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**COMMISSION DECISION**

of [...]

concerning the second updating of the work programme adopted by Commission Decision C (2002)4789 of 9 December 2002 in the framework of the specific programme of research, technological development and demonstration: "Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area" (2002-2006).

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 2002/834/EC of 30 September 2002 adopting a specific programme of research, technological development and demonstration: "Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area" (2002-2006)<sup>1</sup> ("the specific programme"), and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 5(1) and (2) of the specific programme, the Commission is required to draw up a work programme and, where appropriate, to update it.
- (2) The work programme was adopted by Commission Decision C(2002)4789<sup>2</sup> of 9 December 2002, and updated for the first time by Commission Decision C(2003)577 of 20 February 2003<sup>3</sup>.
- (3) With this decision the work programme is updated: to introduce specific support actions for candidate countries; to accommodate grant applications as foreseen by Article 9(2)(c) of the rules for the participation<sup>4</sup>; to make more visible the possibility of remote evaluations of proposals; to strengthen the innovation aspects; and to make small changes to the closure dates of two on-going calls for proposals and to change "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro". In addition, Annex A to the work programme also needs to be modified in line with this update.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 294, 29.10.2002, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> Decision not published.

<sup>3</sup> Decision not published.

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EC) No 2321/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council. OJ L 355 of 30.12.2002, p. 23

- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in conformity with the opinion of the Committee set up by Article 7 of the specific programme,

HAS DECIDED:

*Sole Article*

For the purposes of updating Commission Decision C(2002)4789 of 9 December 2002 concerning the adoption of a work programme in the framework of the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on: “Integrating and strengthening the European Research Area”, the Annex thereto, hereinafter “the work programme”, is amended as follows:

- (1) the General Introduction to the work programme is replaced by the text in Annex 1 to this Decision;
- (2) Annex A to the work programme is replaced by the text in Annex 2 to this Decision;
- (3) the text in Annex 3 to this Decision is inserted as Annex D to the work programme;
- (4) the amendments set out in Annex 4 to this Decision shall apply.

Done at Brussels, [...]

*For the Commission*

*[...]*

*Member of the Commission*