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(Acts adopted under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 December 2001

amending the Council Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU-related bodies

(2001/C 358/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Article 42(2), Article 10(4) and Article 18 of the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the Council Act of 3 November 1998 laying down rules governing Europol's external relations with third States and non-European union related bodies ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 2 of that Act,

Having regard to the Council Act of 3 November 1998 laying down rules governing the receipt of information by Europol from third parties ⁽³⁾, and in particular Article 2 of that Act,

Having regard to the Council Act of March 1999 adopting the rules governing the transmission of personal data by Europol to third States and third bodies ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Articles 2 and 3 of that Act,

Whereas:

- (1) Operational requirements and the need to combat in an effective way organised forms of criminality through Europol require that Monaco be added to the list of third States with whom the Director of Europol is authorised to start negotiations.
- (2) In Council Decision of 27 March 2000 authorising the Director of Europol to enter into negotiations on agreements with third States and non-EU-related bodies ⁽⁵⁾ the UNDCP (United Nations Drugs Control Programme) has been listed as one of the non-European Union-related bodies with whom the Director of Europol is authorised to start negotiations.
- (3) Operational requirements and the need to combat in an effective way organised forms of criminality through Europol require that the UNDCP is replaced by the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP).

(4) The Decision of 27 March 2000 should therefore be amended,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Council Decision of 27 March 2000 is hereby amended as follows:

In Article 2(1):

- a) under the heading 'Third States', the following indent shall be added, between Malta and Morocco:

— Monaco;

- b) under the heading 'Non-European Union-related bodies', the indent

— 'UNDCP (United Nations Drugs Programme)' shall be replaced by the following:

— 'ODCCP (United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention)'.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at, Brussels, 6 December 2001.

For the Council

The President

M. VERWILGHEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 26, 30.1.1999, p. 19.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 26, 30.1.1999, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 88, 30.3.1999, p. 1.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 106, 13.4.2000, p. 1.

I

(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**14 December 2001**

(2001/C 358/02)

| | | | |
|---------------|---|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 euro | = | 7,4475 | Danish krone |
| | = | 9,4642 | Swedish krona |
| | = | 0,6217 | Pound sterling |
| | = | 0,9016 | United States dollar |
| | = | 1,414 | Canadian dollar |
| | = | 115,05 | Japanese yen |
| | = | 1,4737 | Swiss franc |
| | = | 8,028 | Norwegian krone |
| | = | 93,64 | Icelandic króna ⁽²⁾ |
| | = | 1,7398 | Australian dollar |
| | = | 2,1582 | New Zealand dollar |
| | = | 11,1212 | South African rand ⁽²⁾ |

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

⁽²⁾ Source: Commission.

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2001/C 358/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption of the decision: 25.10.2001

— aid for cabotage

Member State: Germany

Budget: EUR 16 million

Aid No: N 228/01

Aid intensity or amount: The maximum aid intensity is 50 % of transport costs before tax

Title: Future Fund Berlin

Duration: Until end of 2006

Objective: Promotion of R & D

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

Legal basis: Vergabeordnung zum Zukunftsfonds Berlin in Verbindung mit dem Treuhandvertrag zwischen dem Land Berlin und der TSB Technologiestiftung Innovationszentrum Berlin vom 31.1.2001

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Budget: EUR 128 million

Aid intensity or amount:

— precompetitive development activities: 25 % gross for large firms, 35 % gross for SMEs; further 5 % for Article 87(3)(c) regions,

— industrial research: 50 % gross for large firms, 60 % gross for SMEs; further 5 % for Article 87(3)(c) regions,

— fundamental research: 100 % gross

Duration: Until 31 December 2006

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Date of adoption of the decision: 31.1.2001

Member State: The Netherlands

Aid No: N 484/2000

Title: Waste disposal system for PVC façade elements, the Netherlands

Objective: Environmental protection

Legal basis: Art. 15.36 Wet Milieubeheer

Aid intensity or amount: The measure does not constitute aid

Duration: 15 August 2000 to 15 August 2005

Other information: The measure reinforces an agreement between producers and importers of PVC façade elements and the companies involved in their recycling

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Date of adoption of the decision: 11.10.2001

Member State: France

Aid No: N 319/01

Title: Guadeloupe 2000-2006 — Support for freight

Objective:

Regional

The scheme comprises:

— aid for the transport of inputs,

Date of adoption of the decision: 6.11.2001

Member State: Austria

Aid No: N 530/01

Title: Austrian guidelines for environmental aid 2001

Objective: Promote environmental protection and sustainable development

Legal basis: Umweltförderungsgesetz (UFG), BGBl. Nr. 185/1993

Budget: ATS 5,7 billion (EUR 414,24 million)

Aid intensity or amount: In accordance with Community guidelines on State aid for environmental protection

Duration: Until 31 December 2007

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Date of adoption of the decision: 12.10.2001

Member State: Ireland

Aid No: N 551/01

Title: Marine tourism grant scheme: additional budget allocation

Objective: Promote marine tourism development projects

Legal basis: Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act, 2000, Section 46

Budget: IEP 20 million (EUR 25,3 million)

Aid intensity or amount: In accordance with regional aid map 2000-2006

Duration: Until 31.12.2006

Other information: Ex-State aid N 770/2000

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Date of adoption of the decision: 6.6.2001

Member State: Denmark

Aid No: N 840/A/2000

Title: Measures in favour of large energy consumers

Objective: To protect the competitiveness of Danish industry

Legal basis: Lov nr. 1107 af 29. december 1999 om ændring af lov om statstilskud til dækning af udgifter til kuldioxidafgift i visse virksomheder med et stort energiforbrug (ændring af promskriteriet, bundfradrag og tilskud til energiafgift af rumvarme og varmt vand m.v.)

Budget: DKK 35 million per year (2002-2004) (approximately EUR 4,7 million)

Duration: Renotification within 10 years

Other information: Annual report

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Date of adoption of the decision: 30.10.2001

Member State: Portugal

Aid No: N 125/2000

Title: Fisheries operational programme 2000-2006

Objective: Implementation of certain structural measures in the fisheries sector included in the Community support framework

Legal basis: Regulamentação Operacional Pesca do Quadro Comunitário de Apoio 2000-2006

Budget: EUR 38 740 000

Duration: 2000-2006

The authentic text(s) of the decision, from which all confidential information has been removed, can be found at

http://europa.eu.int/comm/secretariat_general/sgb/state_aids

Final report of the hearing officer in Case COMP/36.915 — Deutsche Post AG (DPAG) (drawn up in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Decision 2001/462/EC, ECSC of 23 May 2001 on the terms of reference of hearing officers in certain competition proceedings ⁽¹⁾)

(2001/C 358/04)

The draft decision gives rise to the following comments on the right to be heard:

1. The notification of the statement of objections of 25 May 2000 was delivered to DPAG on 31 May. The deadline for a written reply was initially set at three months to take into account the holiday period. The hearing officer then extended it by three weeks, from 1 to 22 September, because DPAG was able to see the Commission's file on the proceedings only on 26 June and obtained the full content of the file only on 17 July.
2. In a letter of 4 August 2000, DPAG asserted that, on the date of disclosure (26 June 2000), several important documents were not to be found in the files on the proceedings. This charge proved to be unsubstantiated, with one exception: a six-page fax from DPAG to the Commission dated 16 April 1999 had been kept separately and was placed in the file only after 26 June 2000. DPAG was informed of this on 17 July 2000.
3. In the aforementioned letter of 4 August 2000, DPAG also requested a separate hearing on procedural errors that the Commission, in DPAG's view, had committed during the inquiry. In particular, DPAG accused the Commission of not providing sufficient information on the merits of the case. It also criticised the fact that a memorandum from the British Post Office giving more detailed grounds for its complaint under Article 3(2) of Regulation no 17 was not immediately sent to it for comments.

The hearing officer rejected the request because DPAG had not made a conclusive case for a possible breach of the right to a hearing.

— In their written response to the statement of objections, during their oral hearing or in petitions after the oral hearing, the enterprises concerned can argue that there

is inadequate information leading to an incorrect presentation or to a false legal assessment of the merits of the case. A separate hearing on the question of procedural errors which may have been committed in the investigation phase is thus not necessary in order to guarantee the full exercise of the rights of the defence and would not be in accord with the Commission's competition procedure or with considerations of economy of procedure.

