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I

(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

23 April 2003

(2003/C 97/01)

1 euro =

Currency		Exchange rate	Currency		Exchange rate
USD	US dollar	1,0944	LVL	Latvian lats	0,6326
JPY	Japanese yen	131,63	MTL	Maltese lira	0,4251
DKK	Danish krone	7,4253	PLN	Polish zloty	4,2603
GBP	Pound sterling	0,6935	ROL	Romanian leu	36 557
SEK	Swedish krona	9,1115	SIT	Slovenian tolar	232,475
CHF	Swiss franc	1,5068	SKK	Slovak koruna	41,005
ISK	Iceland króna	83,08	TRL	Turkish lira	1 767 000
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,835	AUD	Australian dollar	1,7646
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9464	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,5845
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,5881	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	8,5357
CZK	Czech koruna	31,67	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,9608
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,9457
HUF	Hungarian forint	245,63	KRW	South Korean won	1 334,02
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4534	ZAR	South African rand	8,2698

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

CALL FOR PROPOSALS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING GRANTS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT**Call for proposals DG TREN/SUB/01-2003**

(2003/C 97/02)

1. POLITICAL CONTEXT

The European Commission intends to award grants to promote the objectives of the common transport policy. The policy priorities have been set in the work programme for 2003 adopted by the Commission on 21 March 2003 (C/2003/205).

2. SOURCES OF FUNDING

The operations selected will be financed from budget headings B2-702, Transport safety, and B2-704, Sustainable mobility policy.

3. ESTIMATED TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THIS CALL

The estimated total amount for 2003 is EUR 7 400 000.

Transport safety: EUR 7 200 000.

Sustainable mobility policy: EUR 200 000.

4. PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITY CO-FINANCING

The grants are intended as incentives for carrying out an operation which could not be executed without Community financial support, and they reflect the principle of co-financing. The Commission therefore plans to grant only funds complementary and subsidiary to contributions made by the beneficiary, the national, regional or local authorities and other bodies. Accordingly, the amount granted will be between 10 % and 50 % of the total eligible costs of the operation. *Contributions in kind are not regarded as eligible costs.*

5. ACTIVITIES COVERED AND OBJECTIVE

In the context of the work programme for 2003, the Commission wishes to support action in the areas listed below without, however, excluding other applications for financial support which are innovative, have a European dimension and meet the objectives set in the White Paper 'European transport policy for 2010: time to decide'.

A. TRANSPORT SAFETY*Road safety*

Improvement of road safety in the European Union, the candidate countries and the European Economic Area by means of studies, campaigns, the establishment of best practice and demonstration activities in the following areas:

Area 1: User behaviour

Checks and penalties to enforce the rules of the road; training for both private and professional drivers; physical and mental fitness to drive; action to combat/check for driving under the influence of drugs, drink or medicines (in particular, designated drivers and trials with alcoholics); safety belts and child restraint devices; vulnerable users; accident data recorders; driving hours and rest periods (for professional drivers); and safety in tunnels (in particular, driving in tunnels).

Area 2: Vehicle technology

Impact resistance; roadworthiness testing (particularly electronic passenger protection systems); active and passive vehicle safety (including tyre quality and pressure).

Area 3: Road infrastructure

Road safety audits/safety evaluations of roads and tunnels (in particular, identification of blackspots) and harmonisation of signs (roads and tunnels).

Area 4: Road technology

Freight and passenger transport by road, in particular intelligent technologies to improve road safety.

Area 5: Information and databases

Improvements in collection, analysis and dissemination of data on road accidents (conditions, causes, impact, under-reporting, independent surveys, multidisciplinary approach, risk exposure variables).

Area 6: Evaluation of national road safety policies

Evaluation of the national road safety systems in the abovementioned areas.

Maritime safety

Improving maritime safety in the European Union:

Area 7: Shipping accidents

Analysis of the causes of major shipping accidents, in particular development of safety standards for bulk carriers.

B. SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY POLICY

Area 8: Sustainable mobility policy in the maritime sector

Development of short-distance maritime and inland waterway services.

6. PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY OF COSTS

Eligible costs can be incurred only after signature of the grant agreement by all the parties, save in exceptional cases and, under no circumstances, before submission of the application for a grant. The duration of the operation may not exceed 36 months.

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**7.1. Legal status of applicants**

Applications submitted in writing by legal persons who are citizens of a Member State of the European Union are eligible.

