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Commission measures in 2008-2013 to make use of CAP remote-sensing applications *

European Parliament legislative resolution of 16 January 2008 on the proposal for a Council regulation on the measures to be undertaken by the Commission in 2008-13 making use of the remote-sensing applications developed within the framework of the common agricultural policy (COM(2007)0383 – C6-0273/2007 – 2007/0132(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2007)0383),
 - having regard to Article 37(2), third subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0273/2007),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A6-0508/2007),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty,
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and the Commission.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment 1 Recital 2

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Amendment 2
Recital 2 a (new)

(2a) Only the MARS pilot project, which falls within the scope of Decision No 2066/2003/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 November 2003 on the continued application of aerial-survey and remote-sensing techniques to the agricultural statistics for 2004 to 2007¹ falls within the scope of the present Regulation. More specifically, only the operational measures undertaken by the Commission which make use of remote-sensing applications within the framework of the common agricultural policy fall within the scope of the present Regulation.

¹ OJ L 309, 26.11.2003, p. 9.

Amendment 3
Recital 5

(5) It should also be laid down that the information and estimates which result from the measures undertaken ***and*** are held by the Commission should be made available to the Member States, and the European Parliament and the Council should be informed by means of an interim and a final report of the conditions for implementation of the remote-sensing measures undertaken and on the use of the resources made available to the Commission, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal to continue these

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Amendment 4

Article 1, paragraph 1, introductory part

1. From 1 January 2008, for a six-year period, the measures undertaken by the Commission making use of remote-sensing applications within the framework of the common agricultural policy may be financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund, pursuant to Article 3(2)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005, where their aim is to give the Commission the means to:

1. The financial envelope for the implementation of this programme for the period 2008 to 2013 is hereby set at EUR 9.2 million. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the ceilings of the budget headings in the financial framework, where their aim is to give the Commission the means to:

Amendment 5

Article 1, paragraph 1, point (a)

(a) manage agricultural markets;

(a) **help** manage agricultural markets;

Amendment 6

Article 1, paragraph 1, point (c)

(c) promote access to the information referred to in point (b);

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Amendment 7

Article 1, paragraph 2, point (b)

(b) **creation of a spatial data infrastructure and a** website;

(b) **improvement of the JRC Agriculture Unit** website **making all relevant research data freely available to the public;**

Amendment 8

Article 1, paragraph 2, point (b a) (new)

(ba) creation of an inventory of all spatial data, remote-sensing and agro-

*meteorological projects and consolidation
of existing spatial data infrastructure and
websites;*