


Procedure file

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International Fund for Ireland : financial contributions and evaluation report		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	REGI Regional Policy		24/06/1997
		GUE/NGL GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ Antoni	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		
	BUDG Budgets		21/05/1997
		PSE DANKERT Pieter	
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	Social Affairs	2060	15/12/1997

Key events			
25/03/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0130	Summary
29/05/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/10/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
08/10/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0317/1997	
18/11/1997	Debate in Parliament		
19/11/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0558/1997	Summary
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15/12/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0558/1997 OJ C 371 08.12.1997, p. 0046-0075	19/11/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

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Regulation 1997/2614 OJ L 353 24.12.1997, p. 0005 Summary

International Fund for Ireland : financial contributions and evaluation report

OBJECTIVE: To continue the activities of the International Fund for Ireland during 1998 and 1999. SUBSTANCE: The Commission proposes to extend for two further years the Community contribution to the International Fund for Ireland, in view of its contribution to the peace process in this country. The amount considered necessary is ECU 17 m per year and financial assistance should give priority to cross-border and inter-Community projects. Contributions should be also used in such a way that they have additional impact in the areas concerned and are not used as a substitute for other public or private expenditure. The Commission is to administer the contributions and to submit, not later than 1 April 1999, a report to the budgetary authority on all the activities undertaken (with a list of projects which have received aid), with an assessment of the need for continuing contributions beyond 1999. ?

International Fund for Ireland : financial contributions and evaluation report

The Committee adopted the report by Antoni GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ (EUL/NGL, E) on the International Fund for Ireland. The Commission wishes to renew the EU's contribution to the Fund for two more years and set the level of this contribution at ECU 17 million per year. The proposal expressly mentions the Community "Peace" initiative programme, which has the same objectives as the Fund. The Commission aims to ensure coordination between projects financed from these two sources and the Committee wishes to ensure coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed by Community structural policies (e.g. Interreg). The report calls for the Fund to be made more effective by ensuring that the finance it provides is additional and not a substitute for other public or private expenditure. The EU's contribution to the Fund should be adequately publicized. The Fund, which was set up in 1987, receives contributions from a number of countries, including the USA (1996: 37%), Canada (1%) and Australia (2%). The EU is the largest contributor, having given ECU 15 million per year between 1989 and 1994 and ECU 20 million per year between 1995 and 1997. The aim of the Fund is to promote peace and reconciliation in Ireland by granting financial support to economic and social development measures based on cooperation between the two communities in Northern Ireland and cross-border cooperation between the latter and the Republic of Ireland. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Antoni GUTIERREZ DIAZ (GUE/NGL, E), the European Parliament has approved the proposal for a two-year extension of the Community contribution to the International Fund for Ireland. However, it urges coordination between the Fund's activities and those financed under other Community structural policy instruments and calls for Fund assistance not to replace other public or private expenditure. It is also necessary to advertise the extent of the Community's participation in the Fund, through appropriate publicity and information measures. Finally, Parliament has specifically asked for the proposal to state that the name of the Community support programme for peace and reconciliation in Ireland is 'PEACE'. ?

International Fund for Ireland : financial contributions and evaluation report

OBJECTIVE: to continue the programmes of the International Fund for Ireland in 1998 and 1999. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation (EC) No 2614/97 on Community financial contributions to the International Fund for Ireland. **SUBSTANCE:** the Regulation extends for two further years (1998 and 1999) the Community's financial contribution to the International Fund for Ireland, the aim of which is to promote reconciliation between the republican and unionist communities there and which was initiated by Council Regulation (EC) No 2687/94. The contribution granted is ECU 17 m per annum. The Fund must assign priority to using the contributions for projects of a cross-border or cross-community nature, and particularly for those consistent with the objectives of the Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (PEACE) and the other Structural Fund programmes. The contributions must, in addition, be used in such a way that they have an additional impact on the areas concerned, and should not be used as a substitute for other public and private expenditure. The Commission is responsible for managing the contributions. It must coordinate the measures financed by the Fund and those financed under the Community's structural policies, and, in cooperation with the board of the Fund, must determine appropriate publicity and information procedures to publicize the Community's participation in the projects financed by the Fund. It is to submit to the budgetary authority by 01.04.1999 an evaluation report on all the measures undertaken (including a list of the projects financed), which should include an assessment of the need for continuing contributions after 1999. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** The Regulation enters into force on 01.01.1998 and is applicable until 31.12.1999.?