COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1999

listing the areas of Finland eligible under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006

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(Only the Finnish text is authentic)

(2000/120/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds [1], and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 4(4) thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

Whereas:

(1) point 2 of the first subparagraph of Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that Objective 2 of the Structural Funds is to support the economic and social conversion of areas facing structural difficulties;

(2) the first subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that the Commission and the Member States shall seek to ensure that assistance is genuinely concentrated on the areas most seriously affected and at the most appropriate geographical level;

(3) Commission Decision 1999/503/EC [2] lays down, in accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999, a population ceiling for each Member State under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006. The ceiling for Finland is 1 582 000 inhabitants;

(4) Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 states that the Commission, on the basis of proposals from the Member States and in close concertation with each Member State concerned, is to draw up a list of the areas eligible under Objective 2 with due regard to national priorities, without prejudice to the transitional support provided for in Article 6(2) of that Regulation;

(5) Article 4(11) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that each list of areas eligible under Objective 2 is to be valid for seven years from 1 January 2000; however, where there is a serious crisis in a given region, the Commission, acting on a proposal from a Member State, may amend the list of areas during 2003 in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 10 of Article 4, without increasing the proportion of the population within each region referred to in Article 13(2) of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The areas in Finland eligible under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006 are listed in the Annex hereto.

This list may be amended in the course of 2003.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to Finland.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 58.

ANNEX

LIST OF AREAS ELIGIBLE UNDER OBJECTIVE 2 OF THE STRUCTURAL FUNDS IN FINLAND

(2000 to 2006)

NUTS III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS III level region (number of inhabitants)
	All of the NUTS III level region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS III level region	
Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Varsinais-Suomi		*Subregion:* Vakka-Suomen	42 015
Satakunta		*Subregions:* Rauman Porin	177 914
Kanta-Häme		*Whole region*	164 914
Pirkanmaa		*Subregions:* Etelä-Pirkanmaan Itä-Pirkanmaan Koillis-Pirkanmaan Pohjois-Pirkanmaan	88 772
Päijät-Häme		*Whole region*	197 443
Kymenlaakso		*Subregion:* Kotka-Haminan	89 600
Etelä-Karjala		*Subregions:* Lappeenrannan Imatran	111 010
Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Keski-Suomi		*Subregions:* Jyväskylän Kaakkoisen Keski-Suomen Keuruun Jämsän Äänekosken	222 087
Keski-Pohjanmaa		*Subregion:* Kokkolan	52 694

NUTS III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS III level region (number of inhabitants)
	All of the NUTS III level region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS III level region	
Etelä-Pohjanmaa		*Subregions:* Suupohjan Eteläisten seinänaapurien Kuusiokuntien Järviseudun	108 779
Pohjanmaa		*Municipality:* Maksamaa	1 133
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa		*Subregions:* Ylivieskan *Municipality:* Hailuoto	41 153
Varsinais-Suomi		*Subregions:* Åboland-Turunmaan *Municipalities:* Rymättylä Velkua	25 325
Satakunta		*Subregions:* Pohjois-Satakunnan	30 776
Etelä-Karjala		*Subregions:* Länsi-Saimaan Kärkikuntien	27 094

Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999

Pohjois-Pohjanmaa		*Municipality:* Oulu	115 493
Varsinais-Suomi		*Municipality:* Turku (only the urban areas: Varissuo, Pääskyvuori, Lauste, Halinen, Kurala, Itäharju, Kohmo, Huhkola, Vaala, Skanski, Kupittaa)	29 221
Pirkanmaa		*Municipality:* Tampere (only the urban area of Hervanta)	20 654

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	All of the NUTS III level region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS III level region	
Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(9)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Pohjanmaa		*Municipalities:* Maalahti (only the islands) Mustasaari (only the islands; also Köklot, Raippaluoto, Värlax (*)) Oravainen (only the islands; also Oxkangar (*)) Luoto (only the islands; also Eugmo (*))	4 614
Uusimaa (Maakunta)		*Municipalities:* Inkoo (only the islands; also Storramsjö-Hirdal, Barö, Rafsö, Degerö, Stavö (*)) Tammisaari (only the islands; also Bromarv, Trollshovda, Lindö, Svedja-Öby, Odensö-Norrby-Båsa (*))	2 529
Itä-Uusimaa		*Municipalities:* Porvoo (only the islands; also Emäsalo, Vässölandet, Tirmo-Fagersta (*)) Sipoo (only the islands; also Kitö, Löparö (*)) Pernaja (only the islands; also Sarvsalö, Kabböle-Isnäs, Tjuvo, Strömsland (*)) Ruotsinpyhtää (only the islands; also Vahterpää, Gäddbergsö (*))	2 866
Varsinais-Suomi		*Municipalities:* Halikko (only the islands; also Angelniemi, Angelansaari (*)) Särkisalo (only the islands; also Isoluoto, Kaukassalo (*)) Askainen (only the islands; also Lempisaari, Livonsaari (*)) Merimasku (only the islands; also Otavan saari (*)) Piikkiö (only the islands)	2 294
Ahvenanmaa/Åland	*Municipality:* Mariehamn		15 091

(*) Islands and other areas with a fixed road connection to the mainland.