

COMMISSION DECISION**of 4 August 2006****drawing up the list of regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective for the period 2007-2013***(notified under document number C(2006) 3475)**(2006/595/EC)*

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to the 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 5(3) and 8(4) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 3(2)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 the Convergence objective aims at speeding up the Convergence of the least developed Member States and regions.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 the regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective shall be regions corresponding to level 2 of the Nomenclature of Territorial Statistical Units (hereinafter NUTS level 2) within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ whose per capita gross domestic product (GDP), measured in purchasing power parities and calculated on the basis of Community figures for the period 2000-2002, is less than 75 % of the average GDP of the EU-25 for the same reference period.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 specifies that the NUTS level 2 regions which would have been eligible for Convergence objective status under Article 5(1) of that Regulation had the eligibility threshold remained at 75 % of

average GDP of the EU-15, but which lose eligibility because their nominal per capita GDP level will exceed 75 % of the average GDP of the EU-25, measured and calculated according to the same Article 5(1), are also eligible, on a transitional and specific basis, for financing by the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective.

- (4) It is necessary to establish the lists of eligible regions accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective shall be those listed in Annex I.

Article 2

The regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective on a transitional and specific basis, as referred to in Article 8(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006, shall be those listed in Annex II.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 4 August 2006.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 210, 31.7.2006, p. 25.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 154, 21.6.2003, p. 1.

ANNEX I

List of NUTS 2 regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds under the Convergence objective for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013

CZ02	Střední Čechy	LT00	Lietuva
CZ03	Jihozápad		
CZ04	Severozápad	HU21	Közép-Dunántúl
CZ05	Severovýchod	HU22	Nyugat-Dunántúl
CZ06	Jihovýchod	HU23	Dél-Dunántúl
CZ07	Střední Morava	HU31	Észak-Magyarország
CZ08	Moravskoslezsko	HU32	Észak-Alföld
		HU33	Dél-Alföld
DE41	Brandenburg — Nordost		
DE80	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	MT00	Malta
DED1	Chemnitz		
DED2	Dresden	PL11	Łódzkie
DEE1	Dessau	PL12	Mazowieckie
DEE3	Magdeburg	PL21	Małopolskie
DEG0	Thüringen	PL22	Śląskie
		PL31	Lubelskie
EE00	Eesti	PL32	Podkarpackie
		PL33	Świętokrzyskie
GR11	Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki	PL34	Podlaskie
GR14	Thessalia	PL41	Wielkopolskie
GR21	Ipeiros	PL42	Zachodniopomorskie
GR22	Ionia Nisia	PL43	Lubuskie
GR23	Dytiki Ellada	PL51	Dolnośląskie
GR25	Peloponnisos	PL52	Opolskie
GR41	Voreio Aigaio	PL61	Kujawsko-Pomorskie
GR43	Kriti	PL62	Warmińsko-Mazurskie
		PL63	Pomorskie
ES11	Galicia		
ES42	Castilla-La Mancha	PT11	Norte
ES43	Extremadura	PT16	Centro (PT)
ES61	Andalucía	PT18	Alentejo
		PT20	Região Autónoma dos Açores
FR91	Guadeloupe		
FR92	Martinique	SI00	Slovenija
FR93	Guyane		
FR94	Réunion	SK02	Západné Slovensko
		SK03	Stredné Slovensko
ITF3	Campania	SK04	Východné Slovensko
ITF4	Puglia		
ITF6	Calabria	UKK3	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
ITG1	Sicilia	UKL1	West Wales and The Valleys
LV00	Latvija		

ANNEX II

List of NUTS 2 regions eligible for funding from the Structural Funds on a transitional and specific basis under the Convergence objective for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013

BE32	Province of Hainaut
DE42	Brandenburg — Südwest
DE93	Lüneburg
DED3	Leipzig
DEE2	Halle
GR12	Kentriki Makedonia
GR13	Dytiki Makedonia
GR30	Attiki
ES12	Principado de Asturias
ES62	Región de Murcia
ES63	Ciudad Autónoma de Ceuta
ES64	Ciudad Autónoma de Melilla
ITF5	Basilicata
AT11	Burgenland
PT15	Algarve
UKM4	Highlands and Islands
