COMMISSION DECISION

of 21 December 1973

granting assistance from the European Social Fund, as provided for in Article 125 of the Treaty, to the French Republic for expenditure on vocational retraining and resettlement operations carried out by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Population, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of War Victims

(ESF file Nos 72062, 72083, 72093, 72095, 72105, 72106, 73017, 73035, 73054, 73055)

(Only the French text is authentic)

(74/177/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 13 July, 7 December, 21 December and 29 December 1972, 12 June, 22 June and 29 June 1973 the French Republic 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 FF 41 060 835·97 and for resettlement operations amounting to a total of FF 1 987 587·62 ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 12 of Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71, such assistance is granted for operations initiated before 1 May 1972, the date on 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, 3 and 6 of Regulation No 9, the applications referred to above from the French Republic relate to vocational retraining operations carried out on the responsibility and at the expense of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Population (requested amount FF 27 369 837·07), the Ministry of Agriculture (requested amount FF 11 964 740) and the Ministry of War Victims (requested amount FF 1 726 258·90) and to resettlement operations carried out on the responsibility and at the expense of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Population (requested amount FF 1 529 258·62) and the Ministry of Agriculture (requested amount FF 458 329) ;

Whereas the applications containing the information required under Articles 20 and 21 of Regulation No 9 and relating to operations terminated or carried out during the period 1 January 1970 to 30 June 1972 inclusive, were properly submitted within the time limits 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 provision 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, except, however, that in the applications relating to the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Population (resettlement operations), as a result of an arithmetical error, certain sums were wrongly omitted from the total expenditure ; the correction involves the sum of FF 8 457·58, which is to be added to the amount for which the applications were submitted ;

Whereas, consequently, the abovementioned Ministries are entitled to receive assistance from the Fund for their expenditure, and whereas the amount of assistance to be granted by the Fund pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty is therefore FF 43 048 423·59 (FF 41 060 835·97 plus FF 1 987 587·62) plus FF 8 457·58, i.e. FF 43 056 881·17 ;

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

(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.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The applications for assistance submitted to the European Social Fund by the French Republic for expenditure by the Ministries referred to in Article 2 on vocational retraining and resettlement operations terminated and carried out during the period 1 January 1970 to 30 June 1972 inclusive, comply with the rules governing the operation of the Fund as far as the sum of FF 43 056 881·17 is concerned.

Article 2

The amount of assistance from the European Social Fund to be granted pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty to the French Republic shall be FF 43 056 881·17 (7 752 144·08 units of account). This sum shall be allocated as follows :

Beneficiary	*Assistance granted*	
	vocational retraining	resettlement
Ministry of Labour, Employment and Population	FF 27 369 837·07 (4 927 781·92 u.a)	FF 1 537 716·20 (276 856·97 u.a.)
Ministry of Agriculture	FF 11 964 740 (2 154 182·70 u.a.)	FF 458 329 (82 519·50 u.a.)
Ministry of War Victims	FF 1 726 258·90 (310 803 u.a.)	

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the French Republic.

Done at Brussels, 21 December 1973.

For the Commission

The President

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