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SOCIAL FUND - THIRD SERIES, 1976

Extensive Grants to Northern Ireland

The Commission has approved the financing of the third series of applications from the European Social Fund for vocational training activities in the Member States.

The Social Fund's assistance in the form of non-repayable grants for this third series of applications amounts to approximately 288.6 million units of account⁺ (£121.3m). The amounts of assistance granted in the first and second series approved earlier this year were 38 million u.a. (£15.8m) and 100 million u.a. (£41.7m) respectively.

The expenditure approved in this third series is allocated over a three-year period covering 1976/77/78. The commitments to aid retraining schemes during 1976 amount to 142.9 million u.a. (£60m); in 1977 to 103.9 million u.a. (£43.4m), and in 1978 to 41.8 million u.a. (£17.4m).

However, some of these figures may have to be adjusted because of "accounting shifts" and consequently the final figures for total applications 1976 will not be available until a later date. The total budget for 1976 is 440 million u.a. (£183.3m).

In this third series the United Kingdom receives a total of around £26.1m bringing the aggregate total during 1976 to £32.9 million.

In accordance with the rules of the reform of the Social Fund the Commission can reimburse 50 % of the cost of retraining schemes financed by a public authority. In the case of schemes carried out by private bodies, the Commission grant will equal that made by the public authorities.

A. ACTIONS IN FAVOUR OF CATEGORIES AND SECTORS

Under this heading the Social Fund can assist in the retraining of persons who are: leaving agriculture; leaving the textile industry or acquiring new skills in textiles; migrant workers; handicapped workers; under 25 years and unemployed or in search of first time employment. The following are some examples of schemes under these various heading.

1. Young people

Germany: the programme organised by the Bundesministerium für Bildung und Wissenschaft whereby public undertakings such as the railways and the post office took on apprentices in addition to their own requirements received a grant of 25,625,000 DM (7 mua) over a three year period to benefit some 1,500 young people who have been unemployed for more than eight months.

⁺ 1 u.a. = £0.42, BF 50, FF 5.55, FL 3.62, LI 625, DM 3.66, DK 7.5



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CORRECTION TO OUR PRESS RELEASE ISEC/3/77

Social Fund Totals - 1976

A major allocation of expenditure allocated by the Social Fund, and announced on January 24, while included in the detailed text, was inadvertently dropped from the totals.

The allocation is to the Northern Ireland Department of Manpower Services (see page 4 of the press release) for three separate training schemes for 2230 young persons from January 1976 to December 1977, under Article 4 (young persons) £2,708,831 and Article 5 (regions) £538,024.

This makes the total allocation to Northern Ireland £7,326,562 and the total for Britain in this third series (see page 1) £29.4 million making a grand total for Britain in 1976 of £36.2 million.

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Italy: a grant of 1,117,500,000 Lire (1.7 mua) will be made over a three year period to the Chamber of Commerce in Regio - Emilia for its new training programme to prepare about 225 young unemployed people for a career as junior managers in the distributive sector throughout Italy.

United Kingdom: the Social Fund has agreed a contribution of £4,289,308 (10.3 mua) towards the 1976 programme of special measures organised by the Training Services Agency and designed to make an additional 10,000 apprenticeships available to young unemployed people in assisted areas.

Ireland: the special programmes of training in middle-level technician and secretarial skills for about 900 young unemployed people, organised through the Department of Education at various regional technical colleges, will be granted about £1,082,145 over a three year period (2.5 mua).

Denmark: more than 6 million Dkr (0.8 mua) will be granted towards the various activities of the Ministries of Education and Labour to provide pre-employment courses and additional apprenticeships and training programmes for over 1,200 young unemployed people during 1976-1978.

2. Migrants

Italy: for the period September 1, 1976, to December 31, 1978, the Social Fund will grant about 12 million u.a. towards the financing of a series of specialized courses for the children of Italian migrant workers. The courses will involve:

- a) the teaching of Italian to about 75,000 children in Belgium Federal Republic of Germany, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands and the United Kingdom;
- b) facilitating the reintegration of 16,000 children of migrant workers who have returned to Italy in the regions of Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabrie, Molise, Veneto and Sicily.

Belgium: about BF 4.6 million will be spent by the Social Fund in 1976 and 1977 as part-financing of integration classes for 335 children of migrant workers in Brussels, Charleroi and Ghent.

