Research RTD, 4th framework-programme 1994-1998: adjustment of funding following 1995 enlargement (amend. Decision 1110/94/EC)

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The adaptation adopted by the Council in November 1995 represented an average increase of 6.5%. This percentage was the result of an increase of 6.87% for research and an average increase of 4% for personnel and management expenditure. The 6.87% corresponded to the contributions of the three new Member States to the framework programmes of research and technological development in 1994 and was very similar to the Commission's proposal (7%). The committee adopted the recommendation for second reading by Mr Rolf LINKOHR (PSE, D) who called on the House to accept the Council's common position. The rapporteur stressed that the Council had adopted two of the three amendments adopted by the EP at first reading. Moreover, the increase adopted meant that the overall appropriations for research and technological development in the European Union were maintained with respect to the budget as a whole. However, Mr LINKOHR felt that the EP should not press at that stage for a 7% increase in the additional expenditure for the fourth framework programme. This should come about through the codecision procedure between the EP and the Council by 30 June 1996 at the latest. Given that the Council had declared that this adaptation of the fourth framework programme of technological research and development in no way precluded any reconsideration of the maximum overall amount, which could result in an increase, the rapporteur suggested that the EP should accept the common position without amendments.