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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 February 1990

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

(90/L 71/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/419/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science); whereas Article 5 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme plan;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Republic of Austria;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science), is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement ⁽⁶⁾.

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

A. REYNOLDS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 154, 22. 6. 1989, p. 5.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989, p. 40 and OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 298, 27. 11. 1989, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 34.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

⁽⁶⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as 'the Community',

and

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA, hereinafter referred to as 'Austria',

both hereinafter referred to as the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by its Decision of 29 June 1988, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science), hereinafter referred to as 'the stimulation plan';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 30 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Austria with the stimulation plan can help to improve the efficacy of Europe's scientific and technical potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Austria's association with the stimulation plan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Austria is hereby associated, as from 1 July 1989, with the implementation of the stimulation plan. The summary of the stimulation plan and its objectives are set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Austria, deriving from its association with the implementation of the stimulation plan shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of shared cost research contracts necessary to the implementation of the stimulation plan and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the stimulation plan.

The proportionality factor governing Austria's contribution shall be obtained by establishing the ratio between Austria's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Austria. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available OECD statistical data.

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the Stimulation Plan, the amount of Austria's contri-

bution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Austria's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Austrian research and development bodies and research scientists, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of research proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the stimulation plan shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and research scientists in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Austrian research and development bodies and research scientists, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

In the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall be assisted by the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), set up by Commission Decision 82/835/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and by consultants.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 350, 10. 12. 1982, p. 45.

From a list submitted to it by the Austrian authorities, the Commission shall appoint an Austrian delegate to Codest. He shall participate in the definition of outline plans for the stimulation of the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists and in the examination of applications submitted under the stimulation plan.

Article 5

Thirty months after the beginning of the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by any suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of the report shall be transmitted to Austria which, in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research scientists participating in Austria and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Republic of Austria.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall be concluded for the duration of the stimulation plan.

Should the Community revise the stimulation plan, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Austria shall be notified of the exact content of the revised plan within one week of its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if a termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new R&D programme in the field of the stimulation plan, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 10

Annexes A, B and C attached to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE STIMULATION PLAN (1988 TO 1992)

1. The stimulation plan consists of a range of activities selected on the basis of their scientific and technical quality, which have as their aim the establishment of a network of scientific and technical cooperation and interchange at European level which will gradually be extended. The overall objective is to improve the efficacy of scientific and technological research in all the Member States and to contribute thereby to the reduction of scientific and technical disparities between the different Member States of the European Community. It covers all fields of science and technology (the exact and natural sciences).

Whilst the stimulation plan therefore aims to improve the overall scientific and technical quality of research and development in all Member States of the Community, its specific objectives are to:

- promote training through research and, by means of cooperation, the better use of high-level researchers in the Community,
 - improve the mobility of research scientists of the Member States of the Community,
 - develop and support intra-European scientific and technical cooperation on high quality projects,
 - promote the setting-up of intra-European cooperation and interchange networks with a view to reinforcing the overall scientific and technical competitiveness of the Community and thereby strengthening its economic and social cohesion.
2. The objectives set out above will be achieved by means of support measures for research scientists, teams of research and development organizations to ensure the harmonious scientific and technical development of the Community. These will take the following forms:

- *Research bursaries*

Financial support granted to scientists to enable them to acquire additional training by participating in a research project in a laboratory in a Community country other than their own for a period of at least one year and at most two years.

- *Research grants*

These cover the cost to the laboratories concerned of the transfer or secondment of a research scientist from one Community country to another, either to allow a scientist to be taken on in a team in a country other than his own or to enable a science graduate to specialize before joining a university or industrial research laboratory.

Depending on the type of scientist and the purpose of the research allocation, it may take different forms:

- funding to enable a research scientist to make short stays (from 15 days to two months) in a foreign country within the Community to carry out specific experiments in a particular scientific or technical facility not available in his own country;
- funding to cover the costs associated with mobility (travel, subsistence, insurance, removal, etc.), the research work and possibly the salary of a scientist seconded to or incorporated in a research team in a country (in the Community) other than his own, for a period of at least six months and at most three years;
- funding to cover the costs associated with the mobility and research work of a scientist taken on in industry, who goes to follow a lengthy training course (from one to three years) in a public sector laboratory in a foreign country (within the Community);
- subsidies for high-level training courses: financial support granted to a body offering a specialized high-level course held within a Member State so that it can accept scientists from different Community Member States to give them additional training or enable them to retrain for other functions.