United Kingdom: about £36,000 has been granted by the Social Fund to the National Centre of Industrial Language Training to help finance training for 200 teachers responsible for language courses for migrant workers within firms to facilitate integration into the working environment.

3. Handicapped

Belgium: the Social Fund will contribute about BF 49 million towards the cost of the occupational training of about 600 handicapped persons in six centres.

Denmark: about DK 28 million will be granted to assist the training of handicapped persons in specialized centres.

France: among the French schemes for retraining handicapped persons aided by the Social Fund is one organized by the Provence-Côte d'Azur region authorities and which will receive FF 27 million. Two smaller schemes for the retraining of handicapped migrants will receive FF 1.5 million.

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Italy: about Lit. 1.2 milliard will be provided for retraining of persons handicapped as a result of accidents at work.

Luxembourg: the Social Fund will provide F Lux. 5 million for schemes to retrain handicapped persons.

B. ACTIONS ON A REGIONAL AND INDUSTRY BASIS

Under this heading, the Social Fund can grant financial assistance for retraining schemes in favour of workers who are threatened with unemployment in the poorer regions of the Community and who are affected by technical progress or by problems in groups of undertakings. The following are some examples of schemes assisted.

Technical progress

Federal Republic of Germany: the Social Fund will grant 473,164 u.a. (about DM1.7 million) towards the retraining over two years of about 400 workers to enable them to convert from the production of mechanical watches to that of electronic watches.

United Kingdom: the creation of the Joint Standing Committee for the major national newspapers (a body comprising both sides of industry) to implement a far-reaching plan for re-organisation, has led to a significant re-training plan to face up to the challenge and promise of technological advance of new equipment. The Social Fund will contribute approximately 7.2 million u.a. (£3 million) over the next three years towards the cost of retraining approximately 12,000 workers affected by technical progress in this sector.

Italy: the distribution sector in Italy is characterized by an excessive fragmentation of small, family-style undertakings many of which are gradually being squeezed out of business. The Social Fund will help finance training courses to provide organizers and coordinators who can give expert advice to the distribution sector. The Social Fund will contribute about 1.1 million u.a. (Lit.688 million) over three years.

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UNITED KINGDOM DETAILS

The following is a list of applications approved for the United Kingdom.

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1. <u>N.I. Training Executive and Road Transport Industry Training Board</u> : off-the-job training on motor mechanics for unemployed first-job seekers aged under 25, October 1976 - November 1977	£19,750
2. <u>N.I. Electricity Service</u> : training of 90 unemployed people in a variety of skills, 1976-1978	£620,390
3. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 280 unemployed people under 18; and 165 non-sponsored apprentices under 25, at Government Training Centres; training in engineering of 300 non-sponsored apprentices under 25 who complete their apprenticeship with an outside firm under the capitation grant scheme, 1976-1977	£638,024
4. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 222 disabled	£92,705
5. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 90 ex-agricultural workers at Government Training Centres, 1977-1978	1977 £36,730 1978 £ 7,346
6. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 250 unemployed persons leaving agriculture, in Government Training Centres, 1976	£138,262
7. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 505 persons leaving agriculture through the attachment to industry scheme, 1976	£114,666
8. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 160 persons leaving agriculture through the training on employers' premises scheme, 1976	£100,000
9. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : induction and direct training courses for 1065 persons leaving agriculture under the Enterprise Ulster scheme, 1976	£1,073,359
10. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : training of 1000 persons threatened with redundancy; introductory training of 940 persons under Enterprise Ulster, 1976	£684,707
11. <u>Department of Manpower Services</u> : three separate training schemes for 2230 young persons, January 1976 - December 1977	
Article 4 (young people)	£2,708,831
Article 5 (regions)	£538,024

