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1524th meeting of the Council

- Research -

Luxembourg, 28 October 1991

President: Mr. Jo Ritzen

Minister for Education and Science, The Netherlands

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1.7.12. Research (Luxembourg, 28 October).

- Previous meeting: Bull. EC 4-1991, point 1.7.6

President: Mr Ritzen, Dutch Minister for Education and Science.

Commission: Mr Pandolfi.

Main items

R&TD programme in the field of human capital and mobility: common position agreed (→ point 1.2.44).

R&TD programme in the field of nuclear fission safety: decision agreed (→ point 1.2.45).

R&TD programme in the field of biotechnology: common position agreed (→ point 1.2.43).

R&TD programme in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and amendment of the JET Statutes: draft decisions agreed (→ point 1.2.46).

Other business

Joint Research Centre: activity plans under the third framework programme discussed.

Biotechnology

1.2.43. Proposal for a Decision adopting a specific research and technological development programme in the field of biotechnology (1990 to 1994) (Biotech).

- Commission proposal: OJ C 174, 16.7.1990; COM(90) 160; Bull. EC 5-1990, point 1.2.100
- Economic and Social Committee opinion: OJ C 31, 6.2.1991; Bull. EC 10-1990, point 1.3.65

Endorsed by Parliament on 9 October, subject to certain amendments relating to the provision of training for all scientists concerned, an evaluation of the ethical, social, economic, legal and ecological impact of biotechnology and the proportion of programme funding devoted to basic research.

OJ C 280, 28.10.1991

Amended proposal adopted by the Commission on 18 October.

OJ C 289, 7.11.1990; COM(91) 386

Common position agreed by the Council (research) on 28 October. This programme, for which an amount of ECU 164 million is estimated as necessary, covers the following four main areas: molecular approaches, cell and organism biology, the impact of biotechnology on the environment and the conservation of genetic resources.

Human capital and mobility

1.2.44. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a specific research and technological development programme in the field of human capital and mobility (1990 to 1994).

- Commission approval: Bull. EC 4-1990, point 1.1.68
- Formal adoption by the Commission: OJ C 174, 16.7.1990; COM(90) 165; Bull. EC 5-1990, point 1.2.105
- Economic and Social Committee opinion: OJ C 332, 31.12.1990; Bull. EC 9-1990, point 1.2.75
- Parliament opinion (first reading): OJ C 158, 17.6.1991; Bull. EC 5-1991, point 1.2.60
- Amended Commission proposal: OJ C 188, 19.7.1991; COM(91) 234; Bull. EC 6-1991, point 1.2.71

Common position agreed by the Council (research) on 28 October. This programme, for which an amount of ECU 490 million is estimated as necessary, covers the quantitative and qualitative development of the human resources available for research and technological development needed by the Member States in the years to come. Its main themes are the training and mobility of research staff and the setting up of cooperation networks.

Nuclear fission

1.2.45. Proposal for a Council Decision adopting a specific research and technological development programme in the field of nuclear fission safety (1990 to 1994).

- Commission proposal: OJ C 247, 2.10.1990; COM(90) 343; Bull. EC 7/8-1990, point 1.3.115
- Economic and Social Committee opinion: OJ C 69, 18.3.1991; Bull. EC 1/2-1991, point 1.2.84
- Parliament opinion: OJ C 240, 16.9.1991; Bull. EC 7/8-1991, point 1.2.88
- Amended Commission proposal: OJ C 262, 8.10.1991; COM(91) 330; Bull. EC 9-1991, point 1.2.40

Agreed by the Council (research) on 28 October. This programme, for which an amount of ECU 35.64 million is estimated as necessary, covers two aspects of nuclear fission safety, namely radiation protection and reactor safety.

Controlled thermonuclear fusion

1.2.46. Proposal for a Decision adopting a specific research and technological development programme in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion (1990 to 1994) — proposal for a Decision amending the Statutes of the Joint European Torus, Joint Undertaking.

- Commission proposals: OJ C 261, 16.10.1990; COM(90) 441; Bull. EC 9-1990, points 1.2.67 and 1.2.68
- Economic and Social Committee opinion: OJ C 120, 6.5.1991; Bull. EC 3-1991, point 1.2.61

Common position adopted by the Council on 28 October. The Council adopted a common position on two proposals concerning, respectively, the extension of the JET Joint Undertaking until December 1996 and the adoption of a specific research programme. The aims of this programme, for which an amount of ECU 412 million is estimated as necessary, are to provide a scientific and technological base, to establish environmental and safety criteria and to prepare the industry for the construction of an experimental reactor (Next Step).