentration is compatible with the common market and the functioning of the EEA Agreement. A minority disagrees with the Commission.
  7. The Committee recommends the Commission to take account of all the matters raised in the discussion.
  8. The Committee agrees with the publication of the Advisory Committee's opinion.
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**COHESION FUND****List of the projects with a cost of more than EUR 50 million in conformity with Community legislation on the environment****1998**

(1999/C 201/05)

**Projects presented to the European Parliament as part of the 'greening of the budget' in line with the budget commentary****Spain**

- Regularisation of the lower course of the Guadalhorce river  
Eligible cost: EUR 53,740 million
- Management of urban solid waste in Galicia  
Eligible cost: EUR 84,522 million
- Underground railway Madrid — Link to Barajas airport  
Eligible cost: EUR 144,589 million
- High-speed train Madrid-Barcelona-French Border: Ricla-Zaragoza section  
Eligible cost: EUR 192,989 million
- High-speed train Madrid-Barcelona-French Border: Madrid-Chiloeches section  
Eligible cost: EUR 155,743 million
- High-speed train Madrid-Barcelona-French Border: Chiloeches-Calatayud section  
Eligible cost: EUR 399,514 million

**Portugal**

- A3 Motorway between Braga West and Valença  
Eligible cost: EUR 160,376 million
  - Modernisation of the railway line to northern Portugal — remodelling of the Albergaria-Alfarelos section  
Eligible cost: EUR 92,820 million
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## EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

**List of the projects with a cost of more than EUR 50 million in conformity with Community legislation on the environment****1998**

(1999/C 201/06)

**Projects presented to the European Parliament as part of the 'greening of the budget' in line with the budget commentary****Germany**

- IHP — Institut für Halbleiterphysik Frankfurt (Oder) GmbH (Brandenburg)  
Eligible cost: EUR 67,368 million
- Gerwisch sewage treatment plant (Landkreis Jerichower Land) (Saxony-Anhalt)  
Eligible cost: EUR 79,143 million
- Schäfers Brot und Kuchen/EDEKA in Osterweddingen (Saxony-Anhalt)  
Eligible cost: EUR 63,819 million

**Greece**

- Athens ring road, Pallini-Spata, Imitos (Attiki) sections  
Eligible cost: EUR 105,000 million

**Italy**

- Railway link between the stations of Ferrandina and Matera-La Martella (Basilicata)  
Eligible cost: EUR 153,905 million
- Track doubling between Lesina and Apricena (Apulia)  
Eligible cost: EUR 68,220 million
- Installation of a central rail traffic control centre on the Adriatic line (Molise/Apulia)  
Eligible cost: EUR 67,139 million
- Renovation and utilisation of the 'Reggia della Venaria Reale' and 'Borgo Castello della Mandria' (Piemonte)  
Eligible cost: EUR 61,539 million
- Palermo water system (Sicilia)  
Eligible cost: EUR 115,000 million
- Restructuring and completion of the Valle Bradano and Metaponto water systems (Basilicata)  
Eligible cost: EUR 82,000 million
- Change to the route of the Reggio Calabria-Melito di Porto Salvo railway line (Calabria)  
Eligible cost: EUR 81,263 million

**Portugal**

- The Portalegre/Guarda and Coimbra/Viseu (Centro/Alentejo) gas pipelines  
Eligible cost: EUR 93,500 million
- Lear Corporation Portugal (Lisboa e Vale do Tejo)  
Eligible cost: EUR 50,100 million
- Oporto (Norte) light railway  
Eligible cost: EUR 160,000 million
- Siemens Matsushita Componentes, SA (Alentejo)  
Eligible cost: EUR 59,500 million
- UNICER — 'União Cervejeira, SA' (Lisboa e Vale do Tejo/Norte/Algarve)  
Eligible cost: EUR 105,000 million

**Spain**

not available

**The United Kingdom**

— Baltic Flour Mill (North East region)

Eligible cost: EUR 58,000 million

— Glasgow Science Centre (Scotland)

Eligible cost: EUR 87,000 million

— Millennium Point (West Midlands)

Eligible cost: EUR 86,000 million

— Millennium Link (Eastern Scotland)

Eligible cost: EUR 62,630 million

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