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The following addendum to the notification of the European Community relates to subsidy programmes of **Austria**.

AUSTRIA

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1. AID SCHEME "GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF AID TO THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES-OLD VERSION"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the National Industries for Environmental Protection Measures - Old Version (Note: The application of the new version is reported separately)

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme was to provide economic assistance to environmental protection measures carried out by enterprises, no matter what the type of industry was, which the pertinent recipient belonged to.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Law on Federal Aid to Environmental Protection" of 1993, State Gazette Edition No. 185/93, and the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the national Industries for environmental Protection Measures", based thereon.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme:

Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Division II, Department 3 - Sustainable Development and Environmental Promotion.

Institution in charge of administrating the aid scheme:

Kommunalkredit Austria (KKA)

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme were provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Recipients of the subsidies granted under this aid scheme could be enterprises in all kinds of industries, both manufacturing industries and service-related industries. In each specific case, the amount of aid committed depended on the quality and the value of benefit, which the pertinent investment project subsidized contributed to the environment and its protection. Generally speaking, one can say that the total subsidy amount, expressed in terms of an aid intensity, usually ranged from ten per cent to thirty-five per cent of the volume of the environmentally eligible investment costs.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For 2003, no expenditure forecast was made any longer. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidy commitments was €40,339,594.-. Actual subsidy payments amounted to a total of €27,443,683.- in the previous year. In 2001, the total amount of subsidies paid out was ATS 408.10 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme had been applicable since 7 November 1996 and terminated with the inception of the "EC-approved" new version of the Guidelines on 2 April 2002. Both subsidy commitments made and subsidy payments effectuated during the first three months of 2002 still referred to aid requests submitted on the basis of the expired Guidelines.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter had only got minimal effects on the international trade.

2. AID SCHEME "GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF AID TO THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES - NEW VERSION"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the National Industries for Environmental Protection Measures

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to environmental protection measures carried out by enterprises, no matter what the type of industry is, which the pertinent recipient belongs to.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme: "Law on Federal Aid to Environmental Protection" of 1993, State Gazette Edition No. 185/93, as amended with State Gazette Edition No. 79/1998, and the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the national Industries for environmental Protection Measures", based there on Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme:

Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Division II, Department 3 - Sustainable Development and Environmental Promotion.

Institution in charge of administering the aid scheme:

Kommunalkredit Austria (KKA)

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Recipients of the subsidies granted under this aid scheme may be enterprises in all kinds of industries, both manufacturing industries and service-related industries. In a specific case, the amount of aid committed depends on the quality and the value of benefit, which the pertinent investment project subsidized contributes to the environment and its protection. Generally speaking, one can say that the total subsidy amount, expressed in terms of an aid intensity, usually ranges from ten per cent to fifty per cent of the volume of the environmentally eligible investment costs.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For 2003, the total expenditure forecast on subsidies is €47,238,000. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidy commitments was €6,606,751. Actual subsidy payments amounted to a total of € 6,703 in the previous year. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments effectuated under the new scheme yet.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 2 April 2002 and has got an unlimited duration of validity,

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

3. AID SCHEME "GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF AID TO THE MANAGEMENT OF ABANDONED POLLUTED SITES"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Management of abandoned polluted Sites

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to measures aiming at the rehabilitation of contaminated sites. Priority is given to those contaminated sites which are registered in the national register of contaminated sites.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Law on Federal Aid to Environmental Protection" of 1993, State Gazette Edition No. 185/93, as amended with State Gazette Edition No. 79/1998, and the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Management of abandoned polluted Sites", as amended, based there on Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Division II, Department 3 - Sustainable Development and Environmental Promotion.

Institution in charge of administrating the aid scheme:

Kommunalkredit Austria (KKA)

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided both to enterprises and to local authorities in favour of the management of abandoned polluted sites. Subsidies are granted as long as those pertinent contaminated sites are registered in the "Austrian Register for Contaminated Sites". Normally, the rehabilitation measures taken last from one to ten years. In a specific case, the amount of aid committed depends on the quality and the value of benefit, which the pertinent investment project subsidized contributes to the rehabilitation of the abandoned polluted site and its protection. Generally speaking, one can say that the total subsidy, expressed in terms of an aid intensity, usually varies between fifty-five and ninety-five per cent of the total eligible costs of investment.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Total amount of new subsidy commitments in 2002: €16,123,894.-

Total amount of actual subsidy payments in 2002: €39,354,026.-

Total expenditure forecast for the expected subsidies in 2003: €50,000,000.-

Average aid intensity of the subsidies committed in 2002: 58.01 per cent

In 2001, the volume of subsidy payments amounted to ATS 423.25 million, with the underlying aid requests having been submitted on the basis of the Guidelines version which had been approved by the EC in 1996.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 31 May 2002 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

4. AID SCHEME "GUIDELINES ON THE GRANTING OF AID TO THE WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT IN INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Waste Water Management in industrial Enterprises.

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to waste water management projects carried out by enterprises, no matter what the type of industry is, which the pertinent recipient belongs to.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Law on Federal Aid to Environmental Protection" of 1993, State Gazette Edition No. 185/93, as amended with State Gazette No. 79/1998, and the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Waste Water Management in industrial Enterprises", as amended, based there on Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water management, Division II, Department 3 - Sustainable Development and Environmental Promotion.

Institution in charge of administrating the aid scheme:

Kommunalkredit Austria (KKA)

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Recipients of the subsidies granted under this aid scheme may be enterprises in all kinds of industries, both manufacturing industries and service-related industries. In a specific case, the amount of aid committed depends on the quality and the value of benefit, which the pertinent investment project subsidized contributes to the environment and its protection. Generally speaking, one can say that the total subsidy, expressed in terms of an aid intensity, usually amounts to a maximum of thirty-five per cent of the volume of the environmentally eligible investment costs.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidies committed was €4,420,795. Actual subsidy payments amounted to € 10,442,123 in the previous year. The total

expenditure forecast for the expected subsidies in the current year amounts to €5 million. In 2001, subsidy payments totalling ATS 54.74 million were effectuated.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since November 12, 1996 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

5. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 27A OF THE LABOUR MARKET PROMOTION ACT (LMPA) 1969 AS AMENDED IN 1994"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance pursuant to Chapter 27a of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to labour-market-orientated investment projects.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Chapter 27a of the "Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid pursuant to Chapter 27a of the 'Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants, as low-interest loans ("soft loans") or as guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided mainly to enterprises in the manufacturing industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for the state aid measures under this aid scheme, the aid scheme "Assistance pursuant to Chapter 35a of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" and the aid scheme "Assistance pursuant to Chapter 51a Paragraph 3 to 5 of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" equals €32.41 million. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of non-repayable cash grants committed was €106,394.90, the volume of committed low-interest loans amounted to €720,000.-.

The total amount of actual payments on grants was €243,045.31, while the payments on loans reached €500,000.-. There were neither made new guarantee commitments nor guarantee payments effectuated last year. In 2001, the total volume of non-repayable cash grants paid out was ATS 117.22 million. There were no subsidy payments effectuated in the other aid forms during that year.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme has been applicable since 2 March 1994 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

6. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 35A OF THE LABOUR MARKET PROMOTION ACT (LMPA) 1969 AS AMENDED IN 1994"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance pursuant to Chapter 35a of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to labour-market-orientated investment projects.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Chapter 35a of the "Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid pursuant to Chapter 35a of the 'Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market".

