Environment: official statistics (four-year programme 1993-1996)

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The Council common position incorporates the main thrust of the European Parliament's position, i.e. the need for proper coordination of the official statistics development programme with the European Environment Agency and the CORINE programme managed by the Agency. The respective roles have been described and the coordination procedures specified. In addition, the Council has introduced a number of new elements by specifying the legal basis (130S), including a programme to develop the environmental component of official statistics as a specific project under the framework programme for priority action in the field of statistics 1993-1997, clarifying the contribution which official statistics departments can make to environmental information, endeavouring to minimize the costs of replies, taking account of the need for statistics to be kept confidential, detailing the nature of the Commission's powers in implementing and adapting the programme of work, introducing a more precise procedure for coordination with the European Environment Agency and changing the advisory committee to a legislative committee (type III a).