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(Acts adopted under Title VI of the Treaty on European Union)

COUNCIL DECISION

of 6 December 2001

extending Europol's mandate to deal with the serious forms of international crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention

(2001/C 362/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Having regard to the Convention on the establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 2(2) thereof,

Europol is hereby instructed to deal with the serious forms of international crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention.

Article 2

Having regard to the initiative of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Kingdom of Sweden ⁽²⁾,

1. On a proposal from the Europol Management Board, the Council shall unanimously lay down which serious forms of international crime are to be given priority.

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament ⁽³⁾,

2. The Director shall regularly update the Europol Management Board on the implementation of these priorities.

Having regard to the preparatory work on this issue performed by the Europol Board, in particular regarding the budgetary and staffing implications for Europol,

3. The general report on Europol's activities referred to in Article 28(10), first subparagraph, point 1 of the Europol Convention shall make explicit reference to, and reflect, these priorities and their implementation.

Whereas:

Article 3

(1) One of the Union's objectives is to provide citizens with a high level of safety within an area of freedom, security and justice by developing common action among the Member States in the fields of police cooperation.

1. This Decision shall take effect on 1 January 2002.

(2) The effectiveness of the cooperation within the framework of the Europol Convention would be enhanced if Europol, within certain prioritised areas, could perform its tasks in respect of all aspects of international organised crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention.

2. As from 1 January 2002, the Council Decision of 29 April 1999 extending Europol's mandate to deal with forgery of money and means of payment ⁽⁴⁾ shall be repealed.

Article 4

(3) Prioritised areas should be defined on the basis of the continuous collection of data on trends in crime in the territories of the Member States.

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

(4) This Decision is without prejudice to the respective roles of the Commission and the European Central Bank.

Done at Brussels, 6 December 2001.

For the Council

The President

M. VERWILGHEN

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 316, 27.11.1995, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 176, 21.6.2001, p. 26.

⁽³⁾ Opinion delivered on 12 November 2001, not yet published in the Official Journal.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 149, 28.5.1999, p. 16,

Declarations to the Council Decision extending Europol's mandate to deal with the serious forms of international crime listed in the Annex to the Europol Convention

(2001/C 362/02)

1. The Council agrees that the instruction of Europol to deal with 'fraud' as one of the forms of crime referred to in the Annex to the Europol Convention confers, as far as tax fraud and customs fraud is concerned, competences to Europol only in the field of improvement of the effectiveness and cooperation of the competent authorities of the Member States responsible for the functioning of the criminal law enforcement system and not their authorities responsible for ensuring the levying of taxes and customs duties.
 2. The Council agrees that the inclusion of fraud among the forms of crime referred to in the Annex to the Europol Convention must take account of OLAF's competence for fraud and lead to the negotiation of an agreement between Europol and the Commission.
 3. The Council declares that the term 'organised theft' used in some language versions of the Annex to the Europol Convention also includes 'organised robbery'.
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(Information)

COMMISSION

Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾**17 December 2001**

(2001/C 362/03)

1 euro	=	7,444	Danish krone
	=	9,4817	Swedish krona
	=	0,6213	Pound sterling
	=	0,9049	United States dollar
	=	1,4129	Canadian dollar
	=	115,68	Japanese yen
	=	1,4772	Swiss franc
	=	8,037	Norwegian krone
	=	92,39	Icelandic króna ⁽²⁾
	=	1,7458	Australian dollar
	=	2,163	New Zealand dollar
	=	10,774	South African rand ⁽²⁾

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

⁽²⁾ Source: Commission.

COMMISSION OPINION**of 11 December 2001****concerning the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste from the decommissioning and dismantling of the ASTRA research reactor located in Seibersdorf in Austria, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty**

(2001/C 362/04)

(only the German text is authentic)

On 15 May 2001, the European Commission received from the Government of Austria, in accordance with Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty, general data relating to the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste from the decommissioning and dismantling of the ASTRA research reactor.