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided either as non-repayable cash grants, as low-interest loans ("soft loans") or as guarantees. The maximum period of the loans is four years.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided mainly to enterprises in the manufacturing industries.

7. Total amount budgeted, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for the state aid measures under this aid scheme, the aid scheme "Assistance pursuant to Chapter 27a of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" and the aid scheme "Assistance pursuant to Chapter 51a Paragraph 3 to 5 of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LPMA) 1969 as amended in 1994" equals €32.41 million. Regarding the first half year of 2003, the total expenditure forecast on grants amounted to €1,853,199.43. In 2002, the year to be reported on, subsidy commitments on non-repayable cash grants reached €12,756,467.14 and subsidy commitments on low-interest loans totalled €545,000. There were no new guarantee commitments made last year. Actual payments on grants amounted to €10,458,148.23, while there were neither payments on loans nor on guarantees. In 2001, subsidy payments on non-repayable cash grants totalled ATS 117.22 million, while there was no expenditure on low-interest loans.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme has been applicable since 2 March 1994 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

7. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 51A SECTIONS 3 TO 5 OF THE LABOUR MARKET PROMOTION ACT (LMPA) 1969 AS AMENDED IN 1994"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance pursuant to Chapter 51a Sections 3 to 5 of the Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to labour-market-orientated investment projects.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Chapter 51a Sections 3 to 5 of the "Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994" and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid pursuant to Chapter 51a Sections 3 to 5 of the 'Labour Market Promotion Act (LMPA) 1969 as amended in 1994'", based there on Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies: Federal Ministry for Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided either as non-repayable cash grants, as low-interest loans ("soft loans") or as guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided mainly to enterprises in the manufacturing industries.

7. Total amount budgeted, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for this and the other two aid schemes for labour market promotion at the federal level is €32.41 million. Regarding the first half year of 2003, the expenditure forecast for grants has been €13,161,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, both subsidy commitments and subsidy payments were only made for non-repayable cash grants. The total amount of commitments was € 4,725,000.- and the total amount of actual payments was €8,343,124.86. In 2001, non-repayable cash grants of ATS 147.86 million were paid out, while there were neither subsidy payments for low-interest loans nor subsidy payments for guarantees.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 4 July 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

8. AID SCHEME "ERP-TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

ERP-Technology Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out in the field of research and development.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the ERP-Technology Programme", as amended.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market".

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries. The amounts of the low-interest loans committed depend on the total research and development expenditures realised in the pertinent projects.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount for subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast on the subsidies in 2003: €50,000,000.-

For a single project an enterprise may receive a maximum soft loan of €7.5 million.

Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of low-interest loans committed was € 26,947,500.-. The overall gross cash grant equivalent amounted to € 3,912,885.-. The total volume of the actual payments on subsidies reached €41,455,685.94.

Distinction regarding the gross value of the subsidy commitments:

Number of the projects where the pertinent subsidy was	€1 million or below: 3
"	€2 million or below: 2
"	€3 million or below: 1
"	€5 million or below: 1
"	over €5 million: 2

In 2001, low-interest loans of ATS 495.30 million symbolizing a gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 74.30 million were paid out.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 19 September 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

9. AID SCHEME "ERP-SME-TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

ERP-SME-Technology Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to innovative investment projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the ERP-SME-Technology Programme", as amended.

Authority supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

A very small number of projects subsidized under this aid scheme is also cofinanced by the Structural Fund for Regional Development (SFRD).

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €60,000,000.-.

For a single project an enterprise may receive a maximum soft loan of €7.5 million.

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of soft loans committed was €43,451,200.- with the total gross cash grant equivalent having amounted to €4,701,969.20. The total amount of actual payments on subsidies was €59,191,088.44.

Distinction regarding the gross value of the subsidy commitments:

Number of the projects where the pertinent subsidy was	€1 million or below: 17
"	€2 million or below: 7
"	€3 million or below: 3
"	€5 million or below: 1
"	over €5 million: 2

In 2001, the total amount of subsidy payments on low-interest loans was ATS 813.63 million, with that volume symbolizing a total gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 122.04 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 20 August 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

10. AID SCHEME "ERP-REGIONAL PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

ERP-Regional Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out in specific "National Assisted Areas" pursuant to Article 87 Chapter 3 lit. a) and lit. c) of the EC-Treaty

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the ERP- Regional Programme", as amended.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Authority in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies:

ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €250,000,000.-.

Regarding the year 2002, the volume of soft loans committed was €146,334,180.-.

The total gross cash grant equivalent reached €16,405,049.02.

Actual payments on subsidies amounted to €154,591,810.99.

The maximum amount of aid committed for an enterprise per project may be €7.5 million; in exceptional cases the amount may be even higher.

Distinction regarding the value of the subsidy commitments:

Number of the projects where the pertinent subsidy was	€1 million or below: 34
"	€2 million or below: 21
"	€3 million or below: 6
"	€5 million or below: 9
"	€over 5 million: 7

In 2001, low-interest loans totalling ATS 2,374.68 million with an overall gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 356.20 million were paid out.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 30 July 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

11. AID SCHEME "ERP-TOURISM PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

ERP-Tourism Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to tourist investment projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises or in "Assisted Areas"

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the ERP-Tourism Programme", as amended.

Authority in charge of supervising the granting of aid under this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

State aid agency in charge of administrating the aid scheme:

ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both companies offering accommodation and enterprises in the leisure time industry. Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy / Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €30,000,000.-

The amount of aid committed per project usually ranges from ATS 1 million to ATS 100 million.

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of subsidy commitments was €38,172,396.-. The total gross cash grant equivalent amounted to € 6,119,456.58. The actual payments totalled €21,318,128.21 in the previous year. In 2001, subsidy payments amounting to ATS 426.20 million were effectuated, with the overall subsidy equivalent of the pertinent low-interest loans totalling ATS 63.93 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 3 September 1999 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

12. AID SCHEME "ERP TRANSPORT –PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

ERP-Loans to the Transport Industry

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects in the fields of intermodal transport and combined forwarding.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the Legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Loans to the Transport Industry", as amended.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans").

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to companies in the transport sector.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €5,800,000.-

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total volume of subsidy commitments was €5,100,779.-. The total gross cash grant equivalent amounted to €566,186.47. The amount of actual payments corresponded to the figure of the subsidies committed. In the previous year, two new projects were subsidized, one by a loan of less than €1 million, the other by a loan of less than €5 million. In 2001, there were neither subsidy commitments nor subsidy payments, since the underlying notified Guidelines were still under investigation by the European Commission.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 1 March 2002 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

13. AID SCHEME "SPECIAL ERP-PROGRAMME FOR A TECHNOLOGY AND GROWTH INITIATIVE; PART 'R. & D.-GROWTH-PROGRAMME, R. & D.-COOPERATION PROJECTS'"

1. Title of the subsidy

Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part R. & D.-Growth Programme, R. & D.-Cooperation Projects

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by rapidly growing enterprises or by enterprises which enter into cooperation with other firms, with research centers or with universities.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part 'R. & D.-Growth Programme, R. & D.-Cooperation Projects'", as amended

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast on the subsidies in 2003: €20,000,000.-

For a single project an enterprise may receive a maximum soft loan of €7.5 million.

