Research RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: specific programme "quality of life and management of living resources"

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OBJECTIVE: to adopt a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'Quality of life and management of living resources' (1998 to 2002). SUBSTANCE: with a view to the implementation of the fifth framework programme of R&TD, the Commission proposes adopting a specific programme on 'quality of life and management of living resources' for the period 1998-2002. The amount deemed necessary for the implementation of the specific programme is ECU 2635 m (ECU 547 m for 1998-1999; ECU 2088 m for 2000-2002). The main outlines of the programme are as follows: a) five key actions: - health, food and environmental factors, - control of infectious diseases, - the 'cell factory', - sustainable agriculture, fisheries and forestry, including integrated development of rural areas, - the ageing population; b) research and technological development activities of a generic nature: - chronic and degenerative diseases (e.g. cancer and diabetes), cardiovascular diseases and rare diseases; - research into genomes and diseases of genetic origin; - neurosciences; - public-health and health-services research; - biomedical ethics and bioethics; - socio-economic aspects of life sciences and technologies (impact on employment); c) support for research infrastructures.