On the basis of these data and additional information subsequently provided by the Austrian Government, and following consultations with the group of experts, the Commission has drawn up the following opinion:

- (a) The distance between the plant and the closest Member State border (with the Federal Republic of Germany) is 250 km, the nearest territories of applicant countries are about 30 km (Hungary) and 60 km (Slovak Republic).
- (b) Under normal operating conditions, the discharges of liquid and gaseous effluents will not cause an exposure of the population in other Member States significant from the point of view of health.
- (c) Solid radioactive waste arising from the decommissioning and dismantling of the ASTRA research reactor will be stored on site until 2012. The experts note that there is as yet no solution for final storage of this radioactive waste. The release of solid material from dismantling of the ASTRA research reactor for recycling or reuse is controlled in such a way that it will not give rise to any significant effect, from the point of view of health, on the population of another Member State. The experts note however that clearance levels should be set in accordance with Community guidance ensuring compliance with the clearance criteria in the Basic Safety Standards (Directive 96/29/Euratom).
- (d) In the event of unplanned discharges of radioactive waste which may follow an accident of the type and magnitude considered in the General Data, the doses likely to be received by the population in other Member States would not be significant from the point of view of health.

In conclusion, the Commission is of the opinion that the implementation of the plan for the disposal of radioactive waste from the decommissioning and dismantling of the ASTRA research reactor, located in Seibersdorf in Austria, both in normal dismantling operation and in the event of an accident as considered in the General Data, is not liable to result in radioactive contamination, significant from the point of view of health, of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State.

Authorisation for State aid pursuant to Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty**Cases where the Commission raises no objections**

(2001/C 362/05)

Date of adoption of the decision:	13.11.2001
Member State:	Germany (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern)
Aid No:	N 254/01
Title:	Aid for destruction of animal corpses
Objective:	It is proposed to grant a temporary aid for part of the extra costs for the disposal of animal corpses following the introduction of the new rules on SRM and MBM. Mecklenburg-Vorpommern will take over one-third of the extra costs. This is considered necessary in order not to jeopardise a safe disposal. The aid is only given to farmers as slaughterhouses have the possibility to charge the extra costs through to farmers and consumers. In practice, farmers must pay only two-thirds of the disposal costs. SARIA Bio Industries GmbH, the rendering company, will receive the remaining one-third directly from the <i>Land</i>
Legal basis:	Zuwendungsbescheid (Anteilsfinanzierung des Landes an den Kosten der Tierkörperbeseitigung der Tierhalter in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Höhe von einem Drittel)
Budget:	DEM 4,06 million (EUR 2 075 845,04)
Aid intensity or amount:	33 %
Duration:	Until 31 December 2001

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

Invitation to submit applications for hydrocarbon prospecting licences for sector F13

(2001/C 362/06)

The Minister for Economic Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands hereby announces that an application for a hydrocarbon prospecting licence has been received for sector F13 as shown on the map in Annex I to the 1996 Regulation of Continental Shelf hydrocarbon licences (Stcrt. 93).

In accordance with Article 3(2) of European Parliament and Council Directive 94/22/EC of 30 May 1994 on the conditions for granting and using authorisations for the prospecting, exploration and production of hydrocarbons and the publication of the ninth round of applications for hydrocarbon prospecting licences (Stcrt. 33, 1995), the Minister for Economic Affairs hereby invites interested parties to submit applications for hydrocarbon prospecting licences for sector F13.

Applications may be submitted within 13 weeks of publication of this invitation in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* to the Minister for Economic Affairs, marked for the personal attention of the Director for Energy Production, Bezuidenhoutseweg 6, 2594 AV The Hague, Netherlands. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be taken into consideration.

A hydrocarbon production licence has already been requested for part of sector F13 (Stcrt. 191).

A decision on the applications will be made not later than nine months after the expiry of this deadline.

For further information, please ring the following telephone number: (31-70) 379 66 85.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2565 — PPC/WIND/JV)**

(2001/C 362/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 28 November 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2130 — Belgacom/Teledanmark/T-Mobile International/Ben Nederland Holding)**

(2001/C 362/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 25 September 2000 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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Non-opposition to a notified concentration**(Case COMP/M.2646 — Rhenus/Via Verkehr Holding (SNCF)/Rhenus-Keolis)**

(2001/C 362/09)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 7 December 2001 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in German and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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III

(Notices)

COMMISSION

European Union support in favour of culture — Culture 2000 framework programme (EAC — C 2)**Call for proposals for the organisation and award of an annual European Union prize in the field of cultural heritage preservation and enhancement**

(2001/C 362/10)

I. INTRODUCTION

In the framework of the 'Culture 2000' programme, this document is a call for applications for Community support concerning the organisation and award of a European Union prize in the field of cultural heritage conservation and enhancement.

Under the present call for proposals, the assessment as to the selection of the institution to implement the organisation and award of the European Union prize in the field of cultural heritage conservation and enhancement will be carried out by the Commission services and the final decision will be taken by the Commission after consultation with the committee of the Culture 2000 framework programme.

