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European Investment Bank (EIB) loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community guarantee to the EIB Amending Decision 97/256/EC 1996/0278(CNS) Subject 6.30.04 Loans to third-countries, Guarantee Fund Geographical area Bosnia and Herzegovina	

Key players			
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	Agriculture and Fisheries	2151	1998-12-14

Key events			
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Procedure subtype	Legislation
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European Investment Bank (EIB) loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community guarantee to the EIB

1998/0175(CNS) - 18/05/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank (EIB) to cover loans for reconstruction projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina. **SUBSTANCE:** the proposal follows the guidelines outlined in the report to the Council addressing the possibility of a special and exceptional Community action in Bosnia-Herzegovina (COM(98)95). The Commission proposes to extend to this country the Community guarantee (70%) with the EIB to cover loans for projects in Bosnia for a two year period from the date of entry into force of the provisions. The loans will be granted out of the EIB's own resources and according to the bank's lending criteria. The guarantee will amount to a total of ECU 100 m. In order to do this, the Commission requests that Council Decision 97/256/EC (CNS96278) seeking to provide a Community guarantee on EIB loans for projects outside the Community be amended. In addition to extending the bank guarantee the proposal also seeks a 2% interest rate subsidy for EIB loans. Given the low GDP of Bosnia, EIB bank loans would need to be combined with other measures such as interest rate subsidies (2%) and/or project co-financing (the Commission and the EIB would decide on one or other solution on a case-by-case basis). The procedures for the granting of interest rate subsidies for loans for outright grants would be the same as those laid down under Regulation (EC) no 1628/96 relating to financial assistance for former Yugoslavia (CNS96096) ensuring that the committee referred to in Article 12 of the Regulation is duly consulted. The projects benefiting from bank financing would include the traditional sectors for bank intervention, that is to say general infrastructure including transport energy and the environment (water, waste water and sanitation projects).

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1998/0175(CNS) - 14/12/1998 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank (EIB) to cover loans for reconstruction projects in Bosnia-Herzegovina. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision 98/729/EC amending Decision 97/256/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the EIB to cover loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina. **CONTENTS:** the decision seeks to extend the 70% Community guarantee agreed with the EIB to cover loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a two year period from 22 December 1998. This guarantee will not constitute a precedent for any future guarantees. The loans will be granted out of the EIB's own resources and according to the bank's lending criteria. The guarantee will amount to a total of ECU 100 m. It is specifically stipulated that the Community will only grant the guarantee if Bosnia meets all its overdue financial obligations to the EIB and the Community and if it agrees to guarantee those obligations not yet due. EIB lending in Bosnia will be consistent with the policy of the Community in this country. The EIB will operate within the framework of the reconstruction programme agreed at the various donors' conferences and will finance projects of mutual interest concerning infrastructure networks, particularly transport, energy and the environment (water, waste water and sanitation). Apart from the Community guarantee, the decision also provides for EIB loans to include Community interest rate subsidies (2%). Financial decisions will be taken in accordance with the procedures laid down in Regulation (EC) no. 1628/96 on aid to the former Yugoslavia. The Commission will be required to submit a report on the implementation of this decision, including an assessment of its success, to the European Parliament and the Council at the end of 1999. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 22 December 1998.

European Investment Bank (EIB) loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Community guarantee to the EIB

1998/0175(CNS) - 20/10/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Adopting without the debate the report by Mr John Tomlinson (PES, UK) on the guarantee to cover loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Parliament stresses that the Council's and Parliament's priorities with regard to Community policy towards Bosnia-Herzegovina be taken into account. These priorities are funding for projects to achieve the five main objectives of the 1998 reconstruction programme: - implementation of policy reforms, - Community support to facilitate the reintegration of refugees and displaced persons, - employment recovery and private sector development, - rehabilitation of the education and health systems, - improvement of infrastructure networks throughout the country. Parliament also calls for greater visibility of projects sponsored by the Union and for an evaluation report on implementation of projects in Bosnia including an analysis of operational strengths and weaknesses and a new strategy proposal.