

COMMISSION DECISION**of 22 December 1999****listing the areas of Belgium eligible under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006***(notified under document number C(1999) 4944)***(Only the French and Dutch texts are authentic)**

(2000/119/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 of 21 June 1999 laying down general provisions on the Structural Funds⁽¹⁾, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 4(4) thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee on the Development and Conversion of Regions, the Committee on Agricultural Structures and Rural Development and the Management Committee for Fisheries and Aquaculture,

Whereas:

- (1) point 2 of the first subparagraph of Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that Objective 2 of the Structural Funds is to support the economic and social conversion of areas facing structural difficulties;
- (2) the first subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that the Commission and the Member States shall seek to ensure that assistance is genuinely concentrated on the areas most seriously affected and at the most appropriate geographical level;
- (3) Commission Decision 1999/503/EC⁽²⁾ lays down, in accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999, a population ceiling for each Member State under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006. The ceiling for Belgium is 1 269 000 inhabitants;
- (4) Article 4(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 states that the Commission, on the basis of proposals from the Member States and in close concertation with each Member State concerned, is to draw up a list of the areas

eligible under Objective 2 with due regard to national priorities, without prejudice to the transitional support provided for in Article 6(2) of that Regulation;

- (5) Article 4(11) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that each list of areas eligible under Objective 2 is to be valid for seven years from 1 January 2000; however, where there is a serious crisis in a given region, the Commission, acting on a proposal from a Member State, may amend the list of areas during 2003 in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 10 of Article 4, without increasing the proportion of the population within each region referred to in Article 13(2) of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The areas in Belgium eligible under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006 are listed in the Annex hereto.

This list may be amended in the course of 2003.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1999.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.⁽²⁾ OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 58.

ANNEX

LIST OF AREAS ELIGIBLE UNDER OBJECTIVE 2 OF THE STRUCTURAL FUNDS IN BELGIUM

(2000 to 2006)

NUTS III level region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the NUTS III level region (number of inhabitants)
	All of the NUTS III level region except	Only the following areas are eligible within the NUTS III level region	

Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(6) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999

Dinant		whole region	97 600
Philippeville		whole region	60 600

Areas satisfying the provisions of Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999

Région Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Anderlecht (only statistical sectors: A07-Birmingham B10-Rosée-Est/Dauw-Oost B11-Rosée-Ouest/Dauw-West B17-Abattoir/Slachthuis B20-Conseil-Nord/Raad-Noord B22-Brogniez-Sud/Brogniez-Zuid B23-Conseil-Sud/Raad-Zuid B241 Révision-Sud/Herziening-Zuid B25-Révision-Nord/Herziening-Noord B31-Albert I-Immeubles/Albert I-flatgebouwen B321 Albert I-Quartier/Albert I-buurt B332 Goujons/Grondels B372 Deux Gares/Tweestations)</p> <p>Bruxelles/Brussel (only statistical sectors: A02-Saint-François Xavier/Sint-Franciscus Xaverius A03-Bon Secours — Palais du Midi/Bijstand — Zuidpaleis A04-Notre-Dame de la Chapelle/Kapellekerk A21-Anneessens (place)/Anneessensplein A22-Senne (rue de la)/Zennestraat A23-Nouveau marché au grain/Nieuwe Graanmarkt Varkensmarkt A32-Congrès-Gare/Congresstation A70-Blaes (rue)-Sud/Blaesstraat-Zuid A71-Blaes (rue)-Centre/Blaesstraat-Centrum A72-Saint-Thomas (institut)/Sint-Thomas (instituut) A822 Rue des commerçants/Koopliedenstraat A83-E. Jacquain (boulevard)-Ouest/E. Jacquainlaan-West D600 Parvis Saint-Roch/Sint-Rochus Voorplein D610 Anvers (chaussée d')-Sud/Antwerpse Steenweg-Zuid</p>	146 167
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Région Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest (cont'd)		<p>D62-Anvers (chaussée d')-Nord/Antwerpse Steenweg-Noord</p> <p>D631 Allée verte — Bassin Vergote/Groendreef — Vergote Dok</p> <p>D64-Masui (place)-Nord/Masuiplein-Noord</p> <p>D672 Quai de Willebroeck/Willebroekse Kaai</p> <p>D69-Tour et taxis/Turn en Taxi)</p> <p>Forest/Vorst (only statistical sectors: A373 Charroi (rue de)/Gerijstraat A41-Pont de Luttre-Ouest/Luttrebrug-West A60-Saint-Antoine/Sint-Antonius)</p> <p>Saint-Gilles/Sint-Gillis (only statistical sectors: Zuid A13-Dethy (rue)/Dethystraat A201 Angleterre (rue d')/Engelandstraat A22-Régies/Regies A23-Roi (avenue du)/Koningslaan A252 Danemark (rue de)/Denemarkenstraat A291 Gare du Midi/Zuidstation A422 Crickx (rue)/Crickxstraat A612 Jamar A623 France (rue de)/Frankrijkstraat)</p> <p>Molenbeek-Saint-Jean/Sint-Jans-Molenbeek (only statistical sectors: A00-Centre/Centrum A011 Canal-Sud/Kanaal-Zuid A02-Brunfaut (quartier)/Brunfautwijk A03-Ransfort A041 Quatre Vents/Vier Winden A05-Saint-Joseph/Sint-Jozef A10-Duchesse de Brabant/Hertogin van Brabant A11-Industrie Zuid A13-Birmingham-Nord/Birmingham-Noord A141 Indépendance/Onafhankelijkheid A152 Etangs noirs/Zwarte Vijvers A172 Gare Ouest/Weststation A21-Marie-Jose Blocs/Marie-José-Blokken A28-Chemin de fer/Spoorweg A60-Laekenveld/Lakenveld A611 Mexico A63-Dubrucq-Nord/Dubrucq-Noord A672 Ulens A71-Piers A72-Lavallée A732 Canal-Nord/Kanaal-Noord)</p> <p>Saint-Josse-ten-Noode/Sint-Joost-ten-Noode (only statistical sectors: A05-Houwaert A10-Saint-François/Sint-Franciscus</p>	