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The rich and diverse cultural heritage in Europe is undoubtedly one of the principal areas through which Europeans can identify themselves at local, regional, national and European level. Awareness about this heritage is, therefore, of paramount importance, as it is through this awareness that Europeans can acknowledge its important role in its contribution towards a better knowledge and understanding of the common elements that unite them. This could, in turn, contribute to an improved mutual knowledge, understanding and tolerance for each other and, thus, to a stronger sense of their European citizenship.

The preservation and enhancement of the European cultural heritage in all its forms (architectural heritage and its related movable heritage, archaeology, cultural landscapes) are one of the priority areas of the Culture 2000 programme.

In this context, the European Commission wishes to establish an annual EU prize, with the aim to give public recognition to exemplary initiatives and best practices by either individuals or organisations, which contribute, at European level, to the promotion and development of cultural heritage.

III. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The European Union prize for cultural heritage preservation and enhancement should aim at the following objectives:

- (a) The purpose of the prize is to give public recognition to exemplary initiatives and to skills of deserving individuals and/or organisations in the field of preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage (architecture and its related movable heritage, archaeology, cultural landscapes). Special consideration will be given to initiatives and skills having a symbolic and/or an educational value.
- (b) Considering that initiatives contributing towards the preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage can be of a multifold nature, the prize should reflect this aspect.
- (c) In this context the prize will be awarded to each of the following categories:
 - For a project⁽¹⁾ which concerns the exemplary restoration of architectural heritage (single building or complex of buildings) which will either retain its initial use or be used as a place of cultural and educational interest for visitors. The building or complex of buildings must be accessible to the general public. The prize may be awarded to either a European individual⁽¹⁾ (e.g. conservation/restoration specialist in scientific, technical or craftsmanship terms) or a group that may involve conservation/restoration specialists, owners, public authorities or non-governmental organisations. The prize should consist of a financial award of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logos of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prize. The owners or authorities responsible for the building or complex of building will be obliged to place, *in situ* and in a visible place, a plaque (or banner) with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme and that of the responsible organisation (optional) and mention the EU prize.

⁽¹⁾ The awarded projects as well as prizewinners must be from one of the following countries: Member States of the European Union: Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom; in addition: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey.

— For a project ⁽¹⁾ concerning the exemplary preservation/enhancement of a cultural landscape, while respecting its authentic historic and cultural character. The prize may be awarded to either a European individual ⁽¹⁾ (e.g. conservation/restoration specialist in scientific, technical or craftsmanship terms) or a group that may involve conservation/restoration specialists, owners, public or non-governmental organisations. The prize should consist of a financial reward of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logos of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prizes. The owners or authorities responsible for the cultural landscape will be obliged to place, *in situ* and in a visible place, a plaque (or banner) with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme and that of the responsible organisation (optional) and mention the EU prize.

— For a project ⁽¹⁾ concerning the exemplary conservation/restoration of a private or public artistic heritage collection accessible to the general public. The prize may be awarded to either a European individual ⁽¹⁾ (e.g. conservation/restoration specialist in scientific, technical or craftsmanship terms) or a group that may involve conservation/restoration specialists, owners, public authorities or non-governmental organisations. The prize should consist of a financial award of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logos of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prizes. The owners or authorities responsible for the artistic heritage collection will be obliged to place, *in situ* and in a visible place, a plaque (or banner) with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme and that of the responsible organisation (optional) and mention the EU prize.

— For a project ⁽¹⁾ concerning the exemplary preservation and/or enhancement of an archaeological site accessible to the general public. The prize may be awarded to either an European individual ⁽¹⁾ (e.g. conservation/restoration specialist in scientific, technical or craftsmanship terms) or a group that may consist of conservation/restoration specialists, owners, public authorities or non-governmental organisations. The prize should consist of a financial award of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logos of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prizes. The owners or authorities responsible for the archaeological site will be obliged to place, *in situ* and in a visible place, a banner with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme and that of the responsible organisation and mention the EU prize.

— For a project ⁽¹⁾ concerning an exemplary study for the preservation and/or enhancement of cultural heritage (e.g. building, complex of buildings, cultural landscape, archaeological site) accessible to the general public. The

prize may be awarded to either a European individual ⁽¹⁾ (conservation/restoration specialist in scientific, technical or craftsmanship terms) or a group that may consist of conservation/restoration specialists, owners, public authorities or non-governmental organisations. The prize should consist of a financial award of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prize.

