COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 December 1999

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

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(Only the Danish text is authentic)

(2000/121/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 Denmark is 538 000 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 Denmark 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 the Kingdom of Denmark.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Commission
Michel BARNIER
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 DENMARK

(2000 to 2006)

NUTS III level 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(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Bornholms amt		*Whole region*	44 359
Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Nordjyllands amt		*Municipalities:* Hirtshals Læsø Skagen	29 560
Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(9)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Vestsjællands amt		*Municipalities:* Skælskør (only the islands, Agersø, Omø) Bjergsted (only the islands, Nekselø, Sejerø) Holbæk (only the island, Orø)	1 870
Storstrøms amt		*Municipalities:* Holeby Højreby Maribo Møn Nakskov Nykøbing-Falster Nysted Nørre Alslev Ravnsborg Rudbjerg Rødby Sakskøbing Stubbekøbing Sydfalster	126 044

NUTS III level 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	
Fyns amt		*Municipalities:* Egebjerg Faaborg (except the parishes of Brahetrolleborg and Øster Hæsinge) Gudme Marstal Rudkøbing Svendborg Sydlangeland Tranekær Ærøskøbing Assens (only the island, Baagø)	95 365
Sønderjyllands amt		*Municipalities:* Åbenrå (only the island, Barsø) Haderslev (only the island, Årø)	216
Ribe amt		*Municipality:* Ribe (only the island, Mandø)	75
Vejle amt		*Municipality:* Juelsminde (only the island, Hjarnø, Endelave)	286
Ringkøbing amt		*Municipalities:* Thyholm Struer (only the island, Venø)	3 933
Århus amt		*Municipalities:* Samsø Grenå (only the island, Anholt) Odder (only the island, Tunø)	4 533
Viborg amt		*Municipalities:* Morsø Sundsøre Sydthy Aalestrup	49 107

NUTS III level 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	
Nordjyllands amt		*Municipalities:* Aalborg (only the island, Egholm) Arden Brovst Brønderslev Dronninglund Farsø Fjerritslev Frederikshavn Hobro Løgstør Løkken-Vrå Nørager Pandrup Sindal Sæby	182 370