7.2. Grounds for exclusion

Applications will not be considered for a grant if the applicants are in any of the following situations:

- (a) they are bankrupt or being wound up, are having their affairs administered by the courts, have entered into an arrangement with creditors, have suspended business activities, are the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- (b) they have been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata*;
- (c) they have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- (d) they have not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which they are established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- (e) they have been the subject of a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;

(f) following another procurement procedure or grant procedure financed by the Community budget, they have been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with their contractual obligations;

(g) they are faced with a conflict of interest;

(h) they have been guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required or have failed to supply this information.

Applicants must certify that they are not in one of the situations listed in point 7.2.

7.3. Administrative and financial penalties

1. Without prejudice to the application of penalties laid down in the contract, candidates or tenderers and contractors who have been guilty of making false declarations or have been found to have seriously failed to meet their contractual obligations in an earlier procedure shall be excluded from all contracts and grants financed by the Community budget for a maximum of two years from the time when the infringement is established, as confirmed after an adversarial procedure with the contractor.

That period may be extended to three years in the event of a repeat offence within five years of the first infringement.

Tenderers or candidates who have been guilty of making false declarations shall also receive financial penalties representing 10 % of the total value of the grant being awarded.

Contractors who have been found to have seriously failed to meet their contractual obligations shall receive financial penalties representing 10 % of the value of the subvention in question.

That rate may be increased to 20 % in the event of a repeat offence within five years of the first infringement.

2. In the cases referred to in points 7.2(a), (c), (d) and (f), the candidates or tenderers shall be excluded from all contracts and grants for a maximum of two years from the time when the infringement is established, as confirmed after an adversarial procedure with the contractor.

In the cases referred to in points 7.2(b) and (e), the candidates or tenderers shall be excluded from all contracts and grants for a minimum of one year and a maximum of four years from the date of notification of the judgment.

Those periods may be extended to five years in the event of a repeat offence within five years of the first infringement or the first judgment.

3. The cases referred to in point 7(e) cover:

- (a) cases of fraud as referred to in Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the European Communities' financial interests, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 July 1995 ⁽¹⁾;
- (b) cases of corruption as referred to in Article 3 of the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union, drawn up by the Council Act of 26 May 1997 ⁽²⁾;
- (c) cases of participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Joint Action 98/733/JHA of the Council ⁽³⁾;
- (d) cases of money laundering as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC ⁽⁴⁾.

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

The applicant must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain his activity throughout the period during which the action is being carried out or the year for which the grant is awarded and to participate in its funding. He must have the professional competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action or work programme.

8.1. Financial capacity of applicants

Applicants must show that they exist as a legal person and have the financial capacity and operational capability to complete the operation to be supported and must provide their balance sheet for the last financial year for which the accounts have been closed. The last of these provisions does not apply to public bodies and international organisations.

8.2. Technical capacity of applicants

Applicants must have the technical capacity and operational capability to complete the operation to be supported and must provide the documents requested (CVs of the persons responsible for carrying out the operation, description of projects and activities undertaken in the last three years, etc.).

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 195, 25.6.1997, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 351, 29.12.1998, p. 1. Joint action of 21 December 1998 on making it a criminal offence to participate in a criminal organisation in the Member States of the European Union.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 166, 28.6.1991, p. 77. Directive of 10 June 1991, as amended by Directive 2001/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 December 2001 (OJ L 344, 28.12.2001, p. 76).

9. AWARD CRITERIA

The operation supported must be designed to further one of the objectives referred to in point 5 above. The Commission will base the choice of operations and the rate of Community cofinancing on the following criteria, listed in descending order of weighting in per cent.

9.1. Quality of the operation (70 %)

- *European dimension*: the Commission will assess the extent to which the proposed operation will create and contribute genuine added value to the common transport policy (20 %).
- *Innovative character*: the Commission will assess the extent to which the proposed operation will generate new approaches and practices. The results of the operation supported will, where appropriate, be incorporated into proposals for legislation, communications and other European Commission documents (10 %).
- *Multiplier effect*: the Commission will assess the extent to which the proposed operation will enable the transfer, generalisation, dissemination or application on a large scale of results, experience, knowledge and good practice (10 %).
- *Cost-effectiveness*: the budget, broken down by category of expenditure, should demonstrate excellent value for money for the operation (balance between expected results and amount of grant) (10 %).
- *Evaluation*: the Commission will assess the evaluation method proposed and the quality of the results indicators with reference to the expected objectives (10 %).
- *Visibility*: the description of the operation should give details of the means whereby the Community operation will be publicised (publications, organisation of events, websites, CD-ROM, etc.) (10 %).