— For a European individual ⁽¹⁾ or a group that may consist of individuals, public authorities or non-governmental organisations as a recognition of their arduous and commendable efforts over long periods for the preservation and enhancement of the European cultural heritage. The prize should consist of a financial award of EUR 10 000 and a diploma with the logo of the EU Culture 2000 programme (obligatory) and the organisation (optional) responsible for the organisation of the prizes.

The decision as to the attribution of the prize should be based on the recommendations of a panel of European independent experts representing as many cultural heritage sectors as possible.

The prize should provide the greatest visibility and impact possible in terms of its European dimension; hence the presence of the European Union institutions and in particular of the Commission during the prizes' ceremony is essential.

The winning projects as well as the best submissions should be given the maximum publicity possible as for example through publications, press, radio and TV coverage, travelling exhibitions, etc.

IV. DURATION OF THE ACTION

In the context of the framework programme Culture 2000, this call for proposals aims at the organisation and implementation of an annual prize in the field of cultural heritage preservation and/or enhancement as from the year 2002 and until the year 2004 (included), the end of the Culture 2000 programme.

The preparatory work for the first year prize must commence in spring of 2002 and the implementation of the first year's exercise must be concluded by the middle of 2003 at the latest.

The successful applicant organisation will assume the organisation of the first year's EU prize (2002) and with the approval of the Commission, it may do so for the years 2003 and 2004.

V. FINANCING

The budget earmarked for this action is **EUR 150 000** maximum towards the total organisation and implementation costs of the abovementioned prize on an annual basis. This contribution may not exceed 60 % of the total annual eligible organisation and implementation costs of the proposal submitted by the eventually selected applicant organisation.

Preference will be given to organisations with extensive experience, at European level, in the organisation of similar European initiatives in the field of cultural heritage preservation and/or enhancement.

Community support will be granted on condition that the administrative and financial procedures are properly completed.

VI. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicant organisers must be:

- Public or private organisations with a legal status and with extensive experience in the field of cultural heritage preservation and/or enhancement.
- **Legal entities** ⁽²⁾ of one of the following group of countries:
 - 15 Member States of the European Union (Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom),
 - three EEA/EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway),
 - candidate countries of central and eastern Europe which have ratified the Decision of the Association Council as to their participation to the Culture 2000 framework programme in 2002. Of these countries, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia have ratified the Decision for their participation in the programme as from 2001 while Slovenia has decided to ratify its participation as from 2002.

Applicants must:

- have the operational capacity to bring the organisation of the prize to a successful completion,

⁽²⁾ On the strength of the organisation's registered place of business or its place of main activity.

- provide guarantees of financial viability (approved accounts for the last three financial years) and professional standards (the statutes of the organisation and the curriculum vitae of the person(s) responsible for the organisation of the prizes,
- have noted the content of the Culture 2000 programme and of the European Commission's guide on grants (see Internet site:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/index_en.html

VII. EXCLUSION CRITERIA OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THIS CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The following are excluded:

- applications submitted by physical persons,
- applications receiving support under a different Community programme,
- applications whose immediate objective is commercial and profitmaking.

VIII. PROJECT SELECTION PROCEDURE

This will take place in three stages:

(a) Check on the conformity and acceptability of applications

Commission staff will check on the conformity and acceptability of applications by reference to the following criteria:

- applications must have been properly completed, and have been received by the stated deadline (by reference to the postmark or delivery company stamp),
- applications must include:
 - a letter of request addressed to the Commission,
 - the application form (setting out the provisional budget and the organiser's (and if applicable the co-organisers') financial involvement), signed and dated.

- the form for acknowledgement of receipt, giving the address of the organiser (or the lead organisation in case of applications involving more than one organiser),
- in Annex 1, a certified copy of the organiser's (or the lead organisation's) statutes or some equivalent document (if it is private organisation),
- in Annex 2, the CV of the person in charge of overall coordination of the project,
- in Annex 3, the organiser's (or lead organisation's) latest business report (with the exception of public organisations),
- in Annex 4, the approved accounts for the last three financial years (unless the organisation (or lead organisation) is less than three years old and with the exception of public organisations).

(b) Selection

Applications will be assessed by the Commission services in accordance with the criteria as set out in this call for proposals. The Commission will proceed to the final selection after the approval of the proposed candidate by the Culture 2000 management committee. This committee consists of representatives of EU Member States, of the EEA/EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and of the candidate countries of central and eastern Europe, which have ratified the Decision of the Association Council as to their participation in the Culture 2000 programme.

