

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION
SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE DECISION OF 28 JULY 1982

on the granting of support for Community projects
in the hydrocarbon sector (1982)

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. In its Decision of 28 July 1982¹⁾, the Council granted support of 25 977 600 ECU for 36 technological development projects in the hydrocarbons sector.

The amount allocated in support was covered by appropriations available in the 1982 Budget for Community projects, a total of 26 050 323 ECU.

2. Because there were not sufficient resources available to meet all applications for financial support, the Council was forced to hold over consideration of three projects until the 1983 financial year and to limit its support for four other projects to the preliminary stages only.
3. After implementation of Chapter 70 of the 1982 Budget, it emerged that resources were still available and that additional amounts could be transferred to other Items within that same Chapter.

The Commission proposes that the Council assign some of these appropriations to the projects which were held over until the following financial year or which received only partial support in 1982.

The amount of additional support which the Commission proposes the Council grant for these projects is 2 739 054 ECU for the period from 1982 to 1984.

4. When decisions are taken on the allocation of support for the next financial year, account will be taken of the fact that these amounts have been distributed between the various projects.

THE COUNCIL IS THEREFORE ASKED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

¹⁾ Doc. No. 8746/82 ENER-129

PROPOSAL FOR A SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL DECISION

on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons
sector

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3056/73* of 9 November
1973 on the support of Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector
and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission

Whereas by its Decision of 28 July 1982 on the granting of support for
Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector, the Council granted
25 977 600 ECU for the carrying out of 36 technological development
projects,

Whereas the scope of this Decision should be extended in order to allow
other projects to benefit from Community support,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

SOLE ARTICLE

The projects contained in the Annex to this Decision shall be added to
the list of projects contained in the Annex to the Decision of 28 July
1982. Support for a total amount of 2 739 054 ECU shall be granted
for these projects for the period from 1982 to 1984.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

* JOURNAL OFFICIEL L 312, 13.11.1973

No.	Title of Project	Promoter	Total Invest- ment (1982-1984) ECU	Assessment and rate of support	Amount of support in ECU
07.45/82	Project MARS	ZF Herion	1 445 392	Project to replace deep-sea divers. <u>To be supported: 30%</u>	433 617
14.14/82	Deep-water storage/loading development programme	E.M.H.	1 880 149	Continuation of important studies leading to the marketing of the technology for deep-sea articulated columns <u>To be supported: 30%</u>	564 044
15.42/82	A high-performance mooring device for anchoring in deep water	SEP Offshore	549 420	This project should remedy a serious defi- ciency in moored platform technology. <u>To be supported: 30%</u>	164 826
03.127/82	Deep-water gravity tower (Part Two)	C.G. Doris	641 722	Follow-up to previous project which should, if successful, establish the principle of the gravity tower. <u>To be supported: 40%</u>	256 689
03.131/82	Design of a floating product- ion facility for use on mar- ginal fields (Part Two)	BNOC Ltd.	2 077 961	The project, if successful, will lead to the economic exploitation of already dis- covered marginal fields in the North Sea. <u>To be supported: 40%</u>	831 184
15.32/82	Cast steel nodes for fixed offshore structures (Part Two)	BNOC Ltd.	626 763	Interesting area of research which could prove useful in future steel structure design. <u>To be supported: 30%</u>	188 029
15.33/82	The "mechanical echo" diagnos- tic method for offshore structures (Part Two)	Tecnomare	1 002 217	First phase of a novel method for offshore structural monitoring. <u>To be supported: 30%</u>	300 665
TOTAL			8 223 624		2 739 054

FINANCIAL RECORD

1. Relevant budget leading code

Article 700 - Item 7000

2. Title of budget heading

"Community technological development projects in the hydrocarbons sector"

3. Legal basis

- 3.0. Regulation (EEC) No. 3056/73 of the Council of 9 November 1973, on the support of Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (OJ No. 312 of 13 November 1973).
- 3.1. Council Decision of 19 December 1974, on the grant of measures of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. R/3600/74).
- 3.2. Council Decision of 4 May 1976, on the grant of measures of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. R/854/76).
- 3.3. Council Decision of 25 October 1977, on the grant of measures of support for Council projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. R/2416/77).
- 3.4. Council Decision of 30 October 1978, on the grant of measures of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. R/2671/78).
- 3.5. Council Decision of 29 October 1979, on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (OJ L 281 of 10 November 1979).
- 3.6. Council Decision of 27 October 1980, on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. No. 10142/80 ENER 111)
- 3.7. Council Decision of 27 October 1981, on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (Doc. No. 10024/81 ENER 114).
- 3.8. Commission proposal on the granting of support for Community projects in the hydrocarbons sector (1982-1984)

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4. Description of the measure

Granting 36 Community undertakings financial aid for use on projects in the hydrocarbons sector.

5. Objective

To promote technological development directly related to the activities of prospection for, and exploitation, transport and storage of hydrocarbons likely to increase the security of the Community's supplies in hydrocarbons.

6. Justification of the project

Because of the technical risks and the financial burden involved in carrying out the technical development projects, they would not be carried out or would have to be postponed (thus considerably prejudicing the security of hydrocarbons supplies) unless the Community provided financial support.

7. Appropriations

Financial situation on April 30, 1982 :

Appropriation for commitment:	(ECU)
- 1982 budget	22.400.000
appropriations brought forward from 1981	4.583.223
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	26.983.223
- commitments implemented	- 637.461
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	26.345.762
- 1982 proposal	25.977.600
- relinquished amount	368.162
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8. Type of control to be applied

8.1. There is to be no control by Member States. The authorising department and Financial Control will carry out regular on-the-spot checks on documents, and will follow the completion of the projects by means of the technical and financial reports which the undertakings are required to send in regularly.

8.2. The Commission is to present an annual report to the Council on the state of progress of each project and the sums committed in carrying it out; the Commission also has to submit an annual report to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Regulation NO. 3056/73.