9.2. Quality of the application (30 %)

The organisation of the operation should be set out in detail, in particular as regards the following aspects:

- work plan (clarity and achievability of the objectives, achievability of the expected results) (10 %),
- timetable for the operation (10 %),
- proposed methodology (10 %).

Only applications with a total score of 70 % or higher and of at least 60 % for each individual criterion will be taken into consideration for Community funding.

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING GRANTS

The general conditions for awarding grants, particularly the definition of the eligible costs and the methods of payment, are set out in the draft grant agreement in Annex II.

For all applications for pre-financing of over EUR 100 000, a financial guarantee equivalent to the amount pre-financed will be required. In addition, the Commission reserves the right to require a financial guarantee for amounts of under EUR 100 000.

The budget for the action attached to the application must have revenue and expenditure in balance and show clearly the costs which are eligible for financing from the Community budget.

For actions where the cost to be financed exceeds EUR 300 000, the application must be accompanied by an external audit report produced by an approved auditor. This report must certify the accounts for the last year available and give an assessment of the financial viability of the applicant.

11. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT

Applications must be submitted using the **standard application form in Annex I**. For each application, **one signed original and five copies** must be supplied by the applicant.

12. CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR A GRANT

Applicants interested in these grants are invited to submit their applications to the European Commission.

Applications may be submitted:

- (a) either **by registered letter** postmarked **no later than 10 June 2003** addressed to:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Energy and Transport
DM 28 0/91 Courrier/archives
B-1049 Brussels

- (b) **or by delivery to the central mail service of the European Commission** (personal delivery or delivery by any authorised representative of the applicant, including private delivery services) at the following address:

European Commission
Courrier Central
Rue de Genève 1
B-1140 Brussels

by 16h00 (Brussels time) **on 10 June 2003** at the latest. In this case, proof of submission will be by means of a dated and signed receipt issued by the receiving official in the abovementioned department.

Applications received by the Commission after the closing date will not be taken into consideration.

Applications may not be delivered to the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport (whether personal delivery or delivery by any authorised representative of the applicant, including private delivery services).

Bids must be submitted inside two sealed envelopes. The inner envelope must bear the words:

Call for proposals
TREN/SUB/01-2003
Area ...
NOT TO BE OPENED BY THE POSTAL SERVICE
DM 28 0/91 Courrier/archives

If self-adhesive envelopes are used, they must be sealed with adhesive tape and the sender must sign across that tape.

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (stating the reference number of the area, as indicated in point 5) to:

TREN-CALL-2003@cec.eu.int.

14. TIMETABLE

Closing date for submission of applications: 10 June 2003

Date of opening of applications: 20 June 2003

Estimated date of completion of the evaluation: 15 July 2003

Notification of unsuccessful applicants: from 22 July 2003 on

Notification of successful applicants: from 28 July 2003 on.

Quality standards for national mail of the fastest standard category set by Member States and published by the Commission in accordance with Article 17 of Directive 97/67/EC on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service ⁽¹⁾

(2003/C 97/03)

The quality standards for national mail in each Member State have been established by Member States in relation to the time limit for routing measured from end to end ⁽²⁾ for postal items of the fastest standard category according to the formula D + n, where D represents the date of deposit ⁽³⁾ and n the number of working days which elapse between the date and that of delivery to the addressee.

Quality of service objectives for the fastest standard category of mail ⁽¹⁾				
Member State	Time limit			
	D + 1	D + 2	D + 3	Other
B	92 %	97 %		
DK	97 %			
D	80 %	95 %		
EL	82 %		93 %	
E			90 %	98 % (D + 5)
F ⁽²⁾	84 %		98 %	
IRL ⁽³⁾	94 %		99,5 %	
I	87 %	98 %	99 %	
L	95 %	99 %		
NL	95 %			
A ⁽⁴⁾	95 %	98 %		100 % (D + 4)
P	93,2 %			99,84 % (D + 10)
FIN	95 %			
S	85 %		97 %	
UK	92,5 %			99,9 % (D + 4)

⁽¹⁾ National measures notified to the Commission as of 18.3.2003. Objectives are for the year 2003 unless otherwise indicated.

⁽²⁾ Objectives for 2001. Objectives for 2003 not yet established.

⁽³⁾ Interim objective.

⁽⁴⁾ Objectives to be attained in the course of 2004. Objectives for 2002 and 2003 not established as such.

⁽¹⁾ Directive 97/67/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 1997 on common rules for the development of the internal market of Community postal services and the improvement of quality of service (OJ L 15, 21.1.1998, p. 14). As amended by Directive 2002/39/EC (OJ L 176, 5.7.2002, p. 21).

