

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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From Chapter 100 - PROVISIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

To Chapter 36 - EXPENDITURE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
INFORMATION AND ON INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Article 361 - Dissemination, circulation and utilization of
scientific and technical knowledge

Item 3611 - Assessment and utilization of research results

200 000 EUA

The Financial Controller endorsed this proposal on 17 September 1980,
certifying that the appropriations are available.

REASONS

Acting under its Decision of 14 January 1977 and its programme for 1980, set out in the memorandum annexed to the President's address to Parliament of 12 February, the Commission is currently running a number of activities for the progressive introduction of joint industrial innovation projects.

In the interests of the Community the Commission has been working over the past few years towards effective exploitation of the inventions resulting from direct and indirect research programmes within the Community.

The ad hoc Group set up by the Heads of Industrial Affairs Departments in the Member States in February 1978 has approved a series of experiments or pilot projects with the aim of drafting proposals for Council decisions.

In order to continue the efforts in the fields of (a) assessment and utilization of Community research results and (b) industrial innovation and to achieve the aim of submitting a draft resolution to the Council in 1980, the following experiments and pilot projects must be concluded this year:

- (i) Since 1978 the Standing Technological Conference of European Local Authorities (STCELA) has been running a number of projects on the Community-wide consolidation of local authorities' demand for new technologies. The Commission will bear some of the running costs for these projects and will also provide an additional 60 000 EUA towards a number of market research analyses and technological studies.
- (ii) A series of studies and investigations covering economic indicators, national measures aimed at promoting innovation and certain privileged sectors are awaiting completion in the Member States and some of its non-member competitors. Approximately 40 000 EUA are required in 1980 so that these projects can be resumed.
- (iii) The Commission has concluded an agreement with a number of venture-capital companies under which they will look into practicable ways of achieving cooperation throughout the Community with the aim of providing means of financing innovation by small and medium-sized firms in particular. Approximately 70 000 EUA will be required for these experiments in 1980.
- (iv) If the inventions emerging from research programmes in the Community are to be properly exploited, the market must be surveyed with a view to ascertaining the best possible licensing policy. At least 30 000 EUA is required for completion of this research in 1980.

It will not be possible to meet the deadlines set in the memorandum annexed to the programme address for submission to the Council, following consultations with the Heads of Industrial Affairs Departments, of a draft resolution on the exploitation of inventions unless the 200 000 EUA entered in Chapter 100 are released immediately.

The Commission is therefore requesting the budgetary authority to authorize the transfer of the said amount from Chapter 100 to Article 3611 of the 1980 budget.

APPROPRIATIONS IN CHAPTER 100 AT 12 SEPTEMBER 1980

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	Appropriations for commitment	Appropriations for payment
1. Total appropriations	75 093 900	51 693 900
2. Appropriations in process of being transferred	1 309 000	1 309 000
3. Appropriations still entered in Chapter 100	73 784 900	50 384 900

