COMMISSION DECISION  
of 1999

Establishing a global authorisation for a Special Assistance Programme for certain countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

The Commission of the European Communities,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3906/89 of 18 December 1989 on economic aid to certain countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1266/99 of 21 June 1999, and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Whereas Regulation No 3906/89, lays down the rules and conditions for the granting of economic aid to certain countries of Central and Eastern Europe,

Whereas the measures provided for by this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Aid for Economic Restructuring in certain countries of central and Eastern Europe,

HEREBY DECIDES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Programme described in the Annex to the present decision is hereby adopted.

Article 2

The maximum amount of Community assistance shall be 5.1 MEUR to be financed through budget line B7-500.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
FINANCING PROPOSAL

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

1. IDENTIFICATION:

Beneficiary states: The Phare partner countries
Programme: Special Assistance Programme
Year: 1999
Cost: 5.1 MEUR
Implementing authority: European Commission
Expiry date: 31 December 2000 contracting
31 December 2001 disbursement
Sector: AA
Group: M
Budget line: B7-500
Task Manager Programming: DG ENLARG/PH
Task Manager Implementation: SCR

2. SUMMARY:

The credits authorised under this proposal will be used to finance studies and meetings with
experts not appropriate for financing under other Phare programmes, but nevertheless directly
linked to the objectives of the pre-accession strategy of which they form an integral part.
Excluded from these activities is expenditure linked to information activities and publications,
which is covered by a separate Financing Proposal.

3. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this global authorisation is to allow for the execution of tasks related to the
achievement of the objectives of the Phare programme and, in particular, the pre-accession
strategy, which do not fall under the scope of any specific national, cross-border or multi-
country programme.

4. DESCRIPTION:

The measure is intended to cover expenditure of the following activities organised by the
Commission, in accordance with the budgetary comment in the 1999 budget:
- meetings of experts:
  • Commission-organised multilateral meetings on topics directly linked to Phare and the pre-
accession strategy, for example on participation in Community programmes or on thematic
issues;
  • Joint meetings with the World Bank, the EBRD and other international organisations;
  • Bi-lateral meetings directly linked to Phare and the pre-accession strategy.
- studies directly linked to Phare programming and implementation.

A maximum amount of 10.2 MEUR has been earmarked for expenditure under the budgetary comment. This amount is split in two; 5.1 MEUR for information and publications, and 5.1 MEUR for meetings of experts and studies.

Expenditure on information and publications, which is also covered by the budgetary comment, is subject of a separate Financing Proposal, on which the Phare Management Committee expressed its Opinion in July 1999.

The budget of the Special Assistance Programme (5.1 MEUR) is to be divided as follows (in MEUR):

| Cost of expert meetings, including cost of overnight stay, representation and travel expenses | 2.6 |
| Expenditure on studies required to meet the objectives of the Phare programme in the context of the pre-accession strategy | 2.5 |
| **Total** | **5.1** |

## 5. COST:

The total cost of the Special Assistance Programme is 5.1 MEUR.

## 6. IMPLEMENTATION:

The programme will be implemented by the Commission (SCR) on behalf of the national authorities.

## 7. DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE: (in MEUR, accumulated)

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## 8. AUDIT, MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

The Commission services shall:

a. monitor the implementation of the Programme on the basis of regular reports, and;

b. sign contracts with independent consultants to follow progress of the programme and its components, and carry out an ex-post evaluation after completion of the programme.

In order to facilitate these activities, a detailed set of indicators of achievement will be defined according to the objectives and targets of the programme.