— *Twinning of laboratories in different countries*

This enables researchers who are working in isolation in an advanced field in several Community countries to bring their efforts together, without coming into one laboratory, and thus encouraging the formation of a research team exceeding the necessary 'critical size'. Funding is granted to allow the researchers to meet, to carry out joint experiments, to exchange results, to add to their equipment or to strengthen their teams by temporarily taking on other scientists, preferably from a different country.

— *Development of multidisciplinary, multinational operations*

This would, by virtue of the financial resources made available, enable the associated research teams to have enough resources (including equipment) and be able to bring together the best expertise available in different countries and disciplines, in order to achieve a pre-determined objective or to undertake jointly a pre-determined scientific task in the framework of a scientific and technical cooperation 'network'.

In addition, the plan will be complemented by sectoral incentive measures: research bursaries, research grants and subsidies financed in the framework of each of the Community research and development programmes following the agreement of the appropriate Management and Coordination Committee (CGC).

3. Measures to stimulate interchange and cooperation apply to all fields relevant to the exact and natural sciences, such as:

- mathematics,
- physics,
- chemistry,
- life sciences,
- earth sciences and ocean sciences,
- scientific instrumentation,
- engineering sciences.

4. In the fields in which support will be granted, multinational projects to benefit from the Community support measures will be chosen essentially on the basis of their quality, the extent to which they are multidisciplinary in content, their innovative aspects and their value in terms of breaking down barriers between different forms of research and development in all parts of the Community. Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Community.

5. The choice of stimulation incentive measures and the teams concerned will be made by the Commission which, with the help of the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), will make use of a peer review system. The Commission will see to it that there is consistency between the stimulation activity and programmed Community R&D activities.

6. The Commission will at the same time undertake a series of consultations, surveys and seminars with the cooperation of Community scientific and technical circles in order to analyse and evaluate scientific and technical needs and opportunities, with the aim of providing more detail to the content of the stimulation plan.

The Commission will cooperate closely with the national authorities to ensure consistency between these activities and national policies on research stimulation.

7. In order to evaluate the scientific and/or technical quality of requests for support, as well as to analyse scientific and technical opportunities and needs or to assess projects which have been financed or the activity itself, the Commission may call upon expertise from outside its own staff.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan amount to ECU 167 000 000.

Article 2

Austria's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan is estimated to be ECU 3 271 800.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Austria's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan (commitment appropriations) and of Austria's contribution

(Ecu)

Year	Commitments for			Austria's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	220 000	28 780 000	29 000 000	—	—	—
1989	1 930 000	28 070 000	30 000 000	25 669 (*)	373 331 (*)	399 000 (*)
1990	2 120 000	32 880 000	35 000 000	56 392	874 608	931 000
1991	2 250 000	32 750 000	35 000 000	59 850	871 150	931 000
1992	2 380 000	35 620 000	38 000 000	63 308	947 492	1 010 800
Grand total	8 900 000	158 100 000	167 000 000	205 219	3 066 581	3 271 800

(*) Contribution for the period 1 July to 31 December 1989.

*ANNEX C***FINANCING RULES***Article 1*

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Austria referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the stimulation plan is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Austria a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Austrian currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 ⁽¹⁾. The value in Austrian currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Austria shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Austria at a rate equal to the highest discount rate in force in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Austria shall be credited to the stimulation plan as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

The travel and subsistence costs of the Austrian delegate to Codest deriving from his participation in the meetings of this committee, shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the delegates of the Member States of the Community.

Article 6

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations for the stimulation plan shall be prepared and transmitted to Austria for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 February 1990

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

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Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

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The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement ⁽⁶⁾.