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of subsidy commitments was €6,517,360.-. The total gross cash grant equivalent amounted to €1,323,024.08. The volume of actual subsidy payments was €17,627,649.45.

In the previous business year, eight new projects were assisted under this aid scheme. Six projects were subsidized by loans of €1 million or below each. Two projects were subsidized by loans of €2 million or below each. In 2001, there were no new subsidy payments made.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 10 November 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

14. AID SCHEME "SPECIAL ERP-PROGRAMME FOR A TECHNOLOGY AND GROWTH INITIATIVE; PART 'SME-TECHNOLOGY-GROWTH-PROGRAMME'"

1. Title of the subsidy

Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part SME-Technology-Growth-Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to innovative investment projects carried out by rapidly growing small and medium-sized enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part 'SME-Technology-Growth-Programme'", as amended.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans")

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank

- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €10,000,000.-

For a single project an enterprise may receive a maximum soft loan of €7.5 million.

In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of subsidy commitments was €384,000.-. The gross cash grant equivalent amounted to €77,952.-. The total amount of actual payments on subsidies reached €1,960,000.-.

In the previous year, one project was subsidized by a loan of less than €1 million.

In 2001, payments for low-interest loans amounted to ATS 35.59 million, with that volume symbolizing a total gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 5.35 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 15 October 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

15. AID SCHEME "SPECIAL ERP-PROGRAMME FOR A TECHNOLOGY AND GROWTH INITIATIVE; PART 'REGIONAL-GROWTH-PROGRAMME FOR MEDIUM- SIZED BUSINESSES'"

1. Title of the subsidy

Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part "Regional-Growth - Programme for medium-sized Businesses"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to innovative investment projects carried out by rapidly growing companies in "Assisted Areas".

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"ERP-Fund Act" of 1962 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the Special ERP-Programme for a Technology and Growth Initiative; Part 'Regional-Growth-Programme for medium-sized Businesses'", as amended

Authority in charge of supervising the application of this aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - "Locational Policy and Internal Market"

Aid giving institution in charge of administrating the scheme and granting the subsidies: ERP-Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans").

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both manufacturers and industrial enterprises as well as enterprises in the production-related service industries.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies:

- application via an intermediary bank
- decision by an independent commission on the commitment of the aid requested or the rejection of the aid request
- payment, generally effectuated in two parts, after the cost-approval

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Total expenditure forecast for the subsidies in 2003: €10,000,000.-

For a single project an enterprise may receive a maximum soft loan of €7.5 million.

In 2002, the year to be reported on, no new subsidy commitments were made. The total amount of actual payments on subsidies reached €3,460,000.-.

In 2001, low-interest loans amounting to ATS 37.43 million were paid out. The total gross cash grant equivalent involved was ATS 5.61 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since late 1999 and will cease on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

16. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE BY ECO PLUS LOWER AUSTRIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, LTD. TO REGIONAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS IN LOWER AUSTRIA"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance by ECO PLUS Lower Austrian Regional Development Agency, Ltd. to Regional Investment Projects in Lower Austria

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to regional investment projects carried out in the Province of Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Company Contract having established ECO PLUS Lower Austrian Regional Development Agency, Ltd. and "Guidelines by ECO PLUS Lower Austrian Regional Development Agency, Ltd. on the Granting of Aid to Regional Investment Projects in Lower Austria", as amended in 1999, based thereon

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 – Economic Assistance in cooperation with ECO PLUS Lower Austrian Regional Development Agency, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided either in the form of non-repayable cash grants or loans without interest payments.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are mainly provided for municipalities, private investors and associations. There is no fixed amount per unit but a fluctuating one, determined by different features of the individual project (e.g. profit- versus non-profit-orientation, location, type of measure etc.). The mechanism for granting the subsidies is a two-step procedure, resulting in a specific recommendation to the Regional Government of Lower Austria which takes the final decision in each case.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, subsidy commitments and payments

For 2003, the total expenditure forecast on subsidies amounts to €30 billion. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of expenditure commitments amounted to €53 billion. On average, the subsidy per project reached €397,000.-. Actual subsidy payments of €39.738 billion were effectuated last year. In 2001, non-repayable cash grants of ATS 432 million were provided under the aid scheme.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 29 May 1998 and will expire on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

17. AID SCHEME "GUARANTEES FOR DEFENSIVE MEASURES IN CARINTHIA"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guarantees by the Regional Government of Carinthia for Defensive Measures

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to Carinthian small and medium-sized enterprises with potential to develop, but endangered to fail, through the provision of guarantees.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decisions by the Regional Parliament of Carinthia dated 18 December 1997 and 16 December 1999 as well as the Guidelines on the Granting of Guarantees by the Regional Government of Carinthia for Defensive Measures, as amended in 2001

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the guarantees:

Office of the Regional Government of Carinthia, Department 4 - Financial Affairs and Economy; in addition, the Carinthian Economic Assistance Fund provides consultancy in the decision-making process.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries, who have either their headquarters or a site in the Region of Carinthia and who are endangered in their existence.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

The total amount of the 2003 budgetary frame for guarantees is €3,634.- million. This volume also symbolizes the annual budget during the entire life-time of the pertinent aid scheme. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, one guarantee amounting to €68,000.- was committed. There were no payments on account of the realization of guarantees. In 2001, guarantee payments amounted to ATS 50 million, with that figure symbolizing a total gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 5 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 9 July 2001 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

18. AID SCHEME "DEFICIENCY GUARANTEES FOR OFFENSIVE MEASURES IN CARINTHIA"

1. Title of the subsidy

Deficiency Guarantees by the Regional Government of Carinthia for Offensive Measures

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main addressees of subsidies under this aid scheme are enterprises with potentially successful products, who operate in the manufacturing industries, the service-related industries, in trade or in the tourist industry and provide either infrastructure for the benefit of the Region or invest in tourist infrastructure.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decisions by the Regional Parliament of Carinthia dated 16 May 2000 and 12 July 2000 as well as the Guidelines on the Granting of Deficiency Guarantees by the Regional Government of Carinthia for Offensive Measures, as amended in 2001.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the guarantees:

Office of the Regional Government of Carinthia, Department 4 - Financial Affairs and Economy; in addition the Carinthian Economic Assistance Fund provides consultancy in the decision-making process.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as deficiency guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Guarantees under this aid scheme are provided for Carinthian enterprises fulfilling the conditions laid down in the above-mentioned paragraph 4 and usually cover fifty per cent of the risk of default.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

The total amount of the 2003 budgetary frame for guarantees is €3.634.- million. This volume also symbolizes the annual budget during the entire life-time of the pertinent aid scheme. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, there were made neither new guarantee commitments nor guarantee payments. There were no guarantee payments either in 2001.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 9 July 2001 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

