COMMISSION DECISION

of 14 December 1984

amending Commission Decision 84/77/EEC instituting a pilot action in preparation for the integrated Mediterranean programmes

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(85/87/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Whereas, by Decision 84/77/EEC [1], the Commission instituted in the inland areas of Viterbo province, region of Lazio, Italy, a pilot action in preparation for the integrated Mediterranean programmes;

Whereas Article 2 of that Decision stipulates that the implementation of the pilot action shall be reviewed at regular intervals by the Commission in consultation with the Member State concerned so that it may be decided whether and in which aspects the items set out in Annex 1 should be modified;

Whereas it has emerged from further contacts with the competent national authorities that Decision 84/77/EEC should be revised as regards individual operations in Annex 1 to the Decision, and in particular the financing estimates,

HAS ADOTPED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex 1 to Decision 84/77/EEC is hereby replaced by Annex 1 to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 14 December 1984.

For the Commission

Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

(1) OJ No L 44, 15. 2. 1984, p. 38.

ANNEX 1

PREPARATORY PILOT ACTION IN THE INLAND AREAS OF VITERBO PROVINCE, REGION OF LAZIO, ITALY

1. TITLE

Pilot action in the inland areas of Viterbo province, region of Lazio, in preparation for the integrated Mediterranean programmes.

2. GENERAL PURPOSE

The pilot action concerns field-scale trials based on the results of research on nut-growing in dry areas: restructuring of hazelnut and chestnut plantations.

Possibilities for agricultural development in dry areas are limited and this action can provide useful information for other regions with similar production conditions.

Alongside the development of this type of farming, its by-products can be put to good use for energy purposes, forestry products can be utilized and the natural environment can be enhanced, which should attract tourism.

Preliminary infrastructure and scientific research operations are planned.

3. DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL FEATURES OF THE AREA

The area in question is located in the Colli Cimini area of Viterbo province. The upland areas include peaks rising to over 1 000 m and the fast-flowing streams can cause soil erosion where there is no crop cover.

The economy of the area is based on agriculture and forestry. Nowadays, the main crops are hazelnuts between 250 and 550 m above sea level and chestnuts and higher elevations. These crops are tending to replace olives and vine growing.

The preparatory scheme will cover 320 ha of a possible 16 000 ha. In the same area some 3 000 ha has been set aside as a conservancy area, which covers most of the Vico Lake and the surrounding crater rim, with the aim of protecting the wealth of animal and plant wildlife and landscape. The environment is suitable for organized tourism for nature lovers.

4. OPERATIONS

The object and results sought should be attained if the following operations are carried out:

— new plantations, improvement and/or conversion of established plantations (hazelnuts and chestnuts),

— marketing centre,

— use of vegetable waste for energy production,

— complementary measures outside agriculture (tourism, etc.),

— anthropological research in the area around Vico Lake in cooperation with the Viterbo Institute for Agrarian Chemistry, the Department of Animal Biology and the Institute of Hygiene 'La Sapienza' of Rome University.

5. TIMETABLE

From December 1983 to December 1985.

6. AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE

— **For coordination:**

the Office of the Minister for Coordination of Community Policies, Rome,

— **for implementation:**

Region of Lazio.

7. ESTIMATE OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENTS SCHEDULE

Financing estimates: see following table (1).

(1) The existing instruments are the European Regional Development Fund, the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the European Social Fund.
NB: The estimates shown in this table may be revised.

PREPARATORY PILOT ACTION IN THE AREA OF OGLIASTRA, NUORO PROVINCE, REGION OF SARDINIA, ITALY

FINANCING ESTIMATES

Operations	Total public expenditure ('000 ECU)	Existing instruments '000 ECU	%	Budget Article 550 (payments to be made by 31 December 1984) '000 ECU	%	Total public expenditure ('000 ECU)	Existing instruments '000 ECU	%	Budget Article 550 (payments to be made by 31 December 1985) '000 ECU	%	Total at 31 December 1985 (budget Article 550) ('000 ECU)
A. **Agriculture**											
In less-favoured areas:											
— land improvement and soil protection	180	—	—	90	50	—	—	—	—	—	90
— hazelnut groves and/or chestnut plantations	306	—	—	153	50	—	—	—	—	—	153
— allowances	29	—	—	14,5	50	29	—	—	14,5	50	29
— restructuring and/or conversion of hazelnut groves and/or chestnut plantations	807	—	—	403,5	50	—	—	—	—	—	403,5
— processing centre for hazelnuts	—	—	—	—	—	687 (1)	172	25	116,79	17 (2)	116,79
B. **Energy**	222	—	—	66,6	30	73	—	—	21,9	30	88,5
C. **Afforestation**											
— improvement Poggio Nibbio	—	—	—	—	—	252	126	50	—	—	—
— woodland in the Vico Lake conservancy	—	—	—	—	—	222	111	50	—	—	—
D. **Rural tourism**											
— restoration of 'La Colonia' complex	369	—	—	184,5	50	—	—	—	—	—	184,5
— camp site	89	—	—	44,5	50	—	—	—	—	—	44,5
— restoration at Barco Lake	—	—	—	—	—	219	—	—	109,5	50	109,5
E. **Research**	148	—	—	74	50	146	—	—	73	50	147
Total	2 150	—	—	1 030,6	—	1 628	409	—	335,69	—	1 366,29

(1) Total cost of project.

(2) The assistance under budget Article 550 may amount to a maximum of 17 % of eligible costs of the project; the exact total of assistance will be determined in the light of the financing plan for the project in accordance with Regulation (EEC) No 355/77.