Representatives of the EEA/EFTA countries and of the candidate countries will participate in the committee meetings with the same rights and obligations as those of the Member States, except as concerns the right of vote.

(c) Outcome

The outcome of the selection process will be announced on completion of the institutional decision process at the beginning of 2002. No information on the outcome will be given before that date.

IX. ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Eligible expenditure

Expenditure will be eligible as from the date on which a contract will be signed by the Commission and the selected organisation.

Only the categories of expenditure listed below are eligible, provided they are properly accounted for and evaluated in accordance with the market conditions, and are identifiable and verifiable. They must be direct costs (i.e. generated directly by the project and indispensable for its implementation, having regard to the cost/benefit principle):

- personnel costs incurred exclusively in implementing the project,
- travel/accommodation/daily allowance costs associated with the project (e.g. meetings, European gatherings, travel for training),
- costs associated with conferences (e.g. hiring venues, interpreters),
- publication and dissemination costs,
- equipment costs (only the depreciation element of durable goods can be considered),
- cost of consumables and supplies,
- telecommunication costs.

Non-eligible expenditure

The following expenditure cannot be considered eligible:

- expenditure incurring before the signature of the contract between the Commission and the legal entity selected to carry out the organisation and implementation of the prize,
- capital investment,
- provisions of a general nature (e.g. for losses and possible future debts),
- debts,
- interest on debts,
- bad debts,
- exchange losses, apart from exceptional cases for which express provision is made,

- expenditure on luxuries,
- the production of material and publications for commercial purposes; however, consideration will be given to monographs, collections, reviews, records, CDs, CD-ROMs, CD-I's and videos provided they form an integral part of the project,
- investment or operating costs on the part of cultural organisations which do not form an integral part of the project,
- contributions in kind (e.g. land, immovable property whether in its entirety or in part, durable capital goods, raw materials and unpaid voluntary work). However, contributions in kind will be taken into account in calculating the rate of funding up to the level of 20 % of all eligible direct costs. They must appear on both sides of the provisional budget — on the income side, as the money equivalent of the services or materials contributed, and as an equal amount on the expenditure side — but they must be separate from the rest of the budget since they cannot be counted as eligible costs.

X. FINANCIAL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Project duration

Project applications must have clearly and precisely defined objectives and must be given a realistic timetable, which will not exceed the time allowed under this call for proposals. Applications must clearly state the project starting and finishing dates.

2. Contractual conditions

Community support will take the form of an agreement between the Commission and the organiser (or the lead organisation if applicable), which will be designated as the beneficiary. As a condition for the grant, the Commission may require the beneficiary and the other project partners to sign an agreement on the arrangements for the project, including the financial provisions. The beneficiaries will be required to adhere strictly to the relevant management rules. The Commission attaches the greatest possible importance to the quality of administrative and financial project management.

The contract between the Commission and the beneficiary will be valid only for the organisation and implementation of the prize and will be of a duration of one year maximum from the day of the signature of the contract.

The Commission must be informed and closely involved in the implementation process.

The Commission cannot be held legally liable for projects which have received financial support. The financial support awarded by the Commission does not constitute a financial claim against it and cannot therefore be transferred to a third party.

3. Deadline compliance

The deadlines indicated in the contract must be scrupulously adhered to. Exceptionally, where a project has been delayed, an extension of the contractual period may be granted. Any official request must state how much extra time is being applied for and why the delay came about, and must be submitted at least a month before the end of the period laid down in the contract. Only one such application will be entertained. Applications will be considered on their merits and be either accepted or rejected.

4. Co-funding

Any applications which do not include a balanced budget (total expenditure = total income) will be automatically rejected. Community funding under this programme will be subject to proof of an agreement binding the co-funding organisations (if any) on the amounts they will contribute for the organisation and implementation of the prize scheme.

5. Payment

Generally, grants are paid in two or three instalments as the project progresses. The first payment will be within two months of signature of the agreement. Subsequent instalments will depend on the Commission's approval of the beneficiary's activity and financial reports.

Since the Commission's contribution represents a given percentage of the total estimated cost of the project, the final payment will be calculated on the basis of real declared costs, bearing in mind any other contributions received or any other input from the project promoter. Should the total real cost be below the total estimated cost, the Commission will reduce its contribution pro rata and will, if necessary, seek to recover any excessive money it has paid over. In no circumstances may projects make a profit.

6. General provisions

The use to which grants are put by the beneficiary will be subject to inspection by the Commission.

