COUNCIL DECISION

of 27 June 1974

on action by the European Social Fund for migrant workers

(74/327/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 [1] on the reform of the European Social Fund, and in particular Article 4 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament [2];

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas the means of action and operation of the Fund are defined by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 [3] of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 on the reform of the European Social Fund;

Whereas, in its resolution of 21 January 1974 [4] concerning a social action programme, the Council considered that, to achieve the proposed actions successfully in the social field, the necessary resources should be provided, in particular by strengthening the role of the European Social Fund;

Whereas the aforesaid resolution provides for an action programme for migrant workers and members of their families;

Whereas, at the Council meeting held on 12 June 1972, the Council and the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council adopted certain considerations and conclusions concerning employment policy and invited the Commission to examine the possibility of action by the European Social Fund to improve the conditions of the free movement of workers;

Whereas the cost of measures for migrant workers must be borne primarily by the host country;

Whereas the imbalance noted in the field of employment within the Community reveals the need for specific joint action to assist migrant workers and members of their families;

Whereas the purpose of such specific joint action must be, in particular, to improve the social and living conditions of migrant workers and members of their families;

Whereas, in order to ensure that action to assist migrant workers in the Community is more fully effective and remains uninterrupted throughout the various stages of migration, it is necessary that operations which are to benefit from the Fund, form part of integrated programmes having regard both to the labour requirements of the host country and the development requirements of the country of origin;

Whereas operations facilitating the reception and integration into the social and vocational environment of the host country of persons who have left their country of origin should also qualify for assistance from the Fund;

Whereas operations facilitating the training of welfare workers and teaching staff should also qualify for assistance from the Fund;

Whereas the reform of the European Social Fund decided on by the Council enables a contribution to be made to the costs resulting from plans under development or to be developed in the Member States with the aim of stimulating the employment and geographical and professional mobility of migrant workers,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Integrated programmes

1. Operations forming part of an integrated programme designated to facilitate the employment and geographical and professional mobility of persons, other than frontier workers, moving or having moved from one Community country to another in order to take up employment therein shall be eligible to receive assistance from the Fund under Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971.

An integrated programme shall be taken to mean all the measures necessary to ensure the effectiveness and continuity of action throughout successive phases of migration, which may run from preparation for emigration to return to the country of origin.

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[1] OJ No L 28, 4. 2. 1971, p. 15.
[2] OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974, p. 15.
[3] OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 54.
[4] OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 1.

Integrated programmes must be consistent with the objectives of industrial and regional development policy laid down in the joint actions decided upon by the Community.

2. Those aids which feature on the list established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 [1] of 8 November 1971 on aid which may qualify for assistance from the European Social Fund, as amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1761/74 [2], may receive assistance from the European Social Fund under paragraph 1.

Article 2

Integration measures

1. Operations which, although not part of an integrated programme, are intended to facilitate the reception and integration into their social and working environment of persons, other than frontier workers, who have left their country of origin to take up employment in a Community country, and of members of their families shall also be eligible to receive assistance from the Fund under Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971.

2. Aids B 20 to B 24 provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 may receive assistance from the Fund under paragraph 1.

Article 3

Welfare workers and teachers

1. Operations to facilitate the basic and advanced training of welfare workers and teachers responsible for integration courses for migrant workers or their children shall also be eligible to receive assistance from the Fund under Article 4 of the Council Decision of 1 February 1971.

2. Aids A 10 to A 23 and B 10 to B 22 provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 2397/71 may receive assistance from the Fund under paragraph 1.

Article 4

Final provisions

This Decision shall enter into force on the fifth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities.*

It shall apply to operations of which the draft has received the approval of the Commission, before the expiry of a period of three years after the entry into force of this Decision.

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 1974.

For the Council

The President

K. GSCHEIDLE

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(1) OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 58.
(2) See page 1 of this Official Journal.