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

A. REYNOLDS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 197, 2. 8. 1989, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989, p. 42 and OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 298, 27. 11. 1989, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 34.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

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WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Finland with the stimulation plan can help to improve the efficacy of Europe's scientific and technical potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Finland's association with the stimulation plan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Finland is hereby associated, as from 1 July 1989, with the implementation of the stimulation plan. The summary of the stimulation plan and its objectives are set out in Annex A.

Contribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Finland's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan are set out in Annex C.

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ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan amount to ECU 167 000 000.

Article 2

Finland's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan is estimated to be ECU 2 460 000.

Article 3

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(Ecu)

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1989	1 930 000	28 070 000	30 000 000	19 300 ⁽¹⁾	280 700 ⁽¹⁾	300 000 ⁽¹⁾
1990	2 120 000	32 880 000	35 000 000	42 400	657 600	700 000
1991	2 250 000	32 750 000	35 000 000	45 000	655 000	700 000
1992	2 380 000	35 620 000	38 000 000	47 600	712 400	760 000
Grand total	8 900 000	158 100 000	167 000 000	154 300	2 305 700	2 460 000

⁽¹⁾ Contribution for the period 1 July to 31 December 1989.

*ANNEX C***FINANCING RULES***Article 1*

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Finland referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the stimulation plan is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Finland a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Finnish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 ⁽¹⁾. The value in Finnish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Finland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Finland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate in force in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Finland shall be credited to the stimulation plan as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

The travel and subsistence costs of the Finnish delegate to Codest deriving from his participation in the meetings of this committee, shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the delegates of the Member States of the Community.

Article 6

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations for the stimulation plan shall be prepared and transmitted to Finland for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 February 1990

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

(90/73/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/419/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science); whereas Article 5 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme plan;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Kingdom of Norway;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science), is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement ⁽⁶⁾.

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

A. REYNOLDS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 154, 22. 6. 1989, p. 12.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989, p. 41 and OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 298, 27. 11. 1989, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 34.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

⁽⁶⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as 'the Community',

and

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY, hereinafter referred to as 'Norway',

both hereinafter referred to as the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by its Decision of 29 June 1988, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science), hereinafter referred to as 'the stimulation plan';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Norway with the stimulation plan can help to improve the efficacy of Europe's scientific and technical potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Norway's association with the stimulation plan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Norway is hereby associated, as from 1 July 1989, with the implementation of the stimulation plan. The summary of the stimulation plan and its objectives are set out in Annex A.

tribution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Norway's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan are set out in Annex C.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Norway, deriving from its association with the implementation of the stimulation plan shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of shared cost research contracts necessary to the implementation of the stimulation plan and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the stimulation plan.

The proportionality factor governing Norway's contribution shall be obtained by establishing the ratio between Norway's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Norway. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available OECD statistical data.

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan, the amount of Norway's contri-

Article 3

For Norwegian research and development bodies and research scientists, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of research proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the stimulation plan shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and research scientists in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Norwegian research and development bodies and research scientists, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

In the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall be assisted by the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), set up by Commission Decision 82/835/EEC (⁽¹⁾), and by consultants.

(⁽¹⁾) OJ No L 350, 10. 12. 1982, p. 45.

From a list submitted to it by the Norwegian authorities, the Commission shall appoint a Norwegian delegate to Codest. He shall participate in the definition of outline plans for the stimulation of the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists and in the examination of applications submitted under the stimulation plan.

Article 5

Thirty months after the beginning of the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by any suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of the report shall be transmitted to Norway which, in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research scientists participating in Norway and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Royal Norwegian Ministry for Cultural and Scientific Affairs shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Kingdom of Norway.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall be concluded for the duration of the stimulation plan.

