

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the Commission to negotiate the participation of the
Community in the scientific and technical cooperation project
relating to electric traffic aids on major roads
(COST Project 30).

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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COMMUNICATION
FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

- Eleven European countries, including six Community Member States, are engaged in drawing up a scientific and technical cooperation project in respect of electronic traffic aids on major roads (COST Project 30).
- With regard to aims, the Project makes special provision for :
 - development of a system for the real-time management and control of road traffic, with a view to increasing road safety, making better use of the highway system and providing an improved service to drivers;
 - drawing-up of common rules and standards for a coherent system to be adopted by the participating countries.
- As regards methods, special provision is made for :
 - cooperation among the national laboratories in the participating countries in the field of research and development;
 - a joint programme of practical trials carried out in public with a view to testing the preparatory stage of the Project, verifying the criteria adopted during this stage and determining the data necessary for assessment and standardization purposes.
- The total duration of the work will be about six years and the costs incurred there in will be shared among the participating countries.
- In its opinion of 16 and 17 April 1975, CREST :
 - a) recognized the interest of this Project to the Community;
 - b) stressed the need to proceed with the task of formulating the draft agreement within the framework of COST and on the basis of an intergovernmental agreement;
 - c) stressed the need for the Community to keep in close touch with all stages of this Project, with special reference to the formulation of recommendations on European standard for^a system of electronic road traffic aids;

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d) expressed the desire that all Member States be party to such an agreement;

A direct financial contribution by the Community to this Project is not envisaged.

- In the light of the foregoing, the Commission proposes that the Council take the following Decision authorizing it to negotiate the participation of the Community in the Agreement.

Draft Council Decision, authorizing the Commission to negotiate the participation of the Community in the scientific and technical cooperation project relating to electric traffic aids on major roads (COST Project 30).

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;
Having regard to the draft prepared by the Commission,

Whereas a Research-Development Project relating to road traffic control and regulation is being elaborated within the framework of European cooperation in the field of scientific and technical research (COST); whereas the aims of this Project, known as COST 30, are to ensure better road safety and to improve the conditions of use of road infrastructure;

Whereas it is necessary to ensure coordination between the results achieved in this project and the aims of the European policies in question, as defined in the Guidelines decided on by the Council, on 23 September 1974, with regard to the effect to be given to scientific and technical cooperation with non-member countries, and in the Communication from the Commission to the Council, on 25 October 1973, on the development of the Common transport policy;

Whereas, therefore, the Community should participate in the execution of the COST 30 Project agreement;

Whereas, in its opinion of 16 and 17 April 1975, the Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST) recognized the interest of the participation of the Community in the agreement;

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Sole Article

The Commission shall be authorized to negotiate the participation of the Community in the agreement on the execution of COST Project 30 in accordance with the instructions annexed hereto.

ANNEX

NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Community shall not be required, by virtue of its participation, to make any financial contribution from its own resources.
 2. The Community shall be represented on the Management Committee by the Commission.
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