Structural improvements in inland waterway transport (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 1101/89)

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The ESC welcomed the provision of Community funds for structural improvements in inland waterway transport. These funds would make it possible, in particular, to scrap vessels that were already on the waiting list. It felt that it was necessary, however, to change the nature and scope of the structural improvements, which so far had mainly been financed by the sector itself. It would seem to make sense, in the context of a liberalised common market, to aim for full solidarity between the funds. However, this would also touch on the question of the redistribution of public funds between Member States in connection with their inland shipping fleets. The ESC assumed that compensation between funds would be by agreement and the future of the scrapping schemes themselves would not in principle be jeopardised by any conflicts.