Should the Community revise the stimulation plan, the Agreement may be denounced under mutually agreed conditions. Norway shall be notified of the exact content of the revised plan within one week of its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if a termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new R&D programme in the field of the stimulation plan, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 10

Annexes A, B and C attached to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Norwegian languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE STIMULATION PLAN (1988 TO 1992)

1. The stimulation plan consists of a range of activities selected on the basis of their scientific and technical quality, which have as their aim the establishment of a network of scientific and technical cooperation and interchange at European level which will gradually be extended. The overall objective is to improve the efficacy of scientific and technological research in all the Member States and to contribute thereby to the reduction of scientific and technical disparities between the different Member States of the European Community. It covers all fields of science and technology (the exact and natural sciences).

Whilst the stimulation plan therefore aims to improve the overall scientific and technical quality of research and development in all Member States of the Community, its specific objectives are to:

- promote training through research and, by means of cooperation, the better use of high-level researchers in the Community,
 - improve the mobility of research scientists of the Member States of the Community,
 - develop and support intra-European scientific and technical cooperation on high quality projects,
 - promote the setting-up of intra-European cooperation and interchange networks with a view to reinforcing the overall scientific and technical competitiveness of the Community and thereby strengthening its economic and social cohesion.
2. The objectives set out above will be achieved by means of support measures for research scientists, teams of research and development organizations to ensure the harmonious scientific and technical development of the Community. These will take the following forms:

— *Research bursaries*

Financial support granted to scientists to enable them to acquire additional training by participating in a research project in a laboratory in a Community country other than their own for a period of at least one year and at most two years.

— *Research grants*

These cover the cost to the laboratories concerned of the transfer or secondment of a research scientist from one Community country to another, either to allow a scientist to be taken on in a team in a country other than his own or to enable a science graduate to specialize before joining a university or industrial research laboratory.

Depending on the type of scientist and the purpose of the research allocation, it may take different forms:

- funding to enable a research scientist to make short stays (from 15 days to two months) in a foreign country within the Community to carry out specific experiments in a particular scientific or technical facility not available in his own country;
- funding to cover the costs associated with mobility (travel, subsistence, insurance, removal, etc.), the research work and possibly the salary of a scientist seconded to or incorporated in a research team in a country (in the Community) other than his own, for a period of at least six months and at most three years;
- funding to cover the costs associated with the mobility and research work of a scientist taken on in industry, who goes to follow a lengthy training course (from one to three years) in a public sector laboratory in a foreign country (within the Community);
- subsidies for high-level training courses: financial support granted to a body offering a specialized high-level course held within a Member State so that it can accept scientists from different Community Member States to give them additional training or enable them to retrain for other functions.

— *Twinning of laboratories in different countries*

This enables researchers who are working in isolation in an advanced field in several Community countries to bring their efforts together, without coming into one laboratory, and thus encouraging the formation of a research team exceeding the necessary 'critical size'. Funding is granted to allow the researchers to meet, to carry out joint experiments, to exchange results, to add to their equipment or to strengthen their teams by temporarily taking on other scientists, preferably from a different country.

— *Development of multidisciplinary, multinational operations*

This would, by virtue of the financial resources made available, enable the associated research teams to have enough resources (including equipment) and be able to bring together the best expertise available in different countries and disciplines, in order to achieve a pre-determined objective or to undertake jointly a pre-determined scientific task in the framework of a scientific and technical cooperation 'network'.

In addition, the plan will be complemented by sectoral incentive measures: research bursaries, research grants and subsidies financed in the framework of each of the Community research and development programmes following the agreement of the appropriate Management and Coordination Committee (CGC).

3. Measures to stimulate interchange and cooperation apply to all fields relevant to the exact and natural sciences, such as:

- mathematics,
- physics,
- chemistry,
- life sciences,
- earth sciences and ocean sciences,
- scientific instrumentation,
- engineering sciences.

4. In the fields in which support will be granted, multinational projects to benefit from the Community support measures will be chosen essentially on the basis of their quality, the extent to which they are multidisciplinary in content, their innovative aspects and their value in terms of breaking down barriers between different forms of research and development in all parts of the Community. Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Community.

5. The choice of stimulation incentive measures and the teams concerned will be made by the Commission which, with the help of the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), will make use of a peer review system. The Commission will see to it that there is consistency between the stimulation activity and programmed Community R&D activities.