19. AID SCHEME "REGIONAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

Regional Investment Promotion Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by enterprises in Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Regional Investment Promotion Programme'", as amended in 1996.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either non-repayable cash grants, low-interest loans ("soft loans") or interest rate subsidies.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises both in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. The conditions of the aid depend on the different types of aid administered. Regarding the non-repayable cash grants, the maximum aid intensities range from 7.5 per cent to 37 per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs, in each individual case. Regarding the low-interest loans ("soft loans"), the maximum volume of loan amounts to €363,365.-, the period of loan is ten years without any repayment in the first two years, and the interest rate ranges from 0 per cent to five per cent. Regarding the interest rate subsidies, the maximum basis which they may refer to amounts to €1,453,457.-, the maximum period of interest rate subsidy is five years, and the interest rate subsidies range from two per cent to four per cent of the calculation basis at the maximum.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For 2003, the annual amount budgeted for all three types of aid equals €24,345,400.-, with a separate distinction of this figure according to the forms of subsidy not being available. In 2002, the year to be reported on, no new subsidy commitments on non-repayable cash grants were made. The volume of all the committed low-interest loans ("soft loans") actually totalled €5,175,958.40 and the volume of all the committed interest rate subsidies actually totalled €226,509.-. Concerning interest rate subsidies maximum aid intensities were 11.45 per cent for projects in regionally assisted areas and 5.73 per cent for projects outside regionally assisted areas. In 2001, subsidy payments on non-repayable cash grants equalled ATS 44.47 million, payments for interest rate subsidies totalled ATS 57.83 million and payments for low-interest loans amounted to ATS 220.44 million. The gross cash grant equivalent linked with the loans was ATS 33.07 in the last but one year.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 22 January 1996 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

20. AID SCHEME "LOWER AUSTRIAN INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

Lower Austrian Innovation, Technology, Research and Development Promotion Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to immaterial investment projects as well as to research and development activities carried out by enterprises in Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Lower Austrian Innovation, Technology, Research and Development Promotion Programme'", as amended in 1996.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either non-repayable cash grants or interest rate subsidies.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises both in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. The subsidy conditions depend on the different types of aid administered. Non-repayable cash grants are provided up to a maximum gross aid intensity of fifty per cent including bonuses.

Interest rate subsidies are granted for credits and loans amounting to a maximum of €726,728. The maximum aid intensity for interest rate subsidies is fifty per cent including bonuses. The maximum period of credit / loan is five years, with the subsidy amounts reaching a maximum of five per cent of the calculation basis mentioned.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for the two types of aid equals €2,906,913.-, with a separate distinction of this figure according to the forms of subsidy not being available. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the committed non-repayable cash grants actually totalled € 527,333.50. The actual payments on grants amounted to € 1,981,794.90. There were no new expenditure commitments made on interest rate subsidies in the previous year. The actual payments on interest rate subsidies amounted to €540,797.94. In 2001, non-repayable cash grants of ATS 12.58 million were paid out, while the total amount of payments for interest rate subsidies was only ATS 0.11 million. Subsidy payments during the last but one year mainly referred to aid requests which had been submitted still under the 1996 version of the Guidelines.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since February 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

21. AID SCHEME "JOB PREMIUM IN ASSISTED AREAS NO. 1 OF LOWER AUSTRIA"

1. Title of the subsidy

Job Premium in assisted Areas No. 1 of Lower Austria

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to employment-creation-orientated investment projects carried out in the assisted areas No. 1 of Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid by Job Premiums in assisted Areas No. 1 of Lower Austria", as amended in 1995.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to Lower Austrian enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. The grant per new job created usually amounts to €2,180.-, with the pertinent recipient having to prove evidence of a minimum of two new jobs created. For the new jobs to be assisted, the volume of the underlying investment costs must range from €7,267.- to €10,901.- at least.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is €726,730.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the committed subsidies actually totalled € 63,220.-. The maximum gross aid intensities ranged from twenty per cent for subsidies to large enterprises to thirty per cent for subsidies to small and medium-sized enterprises. In the previous year, the total amount of actual payments was €48,194.89. In 2001, subsidy payments amounted to ATS 3.59 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 29 June 1995 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

22. AID SCHEME "LOWER AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION MODEL"

1. Title of the subsidy

Lower Austrian Participation Model

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by enterprises in the Region of Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Lower Austrian Participation Model', as amended in 1997.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of equity capital.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises both in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. Equity capital to be subsidized may amount to a maximum of ATS 10 million without any interest payments in the first three years of the pertinent participation and with interest payments at an interest rate ranging from zero per cent to five per cent from the fourth to the tenth year of the pertinent participation, in each individual case. In addition to this, there is reimbursement depending on the profit.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for the two types of aid equals €2,543,449.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the committed subsidies actually totalled €17,947.01 with the maximum aid intensity ranging from 7.5 per cent to 37 per cent. In the previous year, the total amount of actual payments reached € 948,980.52. In 2001, the total expenditure on subsidies was ATS 12.09 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 28 November 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

23. AID SCHEME "PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENTERPRISES"

1. Title of the subsidy

Programme to promote the Establishment of Enterprises

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by enterprises regarding the settlement in Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Programme to promote the Establishment of Enterprises'", as amended in 1995.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either non-repayable cash grants, low-interest loans ("soft loans") or interest rate subsidies.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises both in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. In regionally assisted areas all enterprises may be subsidized. Outside regionally assisted areas large enterprises are excluded from subsidies under this scheme. Maximum aid intensities vary from 7.5 per cent to 37 per cent depending on the size of the recipient and its location.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals €2,180,185.-. This budgetary frame refers to all types of aid provided under this programme. In 2002, the year to be reported on, no new subsidy commitments were made. The total volume of the actual payments on subsidies amounted to €581,382.01 in the previous year. In 2001, only non-repayable cash grants were paid out, with the total amount of subsidy payments reaching ATS 14.24 million. There were no payments effectuated for low-interest loans during the last but one year.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 29 June 1995 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

24. AID SCHEME "START-UP FINANCING MODEL"

1. Title of the subsidy

Programme to support the Start-up Financing

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by enterprises regarding the settlement in Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Programme to support the Start-up Financing'"

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either credit capital or guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to young entrepreneurs. Capital subject to financial assistance may range from €36,336.- to a maximum of €363,364.- at a fixed interest rate set with the secondary market rate plus 0.75 per cent. Guarantees may reach a maximum of three per cent of the outstanding balance.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals €1,453,457.-. This budgetary frame refers to all types of aid provided under this programme. In 2002, the year to be reported on, no new subsidy commitments were made. The total volume of the actual payments on subsidies amounted to €13,361.52 in the previous year. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments effectuated.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 20 February 1998 and will terminate on 20 February 2003.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

25. AID SCHEME "PROMOTION OF MARKET EXPLORATION"

1. Title of the subsidy

Promotion of Market Exploration

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to enhanced measures of internationalisation taken by Lower Austrian enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Promotion of Market Exploration'"

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises of both the manufacturing and the service-related industries. The maximum absolute subsidy amounts to €20,000.- and the maximum aid intensity reaches fifty per cent of the eligible costs.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals €900,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the amount of subsidies committed totalled €10,510.-, while the actual payments amounted to €31,720.03. In 2001, subsidy payments under the aid scheme amounted to ATS 0.21 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 19 June 2000 and will cease on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

26. AID SCHEME "PROMOTION OF COOPERATIONS"

1. Title of the subsidy

Promotion of Cooperations

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance initiating the establishment of cooperations by Lower Austrian enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid for the 'Promotion of Cooperations'"

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of non-repayable cash grants up to a maximum aid intensity of fifty per cent.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises of both the manufacturing and the service-related industries. The granting of aid is carried out in a two-step procedure. The maximum amount of aid is €10,000.- in the first phase and €35,000.- in the second phase.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals €500,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total new subsidy commitments amounted to €24,300,000.-. The actual amount of payments totalled €66,914.- in the previous year. There were no subsidy payments in 2001.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 21 December 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

