LIFE III, financial instrument for environment: actions after 31.12.1999 (repeal. Regulation (EEC) No 1973/92)

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Fourteen amendments were accepted by the Parliament. The Commission is prepared to accept eight amendments in their entirety and one amendment in principle. Five were not accepted, and in particular : - an increase in funding to 850 million euro cannot be accepted, since it is not compatible with the financial perspective for Heading 3 of Part B of the Community budget, to which the Life instrument belongs; - the requirement to submit proposals for a fourth phase of Life cannot be accepted as this would conflict with the Commission's right of initiative; - the amendments relating to sustainable exploitation of surface and underground water and the reduction of greenhouse-effect atmospheric pollutants cannot be accepted, partly because these topics are already covered within the field of application of Life-Environment; - the amendment concerning the transmission to other funding sources of projects for the conservation of sites that are not funded by Life-Nature or Life-Environment cannot be accepted. Each instrument has its own field of application and procedure.