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12.	<u>Department of Agriculture: retraining of 40 employees for higher qualifications (courses over 100 hours), 1976</u>	£3,734
13.	<u>Roylean Caravan Co., Ltd, Coalisland: training of 30 unemployed persons, 1976-1977</u>	£7,773
14.	<u>Abbey Meat Packers Ltd, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim: training of 347 unemployed persons for the meat processing industry, 1976-1977</u>	£47,661
15.	<u>Hotel Everglades, Londonderry: training of 60 unemployed and employed persons for higher qualifications in catering, 1976-1977</u>	£18,402
16.	<u>Gilbert Tunney Engineering Ltd, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh: training of 95 unemployed persons for the manufacture of vehicle exhaust systems, 1976-77-78</u>	£23,040
17.	<u>Catering Industry Training Board, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim: training of 116 persons obtaining higher qualifications and 542 unemployed persons, 1976-77-78</u>	£390,440
18.	<u>Northern Ireland Training Executive: training of 100 young unemployed persons as heavy goods vehicle drivers, 1976-77-78</u>	£40,524
19.	<u>Berkshire International (UK), Ltd, Belfast:</u>	
	retraining of 126 young persons	
	1976	£7,296
	1977	£9,645
	1978	£5,253

TOTAL

£4,079,707

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Training Services Agency - Five projects

1. <u>North-East Region</u> - 1976/77 (Training of 4726 unemployed people in a variety of skills at Skill Centres, Colleges of Further Education and Employers' establishments under the Training Opportunities Scheme) -	£3,422,680
2. <u>North-West Region</u> - 1976/77 (Training of 4100 unemployed people in a variety of skills - Training Opportunities Scheme) -	£2,494,183
3. <u>Midlands Region</u> - 1976/77 (Training of 130 unemployed people - in a variety of skills - Training Opportunities Scheme) -	£ 114,360
4. <u>Wales and West Areas of England</u> - 1976/77 (Training of 6400 unemployed people - Training Opportunities Scheme) -	£4,714,552
5. <u>Scotland</u> - 1976/77 (Training of 8500 unemployed people in a variety of skills - Training Opportunities Scheme) -	£5,300,000

Young People (under 25) - Seven projects

1. <u>Training Services Agency - Assisted Areas in the UK</u> - 1976/78 (Training of young people under the Training Award Scheme; Premium Grant Scheme for off-the-job training; Premium Grant Scheme for on-the-job training; Engineering ITB training scheme at operator level) -	£4,178,931
2. <u>National Association of Youth Clubs</u> - 1976 (Training of 1310 young people under the Community Industry Scheme which is the responsibility of the NAYC) -	£1,276,800
3. <u>Aylesbury Industrial Group Training Centre</u> - 1976/78 (Training of 84 unemployed young people who are first job seekers) -	£ 16,000
4. <u>Engineering and Ship-Building Industrial Training Boards in Scotland and North-East England</u> - 1976 (Additional first year traineeship in engineering, shipbuilding and repairing industry for 834 young people who are first job seekers) -	£ 406,000
5. <u>Scottish Development Agency</u> - 1976 (Training of 180 unemployed people) -	£ 10,540
6. <u>Smith Bros. (Whitehaven) Ltd.</u> - 1976 (Training of unemployed people and retraining of employed people for high qualification in the paper industry - 50 people) -	£ 2,500
7. <u>S. N. P. Harris, Glasgow</u> - 1976-77-78 (Training of 100 people threatened by redundancy) -	£ 143,000

TOTAL : £22.1 million
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Tableau récapitulatif des concours accordés (troisième série 1976)(en u.s.)
Recapitulatory tabel, on granted assistance (third series 1976)(in u.s.)
Zusammenfassende Tabelle der gewährten Zuschüsse (dritte Serie 1976)(in u.s.)

Secteur d'intervention Area of intervention Beteiligungsbereich	Exercice Financial year Haushalts- jahr	BELGIQUE/ BELGIE	DANMARK	DEUTSCHLAND
1. Agriculture/ Landwirtschaft	1976	---	---	---
	1977	---	---	2.442.371
	1978	---	---	---
2. Textile/habillement Textile/clothing industry Textil- u. Kleidungs- industrie	1976	---	---	2.665.339
	1977	---	---	---
	1978	---	---	---
3. Migrants Migrants workers wanderarbeitnehmer	1976	26.467	78.666	1.710.780
	1977	64.889	---	193.889
	1978	32.231	---	169.904
4. Jeunes Young people Jugendliche	1976	450.000	368.666	4.443.373
	1977	40.000	408.666	8.772.352
	1978	---	37.333	2.732.240
5. Handicapés Handicapped Behinderte	1976	---	---	2.695.214
	1977	980.142	3.766.666	2.098.924
	1978	---	---	---
6. Régions Regions Gebiete	1976	3.599.000	3.806.335	8.544.998
	1977	45.600	93.333	3.202.991
	1978	---	---	493.715
7. Progrès technique Technical progress Technischer Fort- schritt	1976	---	---	306.724
	1977	---	---	166.440
	1978	---	---	---
8. Groupes d'entreprises Groups of companies Gruppen von Unter- nehmen	1976	---	---	---
	1977	---	---	---
	1978	---	---	---
T O T A L S	1976	5.055.609	8.020.331	22.465.358
	1977	150.489	501.999	14.778.043
	1978	32.231	37.333	3.395.859