27. AID SCHEME "PROMOTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT, FOUNDATION AND STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENT"

1. Title of the subsidy

Promotion of the Establishment, Foundation and structural Improvement

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the establishment, the foundation and / or the structural improvement of enterprises in Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Promotion of the Establishment, Foundation and structural Improvement"

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST2 - Economic Assistance.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises of both the manufacturing and the service-related industries. The maximum aid intensity depends on the size and the location of the recipient: For big enterprises outside "Assisted Areas" it is zero, for medium-sized enterprises it is 7.5 per cent and for small enterprises it is 15 per cent. Within "Assisted Areas" it ranges from 24 per cent to 37 per cent.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals € 13,000,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the expenditure on subsidies committed amounted to € 122,900.-. The volume of actual payments was € 1,296,882.19 in the previous year. In 2001, subsidy payments amounted to ATS 4.07 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 17 October 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

28. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE MEASURES BY THE LOWER AUSTRIAN BORDER REGION PROMOTION COMPANY, LTD."

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance Measures by the Lower Austrian Border Region Promotion Company, Ltd.

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects with a strictly regional orientation, thus strengthening the economic development in those areas of the Province of Lower Austria bordering on the "Candidate Countries" for an accession to the EU Czech Republic and Slovak Republic. Formerly, the scheme exclusively addressed to projects in Areas under Objective 5b, now it is primarily applied to projects in Areas under Objective 2.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Company Contract dated June 25, 1975, concluded between the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria and the Regional Government of Lower Austria, as amended in 1997, and "Guidelines on Assistance Measures by the Lower Austrian Border Region Promotion Company, Ltd.", as amended in 1999, based there on Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria in cooperation with the Lower Austrian Border Region Promotion Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as low-interest loans ("soft loans"). Generally, the period of loan is eight years, with the first two years being free of any repayments.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided especially to enterprises in the trade and in the manufacturing industries, which are located in the areas of the Province of Lower Austria bordering on the "Candidate Countries" Czech Republic and Slovak Republic.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, subsidy commitments and payments

The amount of the annual budgetary forecast for 2003 totals €2.239 million. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, both the total volume of the subsidies committed and the total volume of actual payments on subsidies amounted to €2.239 million. In the previous year, the expenditure commitments on all low-interest loans resulted in a total gross cash grant equivalent of €2.239 million, which corresponded to an average gross aid intensity of 7.7 per cent of the volume of eligible costs. In 2001, the volume of subsidy payments corresponded to the 2002 figure.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 1 February 2001 and will expire on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

29. AID SCHEME "AID MEASURES WITHIN THE 'OBJECTIVE-2-AREA'-PROGRAMME SALZBURG 2000 – 2006"

1. Title of the subsidy

Aid Measures within the "Objective-2-Area"—Programme Salzburg 2000 – 2006

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects in the field of tourism and leisure, the manufacturing industries and related services as well as measures of cross sector regional development.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Guidelines on "Aid Measures within the 'Objective-2-Area'-Programme Salzburg 2000 - 2006"

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Salzburg, Department 15 - Economy, Tourism and Energy.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided in the form of non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided for enterprises carrying out projects which aim at the realization of targets under the "Objective-2-Area"-Programme Salzburg 2000 – 2006. The programme specifically supports measures no. 3 and 4 in the priority "tourism and leisure", measures no. 1 (in cooperation with the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund), no. 2 (in cooperation with the ERP-Fund) and no. 4 in the priority for manufacturing sector and related services as well as the measures in the priority for cross sector regional development of the "Objective-2-Area"-Programme Salzburg 2000 - 2006.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

For 2003, the total expenditure forecast on subsidies amounts to €2,150,352. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of expenditure commitments equalled €1,371,410.30. In the previous year, actually subsidy payments of € 753,362.14 were effectuated. In 2001, expenditure on non-repayable cash grants amounted to ATS 19.55 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 12 September 2000 and will expire on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

30. AID SCHEME "GRANTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN VORARLBERG"

1. Title of the subsidy

Grants for Research and Development in Vorarlberg

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the creation of new products and processes.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Guidelines on the Provision of Grants for Research and Development in Vorarlberg

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of applying the scheme:

Office of the Regional Government of Vorarlberg, Department "VIa - General Economic Affairs".

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided either as non-repayable cash grants or low-interest loans.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is € 2,050,000.-, of which the amount of € 1,000,000.- is earmarked for grants and the amount of € 1,050,000.- is earmarked for loans. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidy commitments was € 1,968,767.-, of which € 764,552,- referred to grants and € 1,204,215.- referred to loans. The actual payments totalled € 1,957,408.-, of which € 738,477.-

referred to grants and €1,218,931.- referred to loans. The average subsidy in the form of a grant amounted to €16,500.-, the average subsidy in the form of a loan amounted to €27,087.-. In 2001, actual expenditure on non-repayable cash grants totalled ATS 11.04 million. The total volume of low-interest loans paid out was ATS 19.96 million, with that amount symbolizing a gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 2.99 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme has been applicable since 2 March 1994 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

31. AID SCHEME "SUBSIDIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONNECTING RAILWAYS"

1. Title of the subsidy

Provision of Subsidies for the Construction of Connecting Railways

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the infrastructure of rail haulage.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Guidelines on the Provision of Subsidies for the Construction of Connecting Railways

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of applying the scheme:

Office of the Regional Government of Vorarlberg, Department "VIa - General Economic Affairs".

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is € 400,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidy commitments was € 286,989.96, which also constituted the sum of the actual subsidy payments. In 2001, the amount of subsidy payments corresponded to the figure of the previous year.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 15 July 1996 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

32. AID SCHEME "SUBSIDIES FOR INTENSIFIED USE OF BIOMASS ON ENERGETIC PURPOSES"

1. Title of the subsidy

Provision of Subsidies relating to the intensified Use of Biomass on energetic Purposes through local Biomass Heating Facilities

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Guidelines on the Provision of Subsidies relating to the intensified Use of Biomass on energetic Purposes through local Biomass Heating Facilities, as amended in 2001.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of applying the scheme:

Office of the Regional Government of Vorarlberg, Department "VIa - General Economic Affairs".

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is € 400,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of new subsidy commitments was €464,828.- and the sum of the actual subsidy payments totalled €1,342,237.-. There were no subsidy payments in the last but one year.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 20 June 2001 and will terminate on 30 June 2005.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

33. AID SCHEME "VIENNA INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

Vienna Innovation and Technology Promotion Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to research and development projects carried out by Viennese enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision by the Vienna Municipal Council, dated 20 December 1996, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Vienna Innovation and Technology Promotion Programme'", as amended in 1996, based thereon

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Vienna Municipal Government, Division "Municipal Directorate", Department, "Coordination Office", in cooperation with the "Vienna Business Agency"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is € 5,000,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of the actual subsidy commitments totalled € 11,171,416.-. The actual payments amounted to € 6,944,450.-. In 2001, the total volume of payments on non-repayable cash grants was ATS 81.8 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme had been applicable since 6 September 1996 and terminated with the inception of the new aid scheme "Vienna Innovation Promotion Programme for industrial Research and Development" on 2 July 2002. This means that as from that date no further aid requests under the pertinent scheme have been accepted any longer.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

34. AID SCHEME "VIENNA INNOVATION PROMOTION PROGRAMME FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT"

1. Title of the subsidy

Vienna Innovation Promotion Programme for industrial Research and Development

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to research and development projects carried out by Viennese enterprises.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision by the Vienna Municipality Council, dated 14 December 2001, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Vienna Innovation Promotion Programme for industrial Research and Development'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Vienna Municipal Government, Division "Municipal Directorate", Department, "Coordination Office", in cooperation with the "Vienna Business Agency".