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Région Bruxelles-Capitale/Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest (cont'd)		<p>A12-Saint-Lazare/Sint-Lazarus A13-Rogier A14-Prairie/Weide A18-Jardin botanique/Kruidtuin A20-Nord/Noord A30-Manhattan A41-Bossuet)</p> <p>Schaerbeek/Schaarbeek (only statistical sectors: A021 Houffalize (place)/Houffalizeplein A04-L'Olivier (rue)/L'Olivierstraat A05-Royale Sainte-Marie (rue)/Koninklijke Sint-Mariastraat Brabantstraat A41-Vanderlinden (rue)/Vanderlindenstraat A421 Palais (rue de)/Paleizenstraat A43-Gare du Nord/Noordstation A44-Reine (avenue)/Koninginnelaan A45-Stephenson (place)/Stephensonplein A612 Brichaut (rue de)/Brichautstraat)</p>	
Antwerpen		<p><i>Commune:</i> Antwerpen (only statistical sectors: C41-Dambruggestraat -N. (Stationswijk) C42-De Zavel (Noordwijk) C43-St. Willebrordus (Noordwijk) C44-Potgieterstraat (Noordwijk) C45-Stuivenbergziekenhuis (Noordwijk) C24-Provinciestraat (Stationswijk) H40-St.-Amandus (Noordwijk) H41-Stuivenberg-West H43-St.-Jansplein — Trapstraat (Noordwijk) H44-Stuivenbergplein H83-Slachthuiswijk H84-Dam (Dam-Schijnpoort) H89-Dam — Lobroekdok (Schijnpoort) J83-Duboisstraat (Noordwijk) J80-Luchtbal-Zuid J81-Luchtbal-Noord J820-IJzerenlaan (Dam-Schijnpoort) S00-Borgerhout-Gemeentehuis S01-Fonteinstraat S02-Den Bleekhof S03-Kroonstraat-West S04-Het Laar S05-Kattenberg S30-De Peperbus S31-St.-Anna Q001-Oud-Merksem Q021-Laatlos Q052-Eigen Heerd Q072-Duivelshoek Q49-Sportpaleis Q17-Merksem-Dokken)</p>	63 827

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Gent		<i>Commune:</i> Gent (only statistical sectors: A040-Briel A10-Sint-Macharius A50-Drongensteenweg A531-Rooigem A542-Groendreef A60-Voormuide A62-Ham A63-Tolhuis A64-Blaisantvest A801-Wondelgemstraat A812-Rabot A873-Rabot Station C72-Muidebrug C772-Vormingsstation-Oost C800-Muide E32-Dampoort)	33 282
Verviers		<i>Communes:</i> Dison Herve (only the industrial zone of Petit-Rechain/Chaineux) Verviers Welkenraedt (only the industrial zone of Plenesses) Thimister-Clermont (only the industrial zone of Plenesses)	67 285

Areas satisfying the provisions of Article(4)(8) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999

Oostende		<i>Communes:</i> Bredene (except for statistical sector A21-Bredene-aan-Zee-West Villawijk)	11 456
Veurne		<i>Communes:</i> Nieuwpoort (excluding the former communes of Sint-Joris en Ramskapelle)	8 722

Areas satisfying the provisions of Article(4)(9)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999