6. The Commission will at the same time undertake a series of consultations, surveys and seminars with the cooperation of Community scientific and technical circles in order to analyse and evaluate scientific and technical needs and opportunities, with the aim of providing more detail to the content of the stimulation plan.

The Commission will cooperate closely with the national authorities to ensure consistency between these activities and national policies on research stimulation.

7. In order to evaluate the scientific and/or technical quality of requests for support, as well as to analyse scientific and technical opportunities and needs or to assess projects which have been financed or the activity itself, the Commission may call upon expertise from outside its own staff.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan amount to ECU 167 000 000.

Article 2

Norway's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan is estimated to be ECU 2 394 810.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Norway's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan (commitment appropriations) and of Norway's contribution

(Ecu)

Year	Commitments for			Norway's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	220 000	28 780 000	29 000 000	—	—	—
1989	1 930 000	28 070 000	30 000 000	18 778 ⁽¹⁾	273 262 ⁽¹⁾	292 050 ⁽¹⁾
1990	2 120 000	32 880 000	35 000 000	41 276	640 174	681 450
1991	2 250 000	32 750 000	35 000 000	43 808	637 642	681 450
1992	2 380 000	35 620 000	38 000 000	46 339	693 521	739 860
Grand total	8 900 000	158 100 000	167 000 000	150 212	2 244 598	2 394 810

⁽¹⁾ Contribution for the period 1 July to 31 December 1989.

*ANNEX C***FINANCING RULES***Article 1*

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Norway referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the stimulation plan is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Norway a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Austrian currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 ⁽¹⁾. The value in Norwegian currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Norway shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Norway at a rate equal to the highest discount rate in force in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Norway shall be credited to the stimulation plan as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

The travel and subsistence costs of the Norwegian delegate to Codest deriving from his participation in the meetings of this committee, shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the delegates of the Member States of the Community.

Article 6

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations for the stimulation plan shall be prepared and transmitted to Norway for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 February 1990

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

(90/74/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission ⁽¹⁾,

In cooperation with the European Parliament ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee ⁽³⁾,

Whereas by Decision 88/419/EEC ⁽⁴⁾, the Council adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science); whereas Article 5 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme plan;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC ⁽⁵⁾, the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Kingdom of Sweden;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science), is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement ⁽⁶⁾.

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

A. REYNOLDS

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 197, 2. 8. 1989, p. 14.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989, p. 41 and OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 298, 27. 11. 1989, p. 30.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 34.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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and

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WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 27 August 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Sweden with the stimulation plan can help to improve the efficacy of Europe's scientific and technical potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Sweden's association with the stimulation plan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

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FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

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1991	2 250 000	32 750 000	35 000 000	82 575	1 201 925	1 284 500
1992	2 380 000	35 620 000	38 000 000	87 346	1 307 254	1 394 600
Grand total	8 900 000	158 100 000	167 000 000	283 140	4 230 960	4 514 100

⁽¹⁾ Contribution for the period 1 July to 31 December 1989.

*ANNEX C***FINANCING RULES***Article 1*

These provisions lay down the financing rules for Sweden referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement.

Article 2

At the beginning of each year, or whenever the stimulation plan is revised so as to involve an increase in the amount estimated as necessary for its implementation, the Commission shall send to Sweden a call for funds corresponding to its contribution to the costs under the Agreement.

This contribution shall be expressed both in ecus and in the Swedish currency, the composition of the ecu being defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No 3180/78 ⁽¹⁾. The value in Swedish currency of the contribution in ecus shall be determined on the date of the call for funds.

Sweden shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Sweden at a rate equal to the highest discount rate in force in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

The increased rate shall be applied to the entire period of delay. However, this interest shall be payable only if the contribution is paid more than three months after a call for funds has been made by the Commission.

Article 3

The funds paid by Sweden shall be credited to the stimulation plan as budget receipts allocated to its appropriate heading in the statement of revenue of the general budget of the European Communities.

Article 4

The Financial Regulation in force applicable to the general budget of the European Communities shall apply to the management of the appropriations.