The aid scheme is financed by the City of Vienna, the operative tasks are managed by the "CIT - Centre for Innovation and Technology"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is € 5,200,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of the actual subsidy commitments totalled €4,301,771.-. There were no subsidy payments in the previous year. There had not been any subsidy payment either in 2001.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 2 July 2002 and will terminate on 31 December 2004.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

35. AID SCHEME "VIENNA STRUCTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

Vienna structural and environmental Improvement Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by Viennese enterprises in the fields of environmental protection, energy-saving and creation of employment.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decisions by the Vienna Municipality Council, dated 20 December 1996, and 24 June 1998, as well as the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Vienna structural and environmental Improvement Programme'", as amended in 1996 and in 1998, based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Vienna Municipal Government, Division "Municipal Directorate", Department, "Coordination Office", in cooperation with the "Vienna Business Agency".

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to Viennese enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies is €4,700,000.-. The total amount of subsidy commitments equalled €9,885,876.- in the previous year. The average aid intensity accompanied with new aid committed was 7.5 per cent. The actual payments on grants were €7,744,317.- in 2002. In 2001, cash grants totalling ATS 91.93 million were paid out.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 16 April 1998 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

36. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance to the Internationalisation of small and medium-sized Enterprises

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises in foreign countries. Main objective of the economic assistance under this subsidy programme is to reduce the risks involved in a foreign direct investment and its financing, so that in case of a project failure the economic existence of the pertinent recipient is safeguarded.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"SME-Promotion Act", as amended in 1998, and "Guidelines on the Granting of 'Assistance to the Internationalisation of small and medium-sized Enterprises'", as amended, based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agencies in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - Locational Policy and Internal Market, in cooperation with the BÜRGES Promotion Bank Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as guarantees. The maximum volume of the eligible investment costs is ATS 10 million, which equals the maximum calculation basis for guarantees; the guarantees are granted at a maximum rate of eighty per cent, with the maximum guarantee term being ten years.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are exclusively provided to small and medium-sized enterprises investing in foreign countries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For the year 2003, a figure on the total budgetary forecast on the expenditures was no longer calculated. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of guarantee commitments equalled €8.4 million. The maximum aid intensity was seven per cent of the total amount guaranteed. In 2001,

the guarantee volume was ATS 134.- million, with that figure symbolizing a total gross cash grant equivalent of ATS 9.38 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme had been applicable since 5 October 1994 and terminated on 31 July 2001. On that day, the period for submitting aid requests under this subsidy programme expired.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

37. AID SCHEME "TOP-TOURISM-PROMOTION 2001 – 2006"

1. Title of the subsidy

TOP-Tourism-Promotion 2001 - 2006 by the Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises in the tourism and the leisure time industry. Main objective followed through this aid scheme is to improve the general level of quality in these sectors.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"SME-Promotion Act", as amended, and "Guidelines on the TOP-Tourism-Promotion 2001 - 2006 by the Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour", as amended in 2001, based thereon.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, Department V/4 - Tourism Promotion

Administering state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Austrian Hotel and Tourism Bank (AHTLB) Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either interest rate subsidies or non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are exclusively provided to small and medium-sized enterprises in the tourism and leisure time industry. Total eligible costs of investments range from €0.3 million to €21.6 million with an average of €3.03 million per project. The average absolute interest rate subsidy for a credit with a usual term of ten years amounts to €151,690.-. The average grant for an investment project equals €11,316.-.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For the current year, the expenditure forecast totals €14,800,000.-. Concerning 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of subsidy commitments amounted to €27,800,622.- and the actual payments were €16,182,431.-. In 2001, the total amount of subsidy payments under the scheme reached ATS 83.16 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 13 September 2001 and will terminate on 31 December 2006. The paying period for cofinancing the subsidies provided by means out of the Structural Fund for Regional Development (SFRD) under the scheme extends from 2002 till 2008.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

38. AID SCHEME "SMALL TRADE CREDIT PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

Small Trade Credit Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by small enterprises according to the definition laid down in the relevant Commission Recommendation. Through the assistance the long-term credit financing of investments of small competitive trade enterprises shall be facilitated by reducing the credit and interest risk.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Small Trade Credit Programme'", as amended

Authority and administrating state aid agencies in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, General Directorate "C1 - Economic Policy", Department 2 - Locational Policy and Internal Market, in cooperation with the BÜRGES Promotion Bank Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are granted to small enterprises fulfilling the pertinent criteria as laid down in the Commission Recommendation of 3 April 1996 on the Definition for small and medium-sized Enterprises. The maximum financing volume of credits guaranteed is €200,000.-, the maximum term for such credits is twenty years, the maximum guarantee rate is eighty per cent in each individual case.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, no budgetary forecast has been made. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the guarantees committed was €6,200,000.-. In the previous year, the maximum aid intensity connected with the issued guarantees reached 1.5 per cent of the financing volume. In 2001, there were no guarantees realized.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since September 1999 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

39. AID SCHEME "GUARANTEES FOR ENTERPRISES IN TOURISM 1999 – 2003"

1. Title of the subsidy

Guarantees for Enterprises in Tourism by the Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises in the tourism and the leisure time industry. Main objective followed through this aid scheme is to improve the general level of quality in these sectors.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"SME-Promotion Act", as amended, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Guarantees by the Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour for Enterprises in Tourism 1999 - 2003", as amended in 2001, based thereon.

Authority in charge of supervising the application of the aid scheme:

Federal Ministry of Economy and Labour, Department V/4 - Tourism Promotion

Administering state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Austrian Hotel and Tourism Bank (AHTLB) Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of deficiency guarantees.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are exclusively provided to small and medium-sized enterprises in the tourism and leisure time industry. Depending on the terms of the underlying credit / loan contract, guarantees usually cover the risk of project default over a period of twenty years.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For the current year, the expenditure forecast on the guarantee frame totals €40,000,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of guarantee commitments was €30,770,137.- involving an accumulated gross cash grant equivalent of €708,149.-. There were no guarantee payments effectuated in the previous year. In 2001, there was no guarantee realization either.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme has been applicable since 22 July 1999 and will terminate on 31 December 2003.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

40. AID SCHEME "AUSTRIAN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH PROMOTION FUND (AIRPF)"

1. Title of the subsidy

Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund (AIRPF)

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Within the scope of its legal brief the "Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund" pursues the following main objectives:

- The implementation of the technology policy of the Austrian Government
- The economic assistance to and the financing of industrial research, development and innovation projects
- The stimulation of research in sectors where usually little research is carried out
- The stimulation of joint national and joint international research and development
- The economic assistance to the technology transfer and the diffusion of R.- & D.- results, especially by means of the "Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF)"
- The encouragement of young researchers