Any concealment by any applicant of all or part of any information which might have an incidence on the Commission's final decision will automatically render the application invalid or, if it is discovered at a later stage, will entitle the Commission to terminate the agreement and demand the full reimbursement of all sums received by the beneficiary under the agreement.

7. Rejected projects

Projects which are not selected by the Commission will be returned to their applicants. The Commission will keep no copies of such projects.

XI. REPORT AND FINAL ACCOUNTS

On completion of a project which has received Community support, organisers must submit an activity report on the results and be prepared to supply the European Commission with any information it may need to enable it to evaluate the project. This report must give a succinct but full description of the results of the project and must be accompanied by any publications produced under the project.

If an action makes a financial profit, the funds awarded by the Commission must be repaid, to the level of the profit realised. If the actual cost of the project turns out to be less than the total estimated cost, the Commission will reduce its contribution proportionally. It is therefore in the applicant's interest to present a reasonable budget estimate.

XII. PUBLICITY

The organisers of selected projects are under a contractual obligation to ensure, by all appropriate means and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the contract, that the funding awarded by the European Union is fully publicised in all activities associated with the organisation and implementation of this action.

XIII. APPLICATIONS

Application forms can be obtained from the cultural contact points in the Member States, the EEA/EFTA countries and countries participating in the Culture 2000 framework programme, or from the 'Culture: policy and framework programme' unit at the following address:

European Commission
Directorate-General for Education and Culture
Culture, Audiovisual Policy and Sports
'Culture: policy and framework programme' Unit
Bureau 05/21
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 100
B-1049 Brussels.

Forms can also be obtained on the Europa server on the Internet at the following address:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/culture/index_en.html.

Applications must be duly completed and must be submitted on the official application form. Applications which are sent by e-mail or fax will be rejected. Handwritten applications will likewise not be accepted.

Deadline for submission of applications

Applications must be sent by 25 January 2002 (deadline: the date on the postmark or delivery company stamp will be considered the official date of dispatch) to the above address.

The deadline must be adhered to, and no extension will be granted.

Indicative timetable:

- publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*: December 2001,
- deadline for submission of applications: January 2002,
- evaluation of applications by Commission services: January 2002,
- meeting of the Culture 2000 Programme Management Committee: February 2002,
- notification of results: March 2002,
- dispatch of contracts to beneficiary: March-April 2002.

Call for proposals for Asia URBS issued by the European Commission

(2001/C 362/11)

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/113167/C/G.

2. Programme and financing source

Asia URBS. Budget line B7-3000/B7-3010 (south and south-east Asia).

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

- (a) Proposals are sought for co-financing for joint urban projects to enhance the cooperation between European and Asian local governments. Areas of activity comprise **urban management, urban socioeconomic development, urban environment and urban social infrastructure**. For further details see the Asia Urbs website:

(http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/asia-urbs/index_en.htm).

Each activity should take place under one of the following components:

Study — to help those who need to undertake such an exercise before formulating a development project.

Development project — for applicants who want to propose a full development project.

Information-sharing project — for applicants wishing to share best practices and technical information in urban development among Asia URBS actors and others in the sector.

- (b) Geographical area: Geographical area is the European Union plus participating Asian countries, which are as follows: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Laos (Lao PDR), Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

- (c) Maximum project duration: 24 months.

For details, see the 'Guidelines for applicants 2002' referred to in point 12.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

EUR 7 000 000.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

Maximum levels of co-financing and maximum and minimum amounts of grant for each programme component are:

— Studies

Maximum level of co-financing: 65 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 15 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 10 000

— Development projects

Maximum level of co-financing: 65 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 500 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 300 000

— Information-sharing projects

Maximum level of co-financing: 65 %

Maximum amount of grants: EUR 500 000

Minimum amount of grants: EUR 300 000

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

33

7. Eligibility: who may apply

Applicants must be local governments from the EU and eligible Asian countries, which have established a partnership for the implementation of the project (see section 2.1.1 of the guidelines for applicants 2002).

A proposal may be submitted by an applicant together with a minimum of two partners:

- (a) if the applicant derives from an Asian participant country/territory, it must have two partners from two different EU Member States;
- (b) if the applicant derives from an EU Member State, it must have one partner from an Asian participant country/territory and one from a different EU Member State.

8. Provisional notification date of results of the award process

It is estimated that, under normal conditions, the time elapsing between the submission of an application and notification of the results of the award process is approximately three months.