- The right of the enterprises concerned to access the Commission's files concerning the proceedings arises only when the statement of objections is sent. In order to guarantee DPAG's right to be heard, therefore, it was sufficient for it to be able to see the British Post Office's statement of objections.
4. The oral hearing of DPAG and the complainant British Post Office, as well as of PTT Post BV and Center Parcs NV, who were also allowed to be present, took place at a joint meeting on 23 November 2000. A request by DPAG that PTT Post BV and Center Parcs NV should be excluded from the meeting was rejected by the hearing officer, though he did ask these two undertakings to confine their remarks to the subject matter of the procedure in Case COMP/36.915, in other words not to go into their own complaints against DPAG. This request was complied with. DPAG was allowed a period in which to submit further written comments after the hearing.
 5. It follows that DPAG was given a full hearing. The draft decision contains only objections to which DPAG has been able to respond.

Done at Brussels on 29 June 2001.

Helmuth SCHRÖTER

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 162, 19.6.2001, p. 21.

Amendment by France of public service obligation on scheduled air services operating between Montluçon (Guéret) et Paris (Orly)

(2001/C 358/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. France has decided to alter the amended public service obligation on scheduled air services between Montluçon (Guéret) and Paris (Orly) published in *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 62 of 4 March 1999, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes.
2. The public service obligation is now as follows:

Minimum frequency

The minimum level of service provided must be two return trips per day, morning and evening, from Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, 220 days a year.

The services must be non-stop between Montluçon (Guéret) and Paris (Orly).

Timetables

Timetables must be such as to enable business passengers to make the round trip within the day and to spend at least eight hours at their destination, whether Paris (Orly) or Montluçon (Guéret).

Slots are currently reserved at Paris (Orly) airport from Monday to Friday for the scheduled Paris (Orly) — Montluçon (Guéret) service pursuant to Article 9 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 95/93 of 18 January 1993 on common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports. Air carriers interested in this route can obtain information about these slots from the Paris airports coordinator.

Flight bookings

Flights must be marketed by means of at least one computerised reservation system.

Continuity of service

Except in cases of *force majeure*, the number of flights cancelled for reasons directly attributable to the carrier must not exceed 3 %, per IATA scheduling season, of the number of flights scheduled. Furthermore, the carrier must give at least six months' notice before discontinuing the services.

Community carriers are hereby informed that operation of air services without regard to the above-mentioned public service obligations may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

**Commission communication pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92
Imposition of a public service obligation in respect of a scheduled air service within the United
Kingdom**

(2001/C 358/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. Pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes, the United Kingdom has decided to impose a public service obligation in respect of a scheduled air service between the Shetland mainland and the island of Unst.
2. The public service obligation is as follows:
 - *Minimum frequencies:*
 - one return trip on Tuesday and Thursday.
 - *Capacity:*
 - the capacity of the aircraft should be not less than eight passenger seats.
 - *Fares:*
 - the price of a single adult ticket must not exceed GBP 42.

The maximum fares may be increased once every year with the prior written consent of Shetland Islands Council in line with the United Kingdom's retail price index (all items) or any successor index to this.

No changes may be made to the fare levels without the prior written consent of Shetland Islands Council.

The new maximum fares must be notified to the Civil Aviation Authority and to the European Commission which may publish them in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

**Commission communication pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92
Modification by the United Kingdom of public service obligations in respect of scheduled air
services between the Shetland mainland and the islands of Foula, Fair Isle, Out Skerries and
Papa Stour**

(2001/C 358/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The United Kingdom has decided to modify the public service obligations in respect of the scheduled air services between the Shetland mainland and the islands of Foula, Fair Isle, Out Skerries and Papa Stour as set out in the notice published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 394/05 of 30 December 1997, as modified in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* C 356/03 of 12 December 2000, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes.
2. The modified public service obligations are as follows:
 - *Minimum frequencies:*
 - to **Foula** — two return trips on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and one return trip on Tuesday (summer service). Two return trips on Friday and one return trip on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (winter service),
 - to **Fair Isle** — two return trips on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and two return trips on Saturday (summer service). Two return trips on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (winter service),
 - to **Out Skerries** — two return trips on Thursday and one return trip on Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
 - to **Papa Stour** — two return trips on Tuesday.
 - *Capacity:*
 - the capacity of the aircraft used should be not less than eight passenger seats on each route although, depending on weight, numbers may be restricted on the Out Skerries route due to Civil Aviation Authority restrictions.
 - *Fares:*
 - the price of a single adult ticket must not exceed GBP 21,30 for Foula, GBP 37,20 for Fair Isle, GBP 18,00 for Out Skerries and GBP 16,00 for Papa Stour.