Article 5

The travel and subsistence costs of the Swedish delegate to Codest deriving from his participation in the meetings of this committee, shall be reimbursed by the Commission in accordance with the procedures currently in force for the delegates of the Member States of the Community.

Article 6

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations for the stimulation plan shall be prepared and transmitted to Sweden for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.

COUNCIL DECISION

of 12 February 1990

concerning the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

(90/75/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 130 q (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission (*),

In cooperation with the European Parliament (*),

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee (*),

Whereas by Decision 88/419/EEC (*), the Council adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science); whereas Article 5 of that Decision authorizes the Commission to negotiate agreements with third countries and in particular with those European countries having concluded framework agreements for scientific and technical cooperation with the Community with a view to associating them wholly or partly with the programme plan;

Whereas by Decision 87/177/EEC (*), the Council approved the conclusion on behalf of the European Economic Community of the Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation between the European Communities and, among others, the Swiss Confederation;

Whereas the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science) should be approved,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science), is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notification provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement (*).

Done at Brussels, 12 February 1990.

For the Council

The President

A. REYNOLDS

(*) OJ No C 197, 2. 8. 1989, p. 21.

(*) OJ No C 291, 20. 11. 1989, p. 42 and OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1990.

(*) OJ No C 298, 27. 11. 1989, p. 30.

(*) OJ No L 206, 30. 7. 1988, p. 34.

(*) OJ No L 71, 14. 3. 1987, p. 29.

(*) The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (Science)

THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as 'the Community',

and

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, hereinafter referred to as 'Switzerland',

both hereinafter referred to as the 'Contracting Parties',

WHEREAS, by its Decision of 29 June 1988, the Council of the European Communities, hereinafter called 'the Council', adopted a programme plan to stimulate the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists (1988 to 1992) (Science), hereinafter referred to as 'the stimulation plan';

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties concluded a Framework Agreement for scientific and technical cooperation which entered into force on 17 July 1987;

WHEREAS the association of Switzerland with the stimulation plan can help to improve the efficacy of Europe's scientific and technical potential;

WHEREAS the Contracting Parties expect to obtain mutual benefit from Switzerland's association with the stimulation plan;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Switzerland is hereby associated, as from 1 July 1989, with the implementation of the stimulation plan. The summary of the stimulation plan and its objectives are set out in Annex A.

Article 2

The financial contribution of Switzerland, deriving from its association with the implementation of the stimulation plan shall be established in proportion to the amount available each year in the general budget of the European Communities for appropriations covering commitments to meet financial obligations of the Commission of the European Communities, hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', resulting from work to be carried out in the framework of shared cost research contracts necessary to the implementation of the stimulation plan and from management and administrative operating expenditure for the stimulation plan.

The proportionality factor governing Switzerland's contribution shall be obtained by establishing the ratio between Switzerland's gross domestic product (GDP), at market prices, and the sum of gross domestic products, at market prices, of the Member States of the Community and of Switzerland. This ratio shall be calculated on the basis of the latest available OECD statistical data.

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan, the amount of Switzerland's contri-

bution and the timetable of the commitment estimates are set out in Annex B.

The rules governing Switzerland's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan are set out in Annex C.

Article 3

For Swiss research and development bodies and research scientists, the terms and conditions for the submission and evaluation of research proposals and the terms and conditions for the granting and conclusion of contracts under the stimulation plan shall be the same as those applicable to research and development bodies and research scientists in the Community.

The contracts, drawn up by the Commission, shall define the rights and obligations of Swiss research and development bodies and research scientists, and in particular the methods of disseminating, protecting and exploiting the research results.

Article 4

In the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall be assisted by the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), set up by Commission Decision 82/835/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and by consultants.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 350, 10. 12. 1982, p. 45.

From a list submitted to it by the Swiss authorities, the Commission shall appoint a Swiss delegate to Codest. He shall participate in the definition of outline plans for the stimulation of the international cooperation and interchange needed by European research scientists and in the examination of applications submitted under the stimulation plan.