Turnhout		<i>Communes:</i> Balen Dessel Mol	58 864
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Hasselt		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Beringen (only the former communes of Beringen, Paal, Beverlo)</p> <p>Genk (only the former commune of Waterschei-Zwartberg and the statistical sectors: A370-Winterslag Koolmijn A391-Zonhoverheide A500-Oud-Termien A579-Industriezone-Zuid A590-De Maten A775-Klein Langerlo A490-Domein Bokrijk A41-Hasseltweg)</p> <p>Ham (only the former commune of Oostham)</p> <p>Heusden-Zolder</p> <p>Diepenbeek (only statistical sectors: A291-Ginderover — LUC A20-Royerheide A490-Bijenberg)</p> <p>Tessenderlo (only statistical sector A10-Hulst Industriezone)</p> <p>Zutendaal (only statistical sectors: A074-Industriezone, A085-Zoete Dal — Vliegveld)</p> <p>Sint-Truiden (only statistical sectors: A072-Industriezone Schurhoven A100-Bevingen A199-Industrieterrein Brustem A413-Zeppenweg — Bouterhoven H090-Ordingen verspreide bewoning)</p>	86 206
Maaseik		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Lommel (only statistical sectors: A826-Balendijk A262-Blauwe Meer A270-Pidpa A291-Kattenbosserheide — Testgebied A40-Lommel-Werkplaatsen A41-Glasfabriek A422-Stevensvenne A433-Blauwe Kei A471-Maatheide-Dorperheide A492-Blauwe Kei-Russendorp A837-Heserbergen A872-Philips A200-Kattenbos)</p> <p>Houthalen-Helchteren (only the former commune of Houthalen)</p> <p>Dilsen-Stokkem (only the former communes of Dilsen, Rotem, Lanklaar)</p>	42 749

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Tongeren		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Bilzen Borgloon Heers Herstappe Hoeselt Kortesseem Tongeren Voeren Maasmechelen (only the former communes of Mechelen-aan-de-Maas, Opgrimbie, Eisden)</p>	123 522
Brugge		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Blankenberge (only Blankenberge-Centrum (31004A)) Brugge (only Zeebrugge/Lissewege (31005B)) Knokke (only statistical sectors: B00-Heist-Centrum B02-Molenhoek — Station B03-De Bolle B04-Tuinwijk B091-Heist — Polders B10-Heist — Zeedijk)</p>	23 835
Oostende		<p><i>Communes:</i></p> <p>Middelkerke (only statistical sectors: A031-Middelkerke Bad en Casino A052-Middelkerke Bad — West A080-Duinen A210-Middelkerke-West A260-Jonckhofwijk H20-Westende-Bad — H. Jaspalaan-Noord H21-Westende-Bad — H. Jaspalaan-Zuid J00-Lombardsijde-Centrum J08-Duinen J091-Lombardsijde — Polder)</p> <p>Oostende (only statistical sectors: A001-Oostende-Centrum A01-Post — Mercatordok A03-Langestraat A041-Albert-I-Promenade-Oost A10-Hazegras A19-Maria Hendrikapark A242-Albert-I-Promenade-West</p>	26 070

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Oostende (cont'd)		A501-H. Hartplein A59-Renbaan A572-Troonstraat B-Oostende-Haven F721-Mariakerke — Strandplein F749-Raversijdestraat F780-Mariakerke — Duin F900-Raversijde-Oost F92-Raversijde-West F939-Raversijde — Vliegveld) De Haan (only statistical sectors: A11-De Haan — Noordhoek A12-De Haan — Concessie Klemskerke A18-De Haan — Duinen — Golf B11-De Haan — Concessie Vlissegem B183-De Haan — Nieuwmunster B19-De Haan Duinen — Zwarte Kiezel C02-Zeedijk C08-Wenduine Duinen-West C091-Wenduine Polders)	
Veurne		Communes: De Panne (only statistical sectors: A00-De Panne-Centrum A010-Veurnestraat-Duinenstraat A052-Westhoek A10-Zeedijk A12-Westeinde) Koksijde (only statistical sectors: A00-Koksijde-Dorp A09-Vliegveld A10-Koksijde-Bad A11-Hoge Blekker A19-Doornpanne A20-Sint-Idesbald — Kern A22-Sint-Idesbald — West B10-Oostduinkerke-Bad B11-Blekker Duinpark — Sint-Andries B191-Zeeberm B21-Groenendijk-Bad B262-Karthuizerduinen)	13 552
Huy		Communes: Amay Villers-le-Bouillet (only Sections B6-B7-Cabentes, B1-Fays, A1-Vieux-Clocher, A2-industrial zone of Villers) Wanze (only the industrial zone of Vinalmont) Engis	19 387

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Luik		<i>Communes:</i> Beyne-Heusay Herstal Luik Oupeye (only the former communes of Hermée, Hermalle, Oupeye, Vivegnis) Saint-Nicolas Seraing Grâce-Hollogne Flémalle	385 870