It is envisaged that applicants submitting proposals during 2002 will be notified of the results as follows:

- for the 20 March 2002 deadline during June 2002,
- for the 2 September 2002 deadline during December 2002.

9. Award criteria

See section 2.3 of the guidelines for applicants 2002. Please note that applications will be judged separately on administrative compliance and eligibility, and on technical quality.

10. Application format and details to be provided

Applications must be submitted using the **standard application form** attached to the guidelines for applicants 2002 mentioned in point 12, whose format and instructions must be strictly observed. For each application, **one signed original** and **five copies** must be supplied by the applicant.

An electronic version of the application in MS Word and MS Excel according to the format indicated in the

standard application form attached to the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12 must also be supplied.

11. Deadline for applications

20 March 2002, 16.00 Central European Time.
2 September 2002, 16.00 Central European Time.

Any application received after the first deadline will automatically be included in the next batch of applications.

Any application received by the European Commission after **2 September 2002 at 16.00** (Central European Time) will not be considered.

12. Detailed information

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the guidelines for applicants 2002, which are published together with this notice on the Internet website of EuropeAid:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm, and which may be downloaded from the Asia URBS website at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/asia-urbs/index_en.htm

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the publication reference of this call for proposals shown in point 1) to europeaid-asia-urbs@cec.eu.int.

All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications since the Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.

Call for proposals for Tacis institution building partnership programme — Support to civil society and local initiatives issued by the European Community

(2001/C 362/12)

1. Publication reference

EuropeAid/113150/C/G/multi.

— Under the 2001 Tacis budget ⁽¹⁾, the following amounts have been allocated:

Russia: EUR 2,0 million

Ukraine: EUR 1,5 million

Moldova: EUR 0,7 million

Kazakhstan: EUR 0,2 million.

2. Programme and financing source

The support to civil society and local initiative programme is a component of the Tacis institution building partnership programme, budget line B7-520 under Tacis.

3. Nature of activities, geographical area and project duration

(a) The programme supporting civil society and local initiatives is designed to support an institution building process for a successful transition towards a market economy, the reinforcement of democracy and civil society and the establishment of the rule of law through partnership cooperation between non-governmental organisations, local and regional authorities or non-profit professional organisations from the European Union and their counterparts in Tacis countries.

(b) **Geographical area:** NIS countries (for which budget allocation has been foreseen; see provisional list here below) and Mongolia.

(c) **Minimum project duration:** 18 months

Maximum project duration: 24 months.

For details, see the 'Guidelines for applicants' referred to in point 12.

4. Overall amount available for this call for proposals

The total amount available under the programme is EUR 15 000 000. The breakdown of this amount is as follows:

— Under the 2000 Tacis budget, the following amounts have been allocated:

Russia: EUR 7,0 million

Belarus: EUR 2,2 million

Ukraine: EUR 0,5 million

Mongolia: EUR 0,5 million.

5. Maximum and minimum grant amounts

(a) Minimum grant for a project: EUR 100 000.

(b) Maximum grant for a project: EUR 200 000.

(c) Maximum proportion of project costs to be covered by Community funding

Each project will be co-financed by the European Commission and the applicant. The European Commission will finance a maximum of 80 % of the total of the eligible cost up to a ceiling of EUR 200 000. The applicants and partners must provide co-financing of a minimum of 20 % of the overall budget in cash.

The size of the grant can vary in accordance with the nature and interest of each project.

The projects budgets will take into consideration the expenditure of both the EU and Tacis countries.

6. Maximum number of grants to be awarded

No maximum number of grants.

7. Eligibility

Applications should reflect partnerships between non-governmental organisations, local and regional authorities or non-profit professional organisations in the EU and in the Tacis countries, within one of the three following categories:

⁽¹⁾ Suspensive clause: pending approval of the Tacis 2001 budget by the beneficiary States
Kyrgyzstan: EUR 0,4 million

- (a) **non-governmental organisations** such as associations in the health or social sector, consumers associations, community based organisations, environmental protection groups, etc.;
 - (b) **local and regional authorities** such as cities, municipalities, provinces or regions;
 - (c) **non-profit professional organisations** such as associations of SME or entrepreneurs associations, chambers of commerce, trade associations, trade unions.
8. **Provisional notification date of results of the award process**
- September 2002.
9. **Award criteria**
- See section 2.3 of the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12.
10. **Application format and details to be provided**
- Applications must be submitted using the **standard application form** attached to the guidelines for applicants mentioned in point 12, whose format and instructions

must be strictly observed. For each application, **one signed original** and **four copies** must be supplied by the applicant in English.