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Background for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

The "Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund" is the most important source of finance for research, development and innovation projects carried out by enterprises. The fund which was founded in 1967 is an independent legal entity. AIRPF also assists to scientists developing new products in cooperation with companies. It helps them by evaluating the prospects of each individual project, by initiating the contact with know-how transfer agencies and searching for joint R.- & D.- ventures. AIRPF also has been commissioned to manage the granting of state aid under the ITF with regard to investment projects characterized by a large element of research and development. ITF mainly assists to projects involving technology transfer and technology diffusion. Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme: "Austrian Research Promotion Act", as amended, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid by the 'Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund (AIRPF)'", as amended in 1996, based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agencies in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Department I 2 - Research and Development Promotion, in cooperation with the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund (AIRPF)

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either non-repayable cash grants, low-interest loans ("soft loans"), interest rate subsidies or guarantees for credits and for loans.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are usually provided to enterprises, to research institutions, to universities, to R.- & D. working groups and to individual scientists. In 2002, no university was subsidized, but economic assistance was provided to research centres as well as enterprises.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total expenditure forecast on subsidies is €79,250.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of all the subsidies actually committed equalled €141,300.- with the overall gross cash grant equivalent totalling €73,755.-. Payments for new and current projects amounted to €133,000 in the previous year. In 2001, the total volume of subsidy payments of all types of aid applied amounted to ATS 2,518.13 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 18 November 1996 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

41. AID SCHEME "ITF-SEEDFINANCING PROGRAMME 2002"

1. Title of the subsidy

ITF-Seedfinancing Programme 2002

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the formation of startups and to new ventures carried out by young high-tech enterprises in the field of technology.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Innovation and Technology Fund Act, State Gazette Edition No. 603/1987, as amended by State Gazette Edition No. 508/2002, and the "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'ITF-Seedfinancing Programme 2002'", based thereon

Authority and administrating state aid agencies in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology, General Directorate III, Division "Innovation", Department I 2 - "Research and Development Promotion", in cooperation with the Innovation Agency Company, Ltd.

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided as so called "mezzanin capital", with the interest rate and the manner of the repayment depending on the economic performance of the pertinent applicant and none of the usual collaterals being required. The usual period of the underlying loans is ten years each.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided both to physical persons and legal entities, e. g. private limited companies and partnerships, which found or develop a commercial business. The eligibility of the projects extends neither to enterprises employing a staff of more than twenty-five people or to enterprises, of which more than twenty-five per cent of the capital is held by a firm with a payroll in excess of EURO 50 million and sales of over EURO 7 million or a total balance sheet sum exceeding EURO 5 million.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy, total amount of subsidy commitments and total amount of subsidy payments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the budgetary forecast equals €7 million. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of subsidy commitments was €6.5 million and the total volume of actual payments was €3.9 million. The average subsidy per project is €0.45 million. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments under the scheme yet.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 16 December 2002 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

42. AID SCHEME "PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION ROAD - RAIL – SHIP"

1. Title of the subsidy

Programme for the Promotion of the multi-modal Transportation Road - Rail - Ship

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment aiming at transferring the traffic from the roads to rail and to sea as well as at improving the means of transportation by rail and by ship. Main purpose of the aid scheme is to compensate the economic disadvantages of multimodal transportation through the provision of State Aid.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Directive No. 1107/70 by the Council of the European Communities, as amended by the 'Directive No. 543/97 by the Council of the European Communities'", "General Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Sector of Transport", as of January 22, 1989, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Programme for the Promotion of the multi-modal Transportation Road - Rail - Ship'", as amended in 1999, based thereon

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, General Directorate III, Division "Innovation", Department I 7 - "Mobility and Transport Technologies"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to carriers, to forwarding agencies, to freight forwarders and to other enterprises in the transport-service industries. Recipients may be both individual applicants, legal entities and private partnerships according to civil law and common law, but no territorial authorities.

Mechanism of granting the subsidies under this aid scheme:

- application / aid request by the investing enterprise
- decision by an independent commission on whether to grant the aid requested or not
- payment
- generally effectuated in two instalments
- after the subsidized costs of the investment were approved with respect to the relevant legal stipulations

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the annual amount budgeted is €4,800,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the subsidies committed was €1,903,600.-. The total sum of actual payments amounted to €2,750,000.-. In 2001, the amount of subsidy payments approximately corresponded to the figure of 2002.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme had been applicable since 20 July 1999 and terminated already on 31 December 2002. This means, as from the beginning of this year, no further aid requests are accepted by the pertinent state aid agency.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter had got only minimal effects on the international trade.

43. AID SCHEME "PILOTPROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERMODAL-TRAFFIC AND FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF PROJECTS IN THE MULTIMODAL TRAFFIC ON THE WATERWAY DANUBE"

1. Title of the subsidy

Pilotprogram for the Development of intermodal Traffic and for the Assistance of Projects in the multimodal Traffic on the Waterway "Danube"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective / purpose of the aid scheme is to compensate the economic disadvantages of intermodal and multimodal transportation on the waterway Danube through the provision of State Aid.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"General Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the Sector of Transport", as of 22 January 1989, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Pilotprogram for the Development of intermodal Traffic and for the Assistance of Projects in the multimodal Traffic on the Waterway Danube'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, General Directorate III, Division "Innovation", Department I 7 - "Mobility and Transport Technologies"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to carriers, to forwarding agencies, to freight forwarders and to other enterprises in the transport-service industries. Recipients may be both individual applicants, legal entities and private partnerships according to civil law and common law, but no territorial authorities. Mechanism of granting the subsidies under this aid scheme:

- application / aid request by the investing enterprise
- decision by an independent commission on whether to grant the aid requested or not
- payment - generally effectuated in two instalments - after the subsidized costs of the investment were approved with respect to the relevant legal stipulations

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the amount earmarked is € 1,000,000.- and is part of the total annual budget of the aid scheme "Programme for the Promotion of the multimodal Transportation Road - Rail - Ship". In 2002, the year to be reported on, there were neither subsidy commitments nor subsidy payments. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments either.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 22 June 2001 and will cease on 31 December 2005.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

44. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE TO THE INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT BY MEANS OF THE REGION OF STYRIA"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance to the industrial Waste Water Management by Means of the Region of Styria

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the water protection measures carried out by enterprises in the manufacturing industries.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to the industrial Waste Water Management by Means of the Region of Styria", as amended in 1999

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Styria, Department 19C - Local Water Supply Management

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants up to a maximum amount of ten per cent of the volume of the eligible gross investment costs, in each individual case. Therefore also the maximum gross cash grant equivalent equals ten per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs, in each individual case.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided exclusively to enterprises in the manufacturing industries. The aid is given according to the construction progress in realising the pertinent project to be subsidized and with regard to the available financial means of both the Region of Styria and the "European Fund for Regional Development (EFRD)". Grants are given to cover those additional environmental costs caused by cleaning or avoiding waste water, thus exceeding the legally prescribed level of environmental protection. Only projects carried out in Assisted Areas pursuant to Article 87 Chapter 3 lit. c of the EC-Treaty are eligible. Excluded from aid are operating costs, financing costs, the acquisition of land, leasing, taxes, fees and costs for removing old facilities.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

