

MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION
ON THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR GRANTS IN THE
FIELDS OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORT IN 2004

- (1) The decision on the work programme for grants in the fields of energy and transport in 2004 has been prepared in accordance with Article 110 of the Financial Regulation and Articles 166 to 168 of the rules implementing the latter.
- (2) In the case of grants without basic act, a distinction is made between actions to be supported in the framework of a call for proposals and actions where the beneficiaries meet the conditions laid down in Article 168 of the rules implementing the Financial Regulation.
- (3) Grants with a basic act (specific programmes) are also included in the work programme. Inasmuch as the basic acts specify the manner in which actions are to be carried out, including in most cases the adoption of a specific work programme following procedures implying comitology and the right of scrutiny of the European Parliament, the work programme submitted for interservice consultation merely states general objectives, together with the budgets available for 2004 and the implementation schedule.
- (4) The envisaged projects to use the balance of the budget appropriations in 2004 correspond either to markets taken in accompaniment of the specific programmes, or to markets connected with the management of the ‘acquis communautaire’ and its extension.
- (5) In conformity with Articles 49(2) and 75(2) of the Financial Regulation, the work programme for general grants awarded in the framework of a call for proposals also contains the information required for adopting a financing decision.
- (6) In addition, the decision on the work programme for grants in 2004 includes the financing decision relating to financial transfers to the European Aviation Safety Agency and the European Maritime Safety Agency.
- (7) The Commission must now adopt a decision on the work programme for grants in the field of energy and transport in 2004 and the 2004 financing decision for the European Aviation Safety Agency and the European Maritime Safety Agency. On this basis, the Commission is requested to adopt the enclosed decision.