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secteur d'intervention Area of intervention Beteiligungsbe- reich	Exercice Financial year Haushalts- jahr	FRANCE	IRELAND	ITALIA
1. Agriculture/ Landwirtschaft	1976	613.590	221.100,	1.493.938
	1977	140.434	588.856,	5.180.511
	1978	191.747	306.166,	4.598.576
	1979	225.055	20.421,	74.316
2. Textile/habillement Textile/clothing industry Textil- u. Kleidung- industrie	1976	13.589	---	247.175
	1977	10.498	---	3.110.842
	1978	---	---	1.961.252
	1979	---	---	63.057
3. Migrants Migrants workers Wanderarbeitnehmer	1976	148.866	52.272	2.320.882
	1977	654.877	---	8.348.135
	1978	817.738	---	9.559.642
4. Jeunes Young people Jugendliche handicapés Handicapped Behinderte	1976	889.490	1.128.300	117.600
	1977	---	1.410.668	784.400
	1978	---	500.838	886.000
	1976	---	---	---
	1977	5.535.758	3.275.174	2.258.607
	1977	---	---	---
	1978	1.723.160	---	921.400
	1978	---	---	---
	1978	1.955.928	---	313.360
6. Régions regions Gebiete	1976	9.456.350	4.192.716	16.293.446
	1977	2.600.483	4.520.134	18.144.916
	1978	2.235.290	1.596.000	7.707.237
7. Progrès technique Technical progress Technischer Fort- schritt	1976	55.931	---	---
	1977	97.937	---	142.400
	1978	---	---	342.400
	1979	---	---	614.400
8. Groupes d'entreprises Groups of companies Gruppen von Unter- nehmen	1976	---	---	---
	1977	---	---	---
	1978	---	---	---
TOTALS	1976	16.713.574	8.869.562	22.731.648
	1977	5.227.389	6.519.658	36.632.604
	1978	5.200.703	2.403.004	25.368.467
	1979	225.055	20.421	751.773

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Secteur d'intervention Area of intervention Beteiligungsbereich	Exercice Financial year Haushalts- jahr	LUXEMBOURG	NEDERLAND	UNITED KINGDOM
1. Agriculture/ Landwirtschaft	1976	---	---	3.423.090
	1977	---	---	563.352
	1978	---	---	160.190
2. Textile/vabillement Textile/clothing industry Textil- u. Kleidung- industrie	1976	---	1.415.745,86	2.263.308
	1977	---	---	---
	1978	---	---	---
	1979	---	---	---
3. Migrants Migrants workers Wanderarbeitnehmer	1976	---	4.627,07	1.131.877
	1977	---	27.831,49	---
	1978	---	---	---
4. Jeunes young people Jugendliche	1976	---	562.845,30	18.862.642
	1977	---	---	2.044.212
	1978	---	---	12.000
5. Handicapés Handicapped Behinderte	1976	---	---	1.804.776
		38.000,00	3.030.448,89	6.190.178
	1977	---	---	---
		42.000,00	---	---
6. Régions Regions Gebiete	1976	---	3140.613	14.945.476
	1977	---	---	33.759.637
	1978	---	---	978.135
7. Progrès technique Technical progress Technischer Fort- schritt	1976	---	1.469.613,26	722.074
	1977	---	---	3.620.941
	1978	---	---	4.123.412
8. Groupes d'entreprises Groups of companies Gruppen von Unter- nehmen	1976	---	---	---
	1977	---	---	83.700
	1978	---	---	83.700
	1979	---	---	83.700
TOTAL	1976	38.000	9.623.891	43.343.421
	1977	42.000	27.831	40.071.842
	1978	16.800	---	5.357.437
	1979	---	---	83.700