Specific research programme RTD: biomedicine and health (1994-1998)

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The Council decision adopted a specific programme for RTD, including demonstration, in the field of biomedicine and health for the period 1994-1998. - Objectives: to help improve the efficiency of research into biomedicine and health, by ensuring better coordination of the research activities of the Member States and the application of the results through cooperation and the pooling of resources at Community level; to help target research towards projects of interest to the EC and consumers and to promote the transfer of research to clinical practice. - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 336 million. Indicative breakdown by field (in million ecus): - Pharmaceuticals research: 37 - Biomedical technology and engineering: 37 - Brain research: 40.5 - Diseases with major socio-economic impact: from basic research to clinical practice: 141 - Research on AIDS, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases: 27 - Cancer research: 33.5 - Research on cardiovascular diseases: 27 - Chronic diseases and ageing: 33.5 - Occupational and environmental health: 13.5 - "Orphan" illnesses: 6.5 - Human genome research: 40.5 - Public health research, including health services research: 33.5 - Research on biomedical ethics: 6.5 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.