11. **Deadline for applications**

8 April 2002.

Any application received by the contracting authority after this deadline will not be considered.

12. **Detailed information**

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the guidelines for applicants, which are published together with this notice on the Internet website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index_en.htm

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (including the publication reference of this call for proposals shown in point 1) to fabrizio.moroni@cec.eu.int. All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications since the Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.

Outcome of the invitations to tender (Community food aid)

(2001/C 362/13)

as provided for in Article 9(7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 2519/97 of 16 December 1997 laying down general rules for the mobilisation of products to be supplied under Council Regulation (EC) No 1292/96 as Community food aid

(Official Journal of the European Communities L 346, 17.12.1997, p. 23)

11 December 2001

Regulation (EC) No/ Decision of	Lot	Action No	Beneficiary/ Destination	Product	Quantity (t)	Delivery stage	Successful tenderer	Awarded price (EUR/t)
2295/2001	A	70/01	UNRWA/Israel	FABA	233	DEB	SAMSON CHERQUI SA — MARSEILLE (F)	342,00
	B	71/01	UNRWA/Lebanon	FABA	124	DEST	MAVIGA UK LTD — KENT (UK)	345,24
	C	72/01	UNRWA/Syria	FABA	82	DEB	MAVIGA UK LTD — KENT (UK)	358,99
	D	73/01	UNRWA/Jordan	FABA	128	DEST	MAVIGA UK LTD — KENT (UK)	403,00
	E	74/01	UNRWA/Israel	FABA	82	DEB	SAMSON CHERQUI SA — MARSEILLE (F)	342,00
2296/2001	A	65/01	UNRWA/Israel	HTOUR	391	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	1 015,00
	B	66/01	UNRWA/Lebanon	HTOUR	208	DEST	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	1 049,00
	C	67/01	UNRWA/Syria	HTOUR	137	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	1 051,00
	D	68/01	UNRWA/Jordan	HTOUR	216	DEST	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	1 085,00
	E	69/01	UNRWA/Israel	HTOUR	143	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	1 018,00
2297/2001	A	76/01	UNRWA/Israel	SUB	665	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	381,50
	B	77/01	UNRWA/Lebanon	SUB	295	DEST	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	408,00
	C	78/01	UNRWA/Syria	SUB	240	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	407,50
	D	79/01	UNRWA/Jordan	SUB	450	DEST	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	435,00
	E	80/01	UNRWA/Israel	SUB	270	DEB	MUTUAL AID ADM SERVICES NV — ANTWERPEN (B)	382,50

BLT:	Common wheat	FABA:	Broad beans (<i>Vicia faba major</i>)	WSB:	Wheat/soya blend
DUR:	Durum wheat	FEQ:	Horse beans (<i>Vicia faba equina</i>)	Lsub1:	Infant formula
ORG:	Barley	PISUM:	Split peas	Lsub2:	Follow-on formula
MAI:	Maize	SUB:	White sugar	LHE:	High energy milk
SEG:	Rye	HCOLZ:	Rape seed oil	AC:	Compound food
SOR:	Sorghum	HTOUR:	Sunflower oil	PAL:	Pasta
CBR/M/L:	Milled round, medium or long grain rice	HOLI:	Olive oil	SAR:	Tinned sardines
RPR/M/L:	Parboiled round, medium or long grain rice	HMAI:	Maize oil	CM:	Tinned mackerel
BRI:	Broken rice	HSOJA:	Soya oil	CB:	Corned beef
FBLT:	Common wheat flour	LEP:	Skimmed milk powder	BPJ:	Canned beef
FMAI:	Maize flour	LEPv:	Vitaminized skimmed milk powder	PFB:	Beef liver pâté
FSEG:	Rye flour	LDEP:	Semi-skimmed milk powder	CP:	Canned pork
SDUR:	Durum wheat meal	LENP:	Whole milk powder	PFP:	Pig liver pâté
SMAI:	Maize gritz	B:	Butter	CV:	Canned poultrymeat
FHAF:	Oat flakes	BO:	Butteroil	DEST:	Free at destination
CT:	Tomato concentrate	FETA:	Feta-type cheese	DEB:	Free at port of landing — landed
PT:	Tomato powder	FROF:	Processed cheese	DEN:	Free at port of landing — ex ship
COR:	Currants	BABYF:	Cereal-based weaning food	EMB:	Free at port of shipment
		BISC:	Biscuits	EXW:	Ex works

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