

COUNCIL DECISION

of 29 November 1983

**enabling the European Regional Development Fund to exceed the 70 % limit for
infrastructure investment projects for the period 1981 to 1983**

(83/595/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 724/75
of 18 March 1975 establishing a European Regional
Development Fund⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation
(EEC) No 214/79⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 4 (1) (b)
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European
Parliament⁽³⁾,

Whereas Article 4 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No
724/75 provides that assistance from the European
Regional Development Fund for infrastructure invest-
ments should not exceed 70 % of total Fund assis-
tance over a period of three years;

Whereas the aid granted by the Fund in 1981, 1982
and up to 30 June 1983, together with applications
currently under consideration, brings the average aid
granted to Member States' infrastructure investment to
70 % of the total amount available to the Fund in the
period 1981 to 1983;

Whereas further applications for aid for infrastructure
investment will reach the Commission before the end

of 1983 and the amount for infrastructure investment
would, if the aid were granted, exceed the 70 % limit;

Whereas the Commission will be unable to grant the
requests unless the abovementioned ceiling is lifted by
the Council;

Whereas Article 4 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No
724/75 provides that commitments from the Fund in
excess of the 70 % limit may be made by a decision of
the Council acting on a proposal from the Commis-
sion,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The limit of 70 % for infrastructure projects fixed in
Article 4 (1) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 may
be exceeded for the three-year period 1981 to 1983.

Done at Brussels, 29 November 1983.

For the Council

The President

G. VARFIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 73, 21. 3. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 35, 9. 2. 1979, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ Opinion delivered on 17/18 November 1983 (not yet
published in the Official Journal).