The maximum fare on each route may be increased once every year with the prior written consent of Shetland Islands Council in line with the United Kingdom's retail price index (all items) or any successor index to this.

No other changes may be made to the fare levels without the prior written consent of Shetland Islands Council.

The new maximum fare on each route must be notified to the Civil Aviation Authority and to the European Commission which may publish them in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

**Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of Council Directive
89/106/EEC**

(2001/C 358/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Publication of titles and references of harmonised standards under the directive)

| ESO ⁽¹⁾ | Reference | Title of the standard | Date of applicability of the standard as a harmonised European standard according to Article 4(2)(a) of Directive 89/106/EEC | Date of the end of the coexistence period ⁽²⁾ |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| CEN | EN 12259-2:1999/A1:2001 | Fixed firefighting systems — Components for sprinkler and water spray systems — Part 2: Wet alarm valve assemblies | 1.1.2002 | 1.1.2003 |
| CEN | EN 12259-3:2000/A1:2001 | Fixed firefighting systems — Components for sprinkler and water spray systems — Part 3: Dry alarm valve assemblies | 1.1.2002 | 1.1.2003 |
| CEN | EN 12259-4:2000/prA1 | Fixed firefighting systems — Components for sprinkler and water spray systems — Part 4: Water motor alarms | 1.1.2002 | 1.1.2003 |
| CEN | EN 12859:2001 | Gypsum blocks — Definitions, requirements and test methods | 1.4.2002 | 1.4.2003 |
| CEN | EN 12860:2001 | Gypsum based adhesives for gypsum blocks — Definitions, requirements and test methods | 1.4.2002 | 1.4.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13162:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made mineral wool (MW) products — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13163:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made products of expanded polystyrene (EPS) — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13164:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made products of extruded polystyrene foam (XPS) — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13165:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made rigid polyurethane foam (PUR) products — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13166:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made products of phenolic foam (PF) — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13167:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made cellular glass (CG) products — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |

| ESO ⁽¹⁾ | Reference | Title of the standard | Date of applicability of the standard as a harmonised European standard according to Article 4(2)(a) of Directive 89/106/EEC | Date of the end of the coexistence period ⁽²⁾ |
|--------------------|---------------|---|--|--|
| CEN | EN 13168:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made wood wool (WW) products — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13169:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made products of expanded perlite (EPB) — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13170:2001 | Thermal insulation products for buildings — Factory made products of expanded cork (ICB) — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |
| CEN | EN 13171:2001 | Thermal insulating products for buildings — Factory made wood fibre (WF) products — Specification | 1.3.2002 | 1.3.2003 |

⁽¹⁾ ESO: (European standardisation organisation):

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— Cenelec: rue de Stassart/De Stassartstraat 35, B-1050 Brussels, tel. (32-2) 519 68 71, fax (32-2) 519 69 19 (www.cenelec.be)

— ETSI: F-06921 Sophia Antipolis Cedex, tel. (33) 492 94 42 00, fax (33) 493 65 47 16 (www.etsi.org)

⁽²⁾ The date of the end of the coexistence period is the same as the date of withdrawal of conflicting national technical specifications, after which presumption of conformity must be based upon harmonised European specifications (harmonised standards or European technical approvals).

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case COMP/M.2592 — 3 i/Eqvitec/Pohjola/Suomi/Ion Blast)

(2001/C 358/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 11 October 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2652 — Blackstone/CDPQ/Deteks NRW)**

(2001/C 358/10)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 23 November 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2630 — Siemens/Wiener Stadtwerke/Master Talk)**

(2001/C 358/11)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 28 November 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in German and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2643 — Blackstone/CDPQ/Deteks BW)**

(2001/C 358/12)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2637 — Nutricia/Baxter/2.HSC)**

(2001/C 358/13)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 6 December 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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(Notices)

COMMISSION

Call for proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Promotion of innovation and encouragement of SME participation' (1998-2002)

Call identifier: INN/01/02

(2001/C 358/14)

1. In accordance with the Decision 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 'Promotion of innovation and encouragement of SME participation' (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 actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme.

2. This call relates to the proposals which are set out in point 4 of this notice and which must be submitted by the fixed deadline specified below. Proposals submitted after this deadline will not be considered under this call notice.

Proposals must be submitted in a single stage.

