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(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1973

granting assistance from the European Social Fund, as provided for in Article 125 of the Treaty, to the Kingdom of Belgium for expenditure on vocational retraining operations carried out by the 'Office National de l'Emploi (ONEM)'

(ESF file Nos 72016, 72063, 72072, 72073)

(Only the French and Dutch text are authentic)

(74/175/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 125 thereof;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 [1] of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund, and in particular Article 12 thereof;

Whereas in its applications of 19 May, 30 June, 21 November and 22 December 1972 the Kingdom of Belgium requested assistance from the European Social Fund, as provided for in Article 125 of the Treaty, for expenditure on vocational retraining operations amounting to a total of Bfrs 79 271 701;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71, such assistance is granted for operations initialled before 1 May 1972, the date in which that Regulation entered into force, and terminated before 1 July 1972, and whereas the applications for assistance submitted must be examined pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 9 [2] of 25 August 1960, as last amended by Council Regulation No 37/67/EEC [3], and to the provisions adopted pursuant to that Regulation;

Whereas, in accordance with Articles 1 and 3 of Regulation No 9, the applications referred to above from the Kingdom of Belgium relate to vocational retraining operations carried out on the responsibility and at the expense of the Office National de l'Emploi (ONEM), a body which has been included in the list of public law bodies referred to in Article 18 of Regulation No 9;

Whereas the applications containing the information required under Article 20 of Regulation No 9 and relating to operations terminated during the period 1 July 1970 to 30 June 1971 inclusive, were properly submitted within the time limit laid down in Article 19 of Regulation No 9;

Whereas the examination of those applications and the checking of their material and financial aspects, carried out pursuant to the provisions of Commission Regulation No 113/63/EEC [4] on the detailed rules for the examination and checking of applications for assistance submitted to the European Social Fund, revealed that these applications comply with the conditions laid down in the relevant rules;

Whereas, consequently, the Office National de l'Emploi (ONEM) is entitled to receive assistance from

[1] OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 54.
[2] OJ No 56, 31. 8. 1960, p. 1189/60.
[3] OJ No 33, 24. 2. 1967, p. 526/67.
[4] OJ No 153, 24. 10. 1963, p. 2563/63.

the Fund for its expenditure and whereas the amount of assistance to be granted by the Fund pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty is therefore Bfrs 79 271 701.

Whereas in its Opinion of 25 October 1973 the Committee of the European Social Fund reached the same conclusions, for the reasons given above,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The application for assistance submitted to the European Social Fund by the Kingdom of Belgium for expenditure by the Office National de l'Emploi (ONEM) on vocational retraining operations terminated during the period 1 July 1970 to 30 June 1971 inclusive, comply with the rules governing the operation of the Fund as regards the sum of Bfrs 79 271 701.

Article 2

The amount of assistance from the European Social Fund to be granted pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty to the Kingdom of Belgium for the Office National de l'Emploi (ONEM) shall be Bfrs 79 271 701 (equivalent to 1 585 434·02 units of account).

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI