


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1994/0094(CNS)	Procedure completed
Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)		
Subject 3.50.06 Research staff, researchers		

Key players			
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
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Key events			
29/03/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0068	Summary
21/04/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/04/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
25/04/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0306/1994	
03/05/1994	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/1994	Decision by Parliament	T3-0422/1994	
02/06/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0243	Summary
15/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
15/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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Documentation gateway

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Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T3-0422/1994 OJ C 205 25.07.1994, p. 0231-0322	05/05/1994	EP	
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1994)0243	03/06/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1019/1994 OJ C 393 31.12.1994, p. 0117	14/09/1994	ESC	
Follow-up document		RCC0009/2001 OJ C 349 10.10.2001, p. 0001-0020	19/07/2001	CofA	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 1994/916 OJ L 361 31.12.1994, p. 0090 Summary

Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

The proposal for a decision aimed to establish a specific programme of research and technological development, including demonstration, in the field of training and mobility of researchers for the period 1994-1998. - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 744 million. - General objectives of the programme: to stimulate training through research and, by means of cooperation, to foster better utilisation of high-level researchers in the Community; to improve the mobility of researchers between disciplines and mobility between universities, research institutes and industry. - Areas covered by the programme: all exact, natural, economic and management sciences as well as social and human sciences. The programme was divided into three interdependent areas (creation and development of research networks, access to large-scale facilities, training through research) to which was attached an activity concerning accompanying measures aimed at improving communication between researchers themselves and with industry, at encouraging young researchers and at publicising the results and achievements of the programme. Participation in the programme was open, with financial support from the Community, to all legal entities established in the Community or in an associated country, following the conclusion of an agreement with that country, as well as to the Joint Research Centre. The programme would be implemented through shared-cost actions, concerted actions, specific measures and accompanying measures relating to international cooperation, the dissemination of results and the training of researchers and users. The Commission was authorised to hold negotiations with a view to concluding international agreements with third countries in Europe in order to involve them in all or some of the programme. ?

Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

The Committee on Energy adopted the draft report by Mrs GARCIA ARIAS. ?

Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

The Commission's amended proposal took over the European Parliament's amendments concerning: the implementation schedule for the

programme (the first appropriations would be allocated within twelve months of the adoption of the programme); the measures to simplify and improve the procedures and make them more transparent; the staff and administrative expenditure; the reference to the financial perspective. The Commission also accepted the amendments concerning in particular: the programme's contribution to growth and a high level of employment; participation in networks of laboratories and research teams from less-favoured regions and encouragement for leading scientists to work in these regions for extended periods; establishment of a single allocation system in order to ensure equal treatment for all researchers receiving Community support, which should be exempt from national income tax. The Commission did not accept the amendments concerning comitology, international cooperation (extension of the Commission's negotiating mandate to the countries of the Mediterranean Basin) and systematic priority for SMEs in the selection of projects. ?

Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

The Council decision adopted a specific programme for RTD, including demonstration, in the field of training and mobility of researchers for the period 1994-1998. - General objectives of the programme: to stimulate training through research and, by means of cooperation, to foster better utilisation of high-level researchers in the Community; to improve the mobility of researchers between disciplines and mobility between universities, research institutes and industry. - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 744 million. - Areas covered by the programme: all exact, natural, economic and management sciences as well as social and human sciences. Indicative breakdown by area (in million ecus): - Creation and development of research networks: 335 - Access to large-scale research facilities: 112 - Training through research: 260 - Accompanying measures: 37 Participation in the programme was open, with financial support from the Community, to all legal entities established in the Community or in an associated country, following the conclusion of an agreement with the third country in question, and to the Joint Research Centre. The programme would be implemented through shared-cost actions, concerted actions, specific measures and accompanying measures relating to international cooperation, to the dissemination of results and to training for researchers and users. ?

Specific research programme RDT: stimulation of the training and mobility of researchers (1994-1998)

PURPOSE: An audit of the training and mobility of researchers under the fourth framework programme. CONTENT: The Court of Auditors assessment of the training and mobility of researchers organised under the fourth framework programme (1994-1998) found a number of shortcomings in the management and the running of the scheme. Specifically, the Report was critical of the selection of proposals and the control of contracts and its accompanying management structure. Concerning the selection of proposals the audit expressed misgivings over the allocation of proposals to evaluators where a potential conflict of interest may arise. Additionally derided is the absence of detailed records of the deliberations. It therefore advocates a system whereby no cause for conflict should arise. Thus, those evaluators short-listed to assess proposals should not cover applications from home institutes, where there is a common membership of associations, and/or to some extent, shared nationality. Further, no evaluator should be allowed to attend an evaluation where his/her organisation has submitted a proposal. The Report also recommends that the Commission should make a more thorough evaluation of the results to ensure that proposals are properly ranked. Lastly, to ensure transparency, full minutes should be taken of all meetings and the discussions behind all decisions should be produced. Concerning criticism of contracts and management control, the Report recommends procedures should be put in place to ensure participants in research networks adhere to the eligibility criteria. In particular, Commission officials should make a point of cross-checking data to ensure that previous participants to the scheme do not re-apply. In terms of the Marie Curie Fellowships, the Court suggest that it be retained in the department responsible for the TMR programme. Further, should the Commission decide to continue funding the Marie Curie Fellowship then it should ensure that adequate management controls have been put in place as well as providing the Association with strong guidance on how to spend the money. Where euroconferences, practical training course and summer schools are to be used, the audit advocates a greater use of documentation from the contractor to ensure that the criteria for those hosting the events have been met. Lastly, in terms of the "Improving Human Potential" (IHP) programme the audit suggest the Commission should take steps to ensure on-the-spot audits are carried out as soon as possible.?