

II

(Acts whose publication is not obligatory)

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 February 2000

listing the areas of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg eligible under Objective 2 of the Structural Funds for the period 2000 to 2006

(notified under document number C(2000) 435)

(Only the French text is authentic)

(2000/277/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⁾ establishes, 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 the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is 118 000 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).
- (5) Article 4(11) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 provides that each list of areas 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 of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 161, 26.6.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 194, 27.7.1999, p. 58.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 2000.

For the Commission

Michel BARNIER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

**LIST OF AREAS OF LUXEMBOURG ELIGIBLE UNDER OBJECTIVE 2 OF THE STRUCTURAL FUNDS
2000 to 2006**

NUTS level III region	Eligible areas		Population living in the eligible areas of the level III region (number of inhabitants)
	The whole level III region with the exception of	Only the following areas are eligible within the level III region	
Areas meeting the criteria of Article 4(7) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Luxembourg (Grand-Duchy)		<i>Municipalities:</i> Bascharage Bettembourg Differdange Esch-Alzette Mondercange Pétange Sanem Schifflange	94 200
Areas meeting the criteria of Article 4(9)(b) of Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999			
Luxembourg (Grand-Duchy)		<i>Municipalities:</i> Clervaux Echternach Eschweiler Grevenmacher Heinerscheid Hosingen Mertert Mompach Munshausen Rosport Wiltz Wilwerwiltz	23 000