COMMISSION DECISION

of 23 November 1973

granting assistance from the European Social Fund, as provided for in Article 125 of the Treaty, to the Republic of Italy for expenditure on vocational retraining operations carried out by the Ministry of Labour and National Insurance and several other Italian bodies

(ESF files Nos 71.021, 71.022, 71.074, 71.075, 71.080, 71.086, 71.096, 72.014, 72.017, 72.022, 72.025, 72.026, 72.028, 72.036, 72.045, 72.069, 72.070, 72.076, 72.077, 72.078, 72.079, 72.088, 72.092, 72.099, 72.043)

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(74/70/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2396/71 [1] of 8 November 1971 implementing the Council Decision of 1 February 1971 [2] on the reform of the European Social Fund, and in particular Article 12 thereof;

Whereas in its applications of 21 May, 30 October, 4 December and 17 December 1971, 20 May, 29 May, 6 June, 7 June, 25 June, 26 June, 16 November, 17 November, 29 November, 9 December, 11 December and 21 December 1972, the Republic of Italy 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 Lit 4 727 911 796;

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 [3] of 25 August 1960, as last amended by Council Regulation No 37/67/EEC [4], 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 Republic of Italy relate to vocational retraining operations carried out on the responsibility and at the expense of the bodies listed below:

Authority or body	*Amount requested* Lit
1. Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale	3 431 186 099
2. Regione siciliana	2 103 959
3. Cassa per le opere straordinarie di pubblico interesse nell'Italia Meridionale (Cassa per il Mezzogiorno)	484 006 125
4. Consorzio di gestione del Centro Addestramento Professionale (CAP) di Ravenna	473 072
5. Ente Minerario Siciliano	28 465 412
6. Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI)	587 036 718
7. Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale (INPS)	194 640 411

Whereas, apart from the state department referred to in the above list under No 1, the body contained in that list under No 2 is a decentralized regional authority within the meaning of Article 18 of Regulation No 9, and whereas the bodies mentioned under Nos 3 to 7 are all contained in the list of public law bodies referred to in the Article mentioned above or are administered by those bodies;

Whereas the applications containing the information required under Article 20 of Regulation No 9 and relating to operations terminated during the period 1 January 1969 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,

[1] OJ No L 249, 10. 11. 1971, p. 54.
[2] OJ No L 28, 4. 2. 1971, p. 15.
[3] OJ No 56, 31. 8. 1960, p. 1189/60.
[4] OJ No 33, 24. 2. 1967, p. 526/67.

carried out pursuant to the provisions of Commission Regulation No 113/63/EEC (1) 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 part of the applications relating to the Cassa per il Mezzogiorno, certain sums have been wrongly included in the total expenditure as a result of an arithmetical error; whereas the correction involves the sum of Lit 351 549, which is to be deducted from the amount for which the application was submitted for the body concerned;

Whereas, consequently, the authority and the bodies referred to above are entitled to receive assistance from the Fund for their expenditure provided that the sum of Lit 351 549 is deducted, and whereas the amount of assistance to be granted by the Fund pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty is therefore Lit 4 727 911 796 — 351 549, i.e. Lit 4 727 560 247;

Whereas in its Opinion of 3 May 1973 the Committee of the European Social Fund reached the same conclusions for the reasons given above,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The applications for assistance submitted to the European Social Fund by the Republic of Italy for expenditure by the authority and the bodies referred to in Article 2 on vocational retraining operations terminated during the period 1 January 1969 to 30 June 1971 inclusive, comply with the rules governing the operation of the Fund as regards the sum of Lit 4 727 560 247. The remainder of the expenditure contained in the applications does not comply with those rules.

Article 2

The amount of assistance from the European Social Fund to be granted, pursuant to Article 125 of the Treaty to the Republic of Italy for the authority and the bodies listed below shall be Lit 4 727 560 247 (equivalent to 7 564 096·40 u.a.). This sum shall be allocated as follows:

Authority or body	*Assistance granted* Lit
1. Ministero del Lavoro e della Previdenza Sociale	3 431 186 099
2. Regione siciliana	2 103 959
3. Cassa per le opere straordinarie di pubblico interesse nell'Italia Meridionale (Cassa per il Mezzogiorno)	483 654 576
4. Consorzio di gestione del Centro Addestramento Professionale (CAP) di Ravenna	473 072
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Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Republic of Italy.

Done at Brussels, 23 November 1973.

For the Commission

The President

François-Xavier ORTOLI

(1) OJ No 153, 24. 10. 1963, p. 2563/63.