COMMISSION DECISION

C(2009) 5215 of 01/07/2009

approving the second part of the 2009 Annual Action Programme in favour of the Mediterranean region to be financed under Article 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument\(^1\), and in particular Article 12 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The Commission has adopted, in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy\(^2\), the Regional Strategy Paper (2007-2013) and the Regional Indicative Programme (2007-2013) for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership\(^3\), which prioritises regional cooperation on the environment, including the depollution of the Mediterranean, energy, transport, strengthening of the dialogue between government and non-government stakeholders, and the creation of a common area to promote intercultural exchange and increased awareness of the partnership via the media.

(2) The second part of the 2009 action programme is designed to take account of these priorities by supporting the following measures: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation; Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean; Mediterranean Motorways of the Seas II; Euro-Mediterranean Gas Market Integration project – second phase; MEDSTAT III; Euromed Audiovisual III; Euromed Youth IV and Global Allocation.


\(^2\) This action programme concerns the following Mediterranean partners: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, the Palestinian Territories and Tunisia.
\(^3\) C(2007)672.
HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

The second part of the 2009 action programme for the Mediterranean region, consisting of the following measures: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation; Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean; Mediterranean Motorways of the Seas II; Euro-Mediterranean Gas Market Integration project – second phase; MEDSTAT III; Euromed Audiovisual III; Euromed Youth IV and Global Allocation, the text of which is annexed hereto, is hereby approved.

**Article 2**

The Community's maximum contribution is set at EUR 62 million, to be financed from line 19 08 01 01 of the general budget of the European Communities for 2009.

**Article 3**

Within the maximum indicative budget allocated to all the specific actions, cumulative changes not exceeding 20% of the maximum Community contribution shall not be considered to be substantial provided that they do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the 2009 action programme.

The authorising officer may adopt such changes in accordance with the principles of sound financial management.

Done at Brussels, […]

For the Commission

Benita Ferrero-Waldner

Member of the Commission
ANNEXES
2009 Annual Action Programme for the Mediterranean Region

Annex 1: Euro-Mediterranean research and dialogue on economic cooperation
Annex 2: Sustainable water management and depollution of the Mediterranean
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Annex 7: Euromed Youth IV Programme
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