


# Procedure file

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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<span>REGI</span> Regional Policy	PPE <a href="#">CHICHESTER Giles</a>	26/01/1995
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Key events			
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04/09/1996	Debate in Parliament		
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## Development issues and Objective 1 structural measures in Portugal. Report

In accordance with the code of conduct concluded on 13 July 1993 between Parliament and the Commission, the Commission would forward, for information purposes, the 1994-1999 Community support framework for the structural development and adjustment of less-developed regions (Objective 1) in Portugal. The priorities were as follows: - improving the qualifications of human resources and promoting employment; - enhancing the factors that influenced the competitiveness of the economy; - promoting the quality of life and social cohesion; - strengthening the regional economy. The Community's contribution totalled ECU 13 980 million (Decision of 21 October 1993). ?

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Although the rate of implementation in the first two years of the second CSF was lower than that in the corresponding period of the first CSF, the Committee on Regional Policy considered that the 1994-95 CSF for Portugal was part of a comprehensive strategy aimed at consolidating and further improving the achievements of the previous plan. It thus adopted the report by Mr Chichester (PPE, UK). However, with regard to the priorities for assistance set out by the Portuguese Government - which were very ambitious and difficult to implement - the motion for a resolution that was adopted outlined the main difficulties and provided details of how best to achieve the specified objectives. It mentioned, among other things: - the particularly severe gaps in education and training, which would require the allocation of a larger proportion of the Structural Funds; - the problem of water supply: this could be resolved by encouraging the policy being implemented by the government, which was essential to improve living standards even though it might seem disproportionate with respect to the financial resources it had been allocated; - the high dependency on imported energy supplies, particularly oil products, which called for a fundamental review of the country's energy policy; - finally, the increasing regional imbalances, which encouraged the exodus of people from ultra-peripheral and inland regions: to curb this exodus, local development and employment initiatives should be promoted together with cross-border cooperation between the eastern and northern Portuguese regions and their Spanish counterparts. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Giles Bryan CHICHESTER (PPE, UK), the EP considered that, overall, the Structural Funds appropriations earmarked for Portugal have been used without departing from the objectives drawn up in advance and approved by the Community authorities, and that the CSF for Portugal for 1994-99 is part of a comprehensive strategy aimed at consolidating and further improving the achievements of the previous plan. However, in view of the priorities for assistance fixed by the Portuguese Government - which are very ambitious and difficult to achieve - the resolution points out the major difficulties and suggests ways of facilitating the achievement of the objectives set. The EP refers, inter alia, to: - the severe gaps in the education and training sectors, which should be remedied by a larger allocation from the Structural Funds; - the water supply problem, for the solution of which the policy already initiated should be continued, since it had an essential role in improving living standards, though it appeared over-ambitious in relation to the financial resources involved; - the high dependency on energy imports, in particular oil products, which called for a fundamental review of the country's energy supply plans. Finally, the EP noted the existence of worsening regional asymmetries, which intensify the depopulation of the country's outermost and interior regions, and proposed that they be tackled by local development and employment initiatives as well as cross-border cooperation between the eastern and northern Portuguese regions and their Spanish counterparts. ?