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Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
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Key events

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Technical information

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Structural policies focusing on employment: regional programmes 1977-1999, objective 2

1997/2280(COS) - 14/11/1997 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to provide an overview of the new regional programmes under Objective 2 of the Community's structural policies. SUBSTANCE: the communication provides an overview of the main elements of Community aid planned for the Objective 2 regions for the second programming period, 1997-1999. It lists the effects which the aid is expected to have on the economic development of the beneficiary regions and in particular on employment which is considered to be a paramount priority: the new programmes provide for the creation or maintenance of 800 000 jobs. The Commission document shows the breakdown of resources between the funds (ERDF, ESF) by region and by category of expenditure. It also summarises the key elements in the programming documents for each Member State, in particular the regional development strategies, the priorities and the anticipated effects. The general objective of safeguarding and developing jobs should be concentrated around four specific priorities: - competitiveness and development of SMEs; - research and development, innovation and a labour force qualified in future technology; - environment and sustainable development (increasing the attractiveness of the regions and exploiting eco-products and environmental services and technologies); - equal opportunities for women and men.

Structural policies focusing on employment: regional programmes 1977-1999, objective 2

1997/2280(COS) - 09/10/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Joan VALLVÉ (ELDR, E) on the new regional programmes for 1997-1999 under Objective 2 of the Community's structural policies. It called to be consulted when the broad outlines were being decided, and considered that job creation should be the general and principal priority and should be linked to and a result of the market, with the aim of ensuring long-term employment. Parliament deplored the fact that the quality of programmes did not always come up to expectations and that the Commission had sometimes backed programmes in respect of which it had observed that the horizontal aspects of Directives on such matters as environmental protection, sustainable development and equality of opportunity had not been sufficiently complied with. Parliament called, in particular, for an effort to be made to quantify objectives (particularly for job creation). On this subject, it stressed the need to devote more space in programme documents to establishing indicators, which alone would make it possible to provide evidence of the progress made towards sustainable and job-creating development in the regions. Parliament wished to see regional partnerships (involving regional and local partners and representatives of employers and employees) enhanced and formalised, to make them one of the pillars of planning and the management of programmes. It considered that, in the new Objective 2, priority should be clearly assigned to the industrial and services sectors and rural areas, which should receive a level of funding similar to the years 1994-1999.