

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the Commission to negotiate an agreement to set up a  
European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute

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(presented by the Commission to the Council)

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The purpose of the attached recommendation is to obtain authorization for the Community to start negotiations with European non-member States with a view to setting up a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute.

The Commission on 10 October 1975 submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation setting up a European Communities Institute for Economic Analysis and Research,<sup>1</sup> to study the difficulties encountered by the Community, both in its external relations and in its internal development, in progressing towards integration.

The European Parliament<sup>2</sup> and the Economic and Social Committee<sup>3</sup> gave opinions in favour. Discussion of the scheme by the Council working party on economic affairs, to which the Permanent Representatives' Committee referred it, ended in eight Delegations' signifying agreement in principle subject to a number of minor adjustments, while one Delegation reserved its position.<sup>4</sup>

On the strength of discussions since then, the Commission is now in a position to propose a fresh scheme.

The Institute would be set up by an international agreement between the Community as such, under Article 235 of the Treaty of Rome, and a number of European non-member States. It would be independent, with its Management Board, appointed by the several signatories to the agreement, having full liberty to appoint and dismiss the Director. The Institute

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<sup>1</sup>Doc. COM(75) 450, 17 September 1975, published in the Official Journal of the European Communities, 11 November 1975, No 258.

<sup>2</sup>Official Journal, 5 April 1976, No C 79.

<sup>3</sup>Doc. CES 374/76 CS.

<sup>4</sup>Doc. R/12/77 (fin. 3), 4 January 1977.

itself would be responsible for drawing up, independently, its work programme; it might, however, take account of suggestions made to it by the Community, the Governments of the States signatory to the agreement, and the Management Board's own members.

It would be financed in accordance with a scale of apportionment to be determined by all the signatories to the agreement. The Community's share would be paid by means of a subsidy from the Community Budget.

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The Commission considers that these principles afford a practical basis for the setting-up of a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute in place of the scheme it proposed earlier.

Consequently, it recommends the Council that negotiations be opened with other non-member European States for the setting-up of the Institute on the basis of the recommendation annexed hereto.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A  
COUNCIL DECISION

authorizing the Commission to negotiate an agreement to set up a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas the problems raised by economic and social change are growing in complexity and number,

Whereas Europe does not possess an instrument which, through the pooling of experience and knowledge, would enable it properly to analyze the factors, both internal and external (which however are largely the same for all), that may influence such economic and social change; whereas, this being the case, the setting-up of a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute would seem appropriate to meet this need;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The Commission is hereby authorized to negotiate an agreement between the European Economic Community and European States which are not members of the Community with a view to setting up a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute.

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The Commission shall conduct the negotiations in consultation with a committee composed of representatives of the Member States in accordance with the directives set out in the Annex.

Done at Brussels, ..... 19\_\_.

For the Council  
The President

Negotiating Directives

The Community should negotiate the adoption of a Charter setting up a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute which follows these guidelines as closely as possible.

Draft Charter

setting up a European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute  
Preamble (to be prepared)

Article 1

1. A European Economic and Social Policy Research Institute, hereinafter called the Institute, is hereby set up.
2. The Institute shall enjoy the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons.
3. The Institute shall be non-profit-making. It shall have its seat in .....

Article 2

The Institute shall, within the framework of the work programme referred to in Article 9, study the economic and social problems facing Europe both internally and in its relations with the rest of the world.

Within this framework it shall give particular attention to problems connected with integration inside the European Communities.

Article 3

1. In carrying out its task, the Institute shall cooperate as closely as possible with economic and social research and forecasting bodies,

particularly those located in Europe; it shall encourage them in their work on economic and social studies concerned with Europe and shall seek to utilize to the best possible advantage the services of such bodies and the results they produce.

2. The Institute should establish contacts and cooperate with research bodies outside Europe and with the international bodies concerned with economic and social affairs.

#### Article 4

The Institute shall be managed by a Management Board.

#### Article 5

1. The Management Board shall consist of x members.
2. The members of the Management Board shall be chosen with regard to their competence and experience in the field of economic or social analysis and research.
3. The Director and members of the Management Board shall be fully independent in the performance of their duties.
4. The members of the Management Board shall be appointed by the High Contracting Parties, with y members for the European Community and one for each of the other Contracting Parties.
5. The term of office of members shall be four years. It shall be renewable once. Upon the expiry of their term of office or in the event of their resignation members shall remain in office until their appointments are renewed or until they are replaced.
6. The Management Board shall elect its Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen from among its members to serve for a twice-renewable period of two years.
7. The Chairman shall convene the Management Board at least three times a year. The Management Board must also be convened if not less than a third of its members so requests.
8. Save as otherwise provided in the Institute's rules of procedure, the Management Board shall take decisions by a simple majority of its members. The quorum shall consist of two thirds of the members.



Article 6

The Management Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 7

1. The Director shall be appointed by the Management Board.
2. The term of office of the Director shall be five years; it shall be renewable.
3. The Director shall automatically be a member of the Management Board.

Article 8

1. The Director shall be responsible for managing the Institute in accordance with the guidelines or decisions of the Management Board. He shall be the legal representative of the Institute.
2. He shall prepare and organize the work of the Management Board and provide the Secretariat for its meetings.
3. He shall coordinate the activities of the working parties.
4. He shall be responsible for all staff matters and for engaging and dismissing staff.
5. He shall be accountable to the Management Board for his activities.

Article 9

On the basis of proposals from the Director, the Management Board shall lay down guidelines for the activities of the Institute and set the requisite deadlines.

As far as possible the Institute shall take into account the needs expressed by the Community, the Governments of the States signatories to the agreement and the members of the Management Board.

Article 10

Whenever necessary, the Institute shall organize symposia and seminars in order to facilitate contact with persons responsible for economic and social policy, research workers and academics.

Article 11

The Director shall prepare and present to the Management Board an annual report on its activities. The report shall be published by 31 March at the latest every year.

Article 12

The Institute shall publish all the studies which it carries out. In exceptional cases, the Director may decide to postpone publication.

Article 13

The Management Board shall draw up a statement of all revenue and expenditure, which shall be in balance, for each financial year, which shall be the same as the calendar year.

Article 14

The Institute shall be entitled to receive donations.

Article 15

Any expenditure not covered by the revenue of the Institute shall be borne by the Community and the other Contracting Parties in the following proportions:

Article 16 et seq.

(financial and legal provisions to be prepared).

With regard to Staff Regulations, the arrangements should be the same as those adopted in respect of the European University Institute in Florence. The arrangements concerning the part of the financing to be charged to the Community budget and financial control should be modelled on those applied by the Commission in respect of subsidies.