

Joint Statement by the Council, Commission and Parliament (19 June 1984)

Caption: Joint Statement by the Council, Commission and Parliament of 19 June 1984 issued following the conciliation procedure on the reform of the ERDF, annex to the Resolution on the results of the conciliation with the Council on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 724/75 establishing a European Regional Development Fund.

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The Council, Commission and Parliament, noting the greater emphasis given to the Community nature of the new rules governing the Regional Fund, consider that the evaluation and application of the principles contained in this new Regulation should be the subject of an exchange of views at least once a year.

The Council, Commission and Parliament consider that the priority objective of interventions by the Fund should be to eliminate regional imbalances. They will take the greatest possible account of the regional implications of the other common policies when such policies are under discussion.

The employment situation, and particularly that of women and young people, is a prime factor determining intervention by the Fund as it is for other Community instruments.

The three institutions recognize the importance of a more effective relationship between the Commission of the European Communities and the regional or, where appropriate, local authorities, with due regard for the internal jurisdiction of the Member States and the provisions of Community law. This will enable the interests of the regions to be taken more fully into account when regional development programmes and intervention programmes are being drawn up.

As a rule, ERDF aid constitutes an additional global source of financing to promote the development of the beneficiary regions or areas.

The Parliament, Council and Commission agree that, at all events, the points on which Parliament has tabled amendments that the Council has been unable to adopt will be studied in depth in the future and in any case on the occasion of the subsequent review of the rules governing the Fund.