⁽²⁾ End-to-end routing is measured from the access point to the network to the point of delivery to the addressee.

⁽³⁾ The date of deposit to be taken into account shall be the same day as that on which the item is deposited, provided that deposit occurs before the last collection time from the access point to the network in question (or any other appropriate time defined by Member States). When deposit takes place after this time limit, the date of deposit to be taken into consideration will be that of the following day of collection.

Final report of the Hearing Officer**in case COMP/M.2530 — Südzucker/Saint Louis Sucre**

(prepared under Article 15 of Commission Decision of 23 May 2001 on the terms of reference of Hearing Officers in certain competition proceedings — OJ L 162 of 19.6.2001, p. 21)

(2003/C 97/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

The draft decision does not give rise to particular observations. The proceedings took a normal course. The rights of parties to be heard were fully respected.

One association who had replied to a letter sent under Article 11 of the Merger Regulation asked to be present at the Hearing in order to get clarification on the future of the European sugar regime and to prepare for a study on the image of the sugar sector. This request was rejected since this association which had not introduced a request under Article 16 of Commission Regulation (EC) No 447/98 neither justified having a sufficient interest in the present case within the meaning of Article 18 of the Merger Regulation nor did it make clear which point it wanted to make at the hearing.

Brussels, 5 December 2001.

Bernd LANGEHEINE

Final report of the Hearing Officer**in Case COMP/M.2495 — Haniel/Fels**

(prepared under 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 — OJ L 162, 19.6.2001, p. 21)

(2003/C 97/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

The draft decision does not give rise to particular observations regarding the right to be heard.

Following the initiation of proceedings under Article 6(1)(c) of Council Regulation EEC No 4064/89, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97, the Commission, after an indepth investigation of the markets in question, reached the conclusion that the serious doubts which it had initially expressed as to the compatibility of the notified concentration with the common market could no longer be maintained.

The Commission therefore desisted from sending a Statement of Objections.

Brussels, 5 February 2002.

Karen WILLIAMS

Opinion of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations given at the 104th meeting on 10 December 2001 concerning a preliminary draft decision relating to Case COMP/M.2530 — Südzucker/Saint Louis Sucre

(2003/C 97/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified concentration constitutes a concentration within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation and that it has a Community dimension.
 2. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that, for the purposes of this case, each of the following sugar products constitutes a relevant product market:
 - (a) industrial sugar;
 - (b) retail sugar; and
 - (c) sugar for distributors' private labels.
 3. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that, for the purposes of this case, the relevant geographic market(s):
 - (a) for industrial sugar and retail sugar are in general national, except for Germany, where as a result of the structure of the markets, southern Germany forms a relevant geographic market;
 - (b) for sugar for distributors' private labels does not have to be defined since the proposed concentration would neither give rise to competition concerns on the basis of a German, Belgian nor on the basis of a Community-wide market.
 4. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified concentration leads to the strengthening of dominant positions as a result of which effective competition would be significantly impeded in the common market or in a substantial part of it in the markets for industrial sugar and retail sugar in southern Germany and Belgium.
 5. Does the Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified concentration will not lead to the creation or strengthening of a dominant position in the market(s) for the supply of sugar for distributors' private labels.
 6. The majority of the Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the commitments submitted by the parties to divest Südzucker's share in Veurne, to provide up to 90 000 tonnes of quota sugar per year, which will be taken from Südzucker's sugar production sites in southern Germany and to divest Südzucker's minority stake of Saint Louis Sucre in the Spanish company Ebro Puleva are sufficient to remove competition concerns arising in respect of the southern German and Belgian sugar markets. A minority of the Advisory Committee disagrees.
 7. The majority of the Advisory Committee therefore agrees that the proposed concentration should be declared compatible with the common market and the functioning of the EEA Agreement. A minority of the Advisory Committee disagrees.
 8. The Commission takes into account the remarks and comments made by the Advisory Committee.
 9. The Advisory Committee recommends the publication of its opinion in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
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Opinion of the Advisory Committee on Concentrations given at the 106th meeting on 6 February 2002 concerning a draft decision relating to Case COMP/M.2495 — Haniel/Fels