3. The specific programme will be 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.

The evaluation and selection criteria and rules relating to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the

specific programme, the Council Decision 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 draw up 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:

DG ENTR/C/4
EUFO 2286
Innovation Help Desk
E-mail: innovation@cec.eu.int
Fax (352) 430 13 20 84
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/innovation-smes/src/cec-cont.htm>

4. Natural or legal persons eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme are hereby invited to submit proposals for RTD projects that address the following objectives in the work programme:

Specific activity: **Promotion of innovation — new approaches to technology transfer**

Subject of the call for proposals: innovation projects

Type of indirect action: combined projects

Evaluation: single stage

For this call for proposals, approximately EUR 20 million has been set aside as the Community contribution. This amount may be reviewed in the light of the budgetary resources available when the proposals are evaluated.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 91.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2001) 373 (8.2.2001).

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

The purpose of this call for proposals is (a) to make an effective contribution to developing, validating and implementing methodologies for promoting the integration of new technologies and analysing the technological, economic, organisational and social aspects observed in this process; and (b) to disseminate and exploit the results which do not come from the thematic programmes.

5. The **deadline for receipt** of proposals is **17.00 on 15 March 2002**.

They must be sent to the Commission by one of the following methods:

- **registered post with advice of receipt**, to the following address:

INN/01/02
European Commission
DG ENTR/C/2
EUFO 2274
Rue Alcide de Gasperi
L-2920 Luxembourg,

- **courier or hand-delivered** in exchange for a receipt, to the following address:

INN/01/02
European Commission
DG ENTR
Euroforum Building — Reception
10, rue Robert Stumper
Luxembourg-Gasperich
Tel. (352) 430 13 26 86

- **electronic submission** in accordance with the detailed instructions given in the guide for proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files should be created. The first is a small validation file which provides basic information on the proposal and a single 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 single identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

Important note:

This is different from previous calls for proposals specifying a deadline for receipt: **the deadline now applies to receipt by the Commission**. If proposals are sent by post, the valid date is that which is stamped on the advice of receipt.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods described above to submit proposals and to submit only one version of any given proposal. If an eligible proposal is received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be retained.

6. In all correspondence relating to this call (e.g. when requesting information or submitting a proposal), please make sure to quote 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 the strictest 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 either to submit proposals themselves or to be involved in their submission.

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 socioeconomic knowledge base

Distinctions for high-level research work

Descartes Prize

Call identifier: IHP-DEP-00-1

(2001/C 358/15)

1. In accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998, relating to 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 improving the human research potential and the socioeconomic knowledge base ⁽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 by a fixed deadline following which evaluation will take place. Proposal not having met this deadline will not be considered under this call notice. 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, the Council Decision of 22 December 1998, on the rules for participation of undertakings,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 105.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(2001) 1025.

research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results ⁽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, 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 for Research
Directorate C — European Research Area Science and Society
B-1049 Brussels
E-mail: improving@cec.eu.int
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/improving>
Fax (32-2) 296 70 24.

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:

Distinctions for high-level research work

Descartes Prize

The primary objective of the distinctions for high-level research work is to identify and to give public recognition and visibility to European researchers having successfully produced outstanding scientific or technological results through European collaborative research.

Therefore the Descartes Prize will be awarded to outstanding scientific and technological achievements resulting from European collaborative research involving teams established in Member States or associated States. The minimum requirement is two mutually independent legal entities established in two different Member State or in a Member State and an associated State. The competition is open to all fields of scientific endeavour, including social and economic sciences.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

The Descartes Prize will be financed as 'accompanying measures'. Community financing will cover the awarding of monetary prizes and/or equivalent recognition, to the most deserving participants. Prize monies will be granted on the understanding that they are expected to be used in the furtherance of science and technology.

The indicative budget available for this call is EUR 1 million of Community contribution.

5. Proposals must be received on or before **15 March 2002**, by **17.00** (Brussels local time), by one of the following methods:

Post, preferably registered, courier⁽¹⁾ or hand delivery, as confirmed by acknowledgement of receipt:

IHP-DEP-01-1

The Research Proposal Office (ORBN 8)
Square Frère Orban 8/Frère-Orbanplein 8
B-1040 Brussels.

Please mark envelopes with the appropriate call identifier:
IHP-DEP-01.1.

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.

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, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.

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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) 298 42 06.