Article 5

Thirty months after the beginning of the implementation of the stimulation plan, the Commission shall address a report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the basis of an evaluation of the results so far achieved. This report shall be accompanied by any suggestions for changes which may be necessary in the light of these results. A copy of the report shall be transmitted to Switzerland which, in addition shall be informed of any possible suggestions for changes.

Article 6

Each Contracting Party undertakes, in accordance with its respective rules and regulations, to facilitate the movement and residence of research scientists participating in Switzerland and in the Community in the activities covered by this Agreement.

Article 7

The Commission and the Swiss Federal Council shall ensure the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 8

This Agreement shall apply, on the one hand, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty and, on the other hand, to the territory of the Swiss Confederation.

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall be concluded for the duration of the stimulation plan.

Should the Community revise the stimulation plan, the Agreement may be denounced. Switzerland shall be notified of the exact content of the revised plan within one week of its adoption by the Community. The Contracting Parties shall notify each other within three months after the Community decision has been adopted if a termination of the Agreement is envisaged.

2. Where the Community adopts a new R&D programme in the field of the stimulation plan, this Agreement may be renegotiated or renewed under mutually agreed conditions.

3. Subject to paragraph 1, either Contracting Party may at any time terminate the Agreement with six months' notice. The projects and work in progress at the time of termination and/or expiry of this Agreement shall be continued until they are completed under the conditions laid down in this Agreement.

Article 10

Annexes A, B and C attached to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 11

This Agreement shall be approved by the Contracting Parties in accordance with their existing procedures.

It shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 12

This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish languages, each of these texts being equally authentic.

ANNEX A

OBJECTIVES AND SUMMARY OF THE STIMULATION PLAN (1988 TO 1992)

1. The stimulation plan consists of a range of activities selected on the basis of their scientific and technical quality, which have as their aim the establishment of a network of scientific and technical cooperation and interchange at European level which will gradually be extended. The overall objective is to improve the efficacy of scientific and technological research in all the Member States and to contribute thereby to the reduction of scientific and technical disparities between the different Member States of the European Community. It covers all fields of science and technology (the exact and natural sciences).

Whilst the stimulation plan therefore aims to improve the overall scientific and technical quality of research and development in all Member States of the Community, its specific objectives are to:

- promote training through research and, by means of cooperation, the better use of high-level researchers in the Community,
- improve the mobility of research scientists of the Member States of the Community,
- develop and support intra-European scientific and technical cooperation on high quality projects,
- promote the setting-up of intra-European cooperation and interchange networks with a view to reinforcing the overall scientific and technical competitiveness of the Community and thereby strengthening its economic and social cohesion.

2. The objectives set out above will be achieved by means of support measures for research scientists, teams of research and development organizations to ensure the harmonious scientific and technical development of the Community. These will take the following forms:

- *Research bursaries*

Financial support granted to scientists to enable them to acquire additional training by participating in a research project in a laboratory in a Community country other than their own for a period of at least one year and at most two years.

- *Research grants*

These cover the cost to the laboratories concerned of the transfer or secondment of a research scientist from one Community country to another, either to allow a scientist to be taken on in a team in a country other than his own or to enable a science graduate to specialize before joining a university or industrial research laboratory.

Depending on the type of scientist and the purpose of the research allocation, it may take different forms:

- funding to enable a research scientist to make short stays (from 15 days to two months) in a foreign country within the Community to carry out specific experiments in a particular scientific or technical facility not available in his own country;
- funding to cover the costs associated with mobility (travel, subsistence, insurance, removal, etc.), the research work and possibly the salary of a scientist seconded to or incorporated in a research team in a country (in the Community) other than his own, for a period of at least six months and at most three years;
- funding to cover the costs associated with the mobility and research work of a scientist taken on in industry, who goes to follow a lengthy training course (from one to three years) in a public sector laboratory in a foreign country (within the Community);
- subsidies for high-level training courses: financial support granted to a body offering a specialized high-level course held within a Member State so that it can accept scientists from different Community Member States to give them additional training or enable them to retrain for other functions.