(2003/C 97/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the notified operation constitutes a concentration within the meaning of Art 3(1)b of the Merger Regulation and the notified operation has a Community dimension as defined in Article 1(2) Merger Regulation.
 2. A majority of the Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission's definition of the relevant product markets as 'building materials for load-bearing walls' and 'building materials for non load-bearing walls'. A minority refrains.
 3. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission's definition of the relevant geographic markets contained in the draft decision.
 4. A majority of the Advisory Committee shares the Commission's view that Haniel controls the Coöperatieve Verkoop- en Produktievereniging van Kalkzandsteenproducenten (CVK cooperative). A minority disagrees.
 5. A majority of the Advisory Committee shares the Commission's view that Haniel holds a dominant position on the market for wall-building materials for load-bearing walls in the Netherlands. A minority disagrees.
 6. A majority of the Advisory Committee shares the Commission's view that Haniel's dominant position on the market for 'wall-building materials for load-bearing walls' will not be strengthened and that no dominant position will be created in the market for 'building materials for non load-bearing walls'. A minority disagrees.
 7. The Advisory Committee agrees that the operation should be declared compatible with the common market and the functioning of the EEA-Agreement.
 8. The Advisory Committee asks the Commission to take account of all other points raised during its discussion of the case and recommends the publication of its opinion in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
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**Commission communication in the framework of the implementation of the Council directive
2000/9/EC**

(2003/C 97/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

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

ESO ⁽¹⁾	Reference	Title of the standard	Reference document	Reference of the superseded standard	Date of cessation of presumption of conformity of the superseded standard ⁽²⁾
CEN	EN 12385-8:2002	Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 8: Stranded hauling and carrying-hauling ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons		None	—
CEN	EN 12385-9:2002	Steel wire ropes — Safety — Part 9: Locked coil carrying ropes for cableway installations designed to carry persons		None	—

⁽¹⁾ ESO (European standardisation organisation):

— CEN: rue de Stassart/De Stassartstraat 36, B-1050 Brussels; tel. (32-2) 550 08 11, fax (32-2) 550 08 19 (www.cenorm.be),

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

— ETSI: 650, route des Lucioles, F-06921 Sophia Antipolis Cedex; tel. (33-4) 92 94 42 00, fax (33-4) 93 65 47 16 (www.etsi.org).

⁽²⁾ Generally the date of cessation of presumption of conformity will be the date of withdrawal ('dow'), set by the European Standardisation Organisation, but attention of users of these standards is drawn to the fact that in certain exceptional cases this can be otherwise.

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

Cases where the Commission raises no objections

(2003/C 97/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Date of adoption of the decision: 11.12.2002

Member State: Italy

Aid No: N 292/02

Title: Risk capital for start-up of innovative enterprises

Objective: To develop and widen the venture capital market in Italy and to support innovative enterprises in the start-up phase

Legal basis:

Legge 388 del 23.12.2000 (Legge Finanziaria 2001) art. 103 comma 1 e art. 106

DPCM 28.3.2001, artt. 5, 6, 7 e 8

Direttiva prevista da art. 106 L. 388/2000

Budget: Initially EUR 180 million (foreseen); EUR 1 150 million over the next 10 years (EUR 108 million per year)

Duration: 10 years

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: 21.1.2003

Member State: France

Aid No: NN 136/A/02

Title: Measures in support of the 'Ecomusée d'Alsace'

Objective: Tourism

Budget: Approximately EUR 7,3 million

Aid intensity or amount: Variable

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

III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

RESERVE LIST

OPEN COMPETITION COM/A/12/01

ADMINISTRATORS (A 7/A 6)

IN THE FIELD OF BUILDING, LOGISTICAL AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

(2003/C 97/10)

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BINDELS Pierre-Olivier	MALEKOS Ioannis
CHATZIS Dimitrios	MARMIFERO Gianni
CLEREBAUT Luc	MASSARO LATTUADA Alejandro
CNOCKAERT Jan	MERLO Ambrogio
COVA Luigi	MESOTTEN Davy
D'HOOGHE Hans	PAQUE Gilles
DE BACKER Pascal	PEETERS Paul
DE RAEDT Lode	PÉREZ SANTANDER José
DE SCHRIJVER Patrick	POLOME Vincent
DURAND Michel Marcel Paul	RAMSELAAR Peter-Paul
DYCK Patrick	RICCA Eric
FERRONI Luca Maria	SÁNCHEZ SEVILLANO Christopher
GIGOT Jean Jules Louis	STROHBACH Andreas
GRIJSEELS Dirk	VAN BELLE Bernard
HUYSMANS Alfons	VAN DEN BROECK Johannes Augustinus Barbara
JONSSON Anders	VANPARIJS Jan
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- Immigration
- Police
- Customs
- Crime
- Drugs
- Civil law
- Criminal law
- Fundamental rights
- Citizenship
- Free movement
- Foreign affairs
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