Basic information

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Structural Fund: innovatory measures in the framework of the ERDF (actions art. 10 ERDF) 1995-1999 **Subject** 4.70.07 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	REGI Regional Policy	HOWITT Richard (PSE)	12/04/1995
Council of the European Union			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
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24/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Other institutions and bodies

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1995/2217(COS) - 19/01/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Richard HOWITT (PSE), the European Parliament called on the Commission to provide guidelines under Article 10 of the ERDF Regulation which were clear, concise and flexible, but which would not act as a constraint to innovation or creativity. It therefore called on the Commission to promote communication and exchanges between those involved in inter-regional cooperation, using modern technologies and information super highways. The EP suggested that the aim of promoting local and regional sustainable development, participation and partnership should underly all of the activities under Article 10. The Commission should encourage participation from smaller authorities and others without a record of participation in European programmes. Furthermore, the EP deplored that environmental sustainability had not been identified as a priority under Article 10 and suggested that this be integrated in all spatial planning projects as well as local and regional development strategies. It also requested a new area of action to encourage citizenship participation and democratic initiatives in order to combat exclusion of disadvantaged groups and to encourage local authorities to involve cooperatives and non-profit-making organizations as partners in the drawing up and execution of pilot projects, in particular those concerning potential sources of jobs.

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1995/2217(COS) - 17/07/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

In application of the Klepsch/Millan code of conduct agreed between the European Parliament and the Commission on 13 July 1993, the Commission has forwarded for information purposes the document entitled "Innovative action within the framework of the Structural Funds 1995-1999: guidelines for the second programme of actions under Article 10 of the ERDF". The Commission intends to focus on 4 priorities during this period by financing or jointly financing studies, pilot projects and cooperation networks: - inter-regional cooperation: activities will be divided between 3 programmes (PACTE, RECITE, OUVERTURE/ECOS); - spatial planning, organization, structure and development of European territory: new research will be undertaken following the publication of the "Europe 2010" document; - innovative action in regional economic development; - the development of urban policies under the URBAN initiative.

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1995/2217(COS) - 20/09/1995 - Committee of the Regions: opinion

The Committee of the Regions noted that the European Commission had already announced calls for tenders in September 1995 in respect of a number of project types under Article 10 of the ERDF, without waiting for the Committee to deliver its Opinion, and without Commission working

documents being made available in all official languages of the European Union. The Committee was disappointed to note that the estimated available resources for the period 1995-1999 were significantly below the 1% maximum allowed by the Regulations. The Commission should move towards an integrated approach to the funding available for innovative projects from the ERDF, the ESF and the EAGGF. There was great concern at the proposal by the Commission to fund, in general, fewer but larger projects under Article 10 in the second period, which was a result of the proposal to place a lower limit of ECU 1 million on many categories of projects. This lower limit was set too high and would result in the exclusion of smaller or less prosperous authorities. The Committee called on the Commission to ensure that local and regional authorities were responsible for the management and decision-making process for Article 10 projects. The Commission was also asked to take into account a number of suggestions contained in the Opinion relating to the application process, the balance of funding between types of initiatives and the dissemination of information arising from the projects, all of which were intended to ensure better use of resources for the support of projects for cooperation and development amongst regional and local authorities.