

COMMISSION DECISION

of 26 March 2007

amending Decision 2006/769/EC drawing up the list of regions and areas eligible for funding from the European Regional Development Fund under the cross-border and transnational strands of the European territorial cooperation objective for the period 2007 to 2013 as concerns Bulgaria and Romania

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(2007/190/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Decision 2006/769/EC is amended as follows:

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions for the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

1. Annex I is amended as follows:

Whereas:

(a) the following entries are inserted after the entry 'BE353 Arr. Philippeville':

'BG311 Vidin
BG312 Montana
BG313 Vratsa
BG314 Pleven
BG321 Veliko Tarnovo
BG323 Ruse
BG325 Silistra
BG332 Dobrich
BG413 Blagoevgrad
BG422 Haskovo
BG424 Smolyan
BG425 Kardzhali';

(1) By Commission Decision 2006/769/EC⁽²⁾ a list of regions and areas eligible for funding from the European Regional Development Fund under the cross-border and transnational strands of the European territorial cooperation objective for the period 2007 to 2013 was established.

(b) the following entries are inserted after the entry 'PT184 Baixo Alentejo':

'RO111 Bihor
RO115 Satu Mare
RO223 Constanța
RO312 Călărași
RO314 Giurgiu
RO317 Teleorman
RO411 Dolj
RO413 Mehedinți
RO414 Olt
RO421 Arad
RO424 Timiș';

(2) Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania, regions and areas from those Member States should be added to the list of regions and areas eligible for funding from the European Regional Development Fund under the cross-border and transnational strands of the European territorial cooperation objective.

(3) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Coordination Committee of the Funds.

(4) Decision 2006/769/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) For reasons of clarity and legal certainty, this Decision should apply from the date of accession of Bulgaria and Romania,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25. Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1989/2006 (OJ L 411, 30.12.2006, p. 6).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 312, 11.11.2006, p. 47.

2. In Annex II, the list of areas under the heading 'SOUTH EAST EUROPE' is amended as follows:

(a) the following entries are inserted before the entry 'GR11 Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki':

'BG31 Severozapaden
BG32 Severen tsentralen
BG33 Severoiztochen
BG34 Yugoiztochen
BG41 Yugozapaden
BG42 Yuzhen tsentralen';

RO32 București-Ilfov
RO41 Sud-Vest Oltenia
RO42 Vest'.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from the 1 January 2007.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

(b) the following entries are inserted after the entry 'AT34 Vorarlberg':

'RO11 Nord-Vest
RO12 Centru
RO21 Nord-Est
RO22 Sud-Est
RO31 Sud-Muntenia

Done at Brussels, 26 March 2007.

For the Commission
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