— *Twinning of laboratories in different countries*

This enables researchers who are working in isolation in an advanced field in several Community countries to bring their efforts together, without coming into one laboratory, and thus encouraging the formation of a research team exceeding the necessary 'critical size'. Funding is granted to allow the researchers to meet, to carry out joint experiments, to exchange results, to add to their equipment or to strengthen their teams by temporarily taking on other scientists, preferably from a different country.

— *Development of multidisciplinary, multinational operations*

This would, by virtue of the financial resources made available, enable the associated research teams to have enough resources (including equipment) and be able to bring together the best expertise available in different countries and disciplines, in order to achieve a pre-determined objective or to undertake jointly a pre-determined scientific task in the framework of a scientific and technical cooperation 'network'.

In addition, the plan will be complemented by sectoral incentive measures: research bursaries, research grants and subsidies financed in the framework of each of the Community research and development programmes following the agreement of the appropriate Management and Coordination Committee (CGC).

3. Measures to stimulate interchange and cooperation apply to all fields relevant to the exact and natural sciences, such as:

- mathematics,
- physics,
- chemistry,
- life sciences,
- earth sciences and ocean sciences,
- scientific instrumentation,
- engineering sciences.

4. In the fields in which support will be granted, multinational projects to benefit from the Community support measures will be chosen essentially on the basis of their quality, the extent to which they are multidisciplinary in content, their innovative aspects and their value in terms of breaking down barriers between different forms of research and development in all parts of the Community. Where scientific and technical quality is comparable, particular attention will be given to projects likely to reduce scientific and technical development disparities between Member States and thereby to contribute to economic and social cohesion within the European Community.

5. The choice of stimulation incentive measures and the teams concerned will be made by the Commission which, with the help of the Committee for the European Development of Science and Technology (Codest), will make use of a peer review system. The Commission will see to it that there is consistency between the stimulation activity and programmed Community R&D activities.

6. The Commission will at the same time undertake a series of consultations, surveys and seminars with the cooperation of Community scientific and technical circles in order to analyse and evaluate scientific and technical needs and opportunities, with the aim of providing more detail to the content of the stimulation plan.

The Commission will cooperate closely with the national authorities to ensure consistency between these activities and national policies on research stimulation.

7. In order to evaluate the scientific and/or technical quality of requests for support, as well as to analyse scientific and technical opportunities and needs or to assess projects which have been financed or the activity itself, the Commission may call upon expertise from outside its own staff.

ANNEX B

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The funds estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan amount to ECU 167 000 000.

Article 2

Switzerland's financial contribution to the execution of the stimulation plan is estimated to be ECU 4 600 200.

Article 3

The timetable of the commitment estimates and of Switzerland's financial contribution is given in the following table.

Timetable of the commitments estimated as necessary for the execution of the stimulation plan (commitment appropriations) and of Switzerland's contribution

(Ecu)

Year	Commitments for			Switzerland's contribution		
	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total	Management and administrative operation	Contracts	Total
1988	220 000	28 780 000	29 000 000	—	—	—
1989	1 930 000	28 070 000	30 000 000	36 091 ⁽¹⁾	524 909 ⁽¹⁾	561 000 ⁽¹⁾
1990	2 120 000	32 880 000	35 000 000	79 288	1 229 712	1 309 000
1991	2 250 000	32 750 000	35 000 000	84 150	1 224 850	1 309 000
1992	2 380 000	35 620 000	38 000 000	89 012	1 332 188	1 421 200
Grand total	8 900 000	158 100 000	167 000 000	288 541	4 311 659	4 600 200

⁽¹⁾ Contribution for the period 1 July to 31 December 1989.

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Switzerland shall pay its contribution to the annual costs under the Agreement at the beginning of each year and at the latest three months after the call for funds is sent. Any delay in the payment of the contribution shall give rise to the payment of interest by Switzerland at a rate equal to the highest discount rate in force in the Member States of the Community on the due date. The rate shall be increased by 0,25 of a percentage point for each month of delay.

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Article 6

At the end of each year, a statement of appropriations for the stimulation plan shall be prepared and transmitted to Switzerland for information.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 379, 30. 12. 1978, p. 1.