Specific research programme RTD: biotechnology (1994-1998)

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The Council decision adopted a specific programme for RTD, including demonstration, in the field of biotechnology for the period 1994-1998. - Objectives: strong science basis; highly trained workforce; efficient technology transfer from the science base to industry; rapid incorporation of innovative techniques into established practices; multidisciplinary approach to biotechnology-based processes; cross-linking of connected topics and groups of experts on an international scale; validation of scientific principles to underpin a unified market for biotechnology-derived products; harmonious application of bioprocesses as beneficial alternatives to promote the environment, human health and welfare; high degree of social acceptance for the research. - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 552 million. Indicative breakdown by area (in million ecus): - Cell factories: 121.5 - Genome analysis: 88 - Plant and animal biotechnology: 133 - Cell communication in neurosciences: 33 - Immunology and transdisease vaccinology: 39 - Structural biology: 55 - Pre-normative research, biodiversity and social acceptance: 52.5 - Infrastructures: 30 Participation in the programme was open, with financial support from the Community, to all legal entities established in the Community or in an associated country, following the conclusion of an agreement with the third country in question, and to the Joint Research Centre. The programme would be implemented through shared-cost actions, concerted actions, specific measures and accompanying measures relating to international cooperation, to the dissemination of results and to training for researchers and users.