The amount budgeted by the Regional Government of the Province of Styria for the current year is €99,167.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, there were no new expenditure commitments made. The actual amount of subsidy payments totalled €37,195.- last year. In 2001, the total amount of payments for non-repayable cash grants reached ATS 10.09 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 24 January 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

45. AID SCHEME "NÖ.F.I.T.2006TOP"

1. Title of the subsidy

Lower Austrian Tourism Investment Promotion Programme 2001 – 2006
(NÖ.F.I.T.2006TOP)

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by tourist enterprises in the Region of Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the Lower Austrian Tourism Investment Promotion Programme 2001 - 2006 (NÖ.F.I.T.2006TOP)", as amended in 2001

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST3 - Tourism

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises in tourism and in the leisure time industry.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for aid equals €8,206,240.-, with a sum of €7,159,000.- being earmarked for expenditure commitments. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the committed subsidies totalled €3,337,990.-, with the average aid intensity reaching 10.01 per cent. In the previous year, the total amount of actual payments reached €2,291,233.-. In 2001, subsidies amounting to ATS 65.17 million were paid out under the scheme.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 11 June 2001 and will expire on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

46. AID SCHEME "PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURIST INDUSTRY WITHIN THE LOWER AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION MODEL"

1. Title of the subsidy

Participation in the Tourist Industry within the Lower Austrian Participation Model

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out by tourist enterprises in the Region of Lower Austria.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on Aid in the Form of Participation in the Tourist Industry within the 'Lower Austrian Participation Model'", as amended in 1997 authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies: Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Department WST3 - Tourism

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of equity capital.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises in tourism and in the leisure time industry.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount budgeted for aid equals €550,000.-. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all the committed subsidies totalled €134,473.-, with the average aid intensity reaching 14.30 per cent. In the previous year, the total amount of actual payments reached €510,500.-. The volume of non-repayable cash grants effectuated in the last but one year was ATS 8.51 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 3 December 1997 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

47. AID SCHEME ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FUND (ITF)"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance within the Framework of the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF)"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to research and development projects. Through this assistance innovation and technological development shall be strengthened.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Innovation and Technology Fund Act", as amended, and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid within the Framework of the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF)", as amended in 1996 and in 2002, based thereon Authority and administrating state aid agencies in charge of granting the subsidies: Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, General Directorate III, Division "Innovation", Department I 2 - "Research and Development Promotion", in cooperation with the ERP-Fund and the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants. There are neither minimum nor maximum levels concerning the volume of the projects to be assisted.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to enterprises in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries. The aid scheme is applied independently by the two state aid agencies mentioned in paragraph 4.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

The average annual budget for aid under the ITF amounts to €10 million, of which either €5 million are reserved for both the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund and the ERP-Fund. The budgetary frame for 2002 was not fully used on account of retaliation in the administration of the

programme. Therefore a part of the payments having been foreseen for the previous year will be effectuated in the current year. For 2003, a total amount of €2.54 million has been budgeted for subsidies to be administrated by the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund. There is no separate expenditure forecast figure on aid by the ERP-Fund, as an allocation of means is done on an "ad hoc"-basis. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of the committed subsidies totalled €3.995 million, of which €3.17 million referred to commitments by the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund and €0.825 million to commitments by the ERP-Fund. In the previous year, the total sum of actual payments on subsidies amounted to €3.53 million, of which €1.93 million were effectuated by the Austrian Industrial Research Promotion Fund and €1.6 million by the ERP-Fund. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments at all.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable under various focal points since 22 January 1996. By mid-2003 the Innovation and Technology Fund was liquidated. The Guidelines themselves will be still valid until the end of 2005, since the conditions for the provision of subsidies under the scheme will further exist on the legal basis of the new Research and Technology Promotion Act, which amended the Innovation and Technology Fund Act. Work on subsequently amending the Guidelines has already been started. Nevertheless there will not be any budgetary changes in the following years.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter had got Only minimal effects on the international trade.

48. AID SCHEME "REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOCAL POINT PROGRAMME (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - FOCAL POINT: 'STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY', PART: 'REGIONAL PLANNING RELOCATION PROGRAMME'"

1. Title of the subsidy

"Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - Focal Point: 'Strengthening the Regional Economic Efficiency', Part: 'Regional Planning Relocation Programme'"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to relocation measures, especially taken by small and medium-sized enterprises, with respect to the general regional planning objectives.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated 14 November 2000,
Decision taken by the Regional Parliament of Tyrol dated 13 December 2000 and

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - Focal Point: 'Strengthening the Regional Economic Efficiency', Part: 'Regional Planning Relocation Programme'", as amended in 2001, based thereon Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies: Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants up to a maximum aid intensity of five per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs, in each individual case. In exceptional cases, particularly for projects in Assisted Areas a surplus of five per cent to the basic aid will be granted.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided exclusively to small and medium-sized enterprises.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

For 2003, the total expenditure forecast for subsidies is €1.17 million. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the amount of the subsidies committed totalled €203,844.-. Actual subsidy payments amounted to €94,845.- in the previous year. In 2001, there were no subsidy payments under the scheme.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 16 November 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

49. AID SCHEME "SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE NATIONAL PARK REGION 'HOHE TAUERN' IN TYROL"

1. Title of the subsidy

Special Programme for the national Park Region 'Hohe Tauern' in Tyrol

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to measures promoting the economic development in the national park region "Hohe Tauern" in order to compensate for the legal and the commercial restrictions arising from the creation of that national park.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated March 8, 1994 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the Special Programme for the national Park Region 'Hohe Tauern' in Tyrol", as amended, based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided either as a non-repayable cash grant, as an interest rate subsidy, as a low-interest loan („soft loan") or as a combination thereof.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to private persons, to enterprises, to cooperatives and to communities. The amounts of the aid depend on both the type of the recipient and the type of the investment project to be subsidized. Projects carried out by enterprises are assisted by subsidies up to a maximum aid intensity of thirty per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs in each individual case. Non-commercial public projects are assisted by subsidies up to a maximum aid intensity of seventy per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs in each individual case. Projects, which involve planning aspects, are assisted by subsidies up to a maximum aid intensity of hundred per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs in each individual case.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For the current year, an expenditure forecast was no longer made. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, the total amount of expenditure commitments was €467,600.-. The actual payments amounted to €715,253.- last year. In 2001, subsidy payments amounting to ATS 15.04 million were effectuated.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme had been applicable since 1 January 1992 and terminated on 31 December 2001. This means, as from that date no further aid requests have been accepted by the responsible aid giving institutions. Consequently, the figures on subsidy commitments and subsidy payments indicated exclusively referred to aid requests which had been submitted still within the period of validity of the aid scheme. As a budgetary figure has no longer been estimated for the current year, no further payments are to expected.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has only minimal effects on the international trade.

50. AID SCHEME "IMPULSE PACKAGE TYROL 1999 - 2006"

1. Title of the subsidy

Impulse Package Tyrol 1999 - 2006

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance in order to stimulate the regional economy. Main purpose of this economic assistance is to promote investment projects carried out especially by small and medium-sized enterprises in the fields of research and development. In specific cases, also projects of large enterprises can be subject to aid.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated 15 December 1998 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Impulse Package Tyrol 1999 - 2006'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided either as non-repayable cash grants or soft loans. Aid is granted up to a maximum intensity of fifteen per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided primarily to small and medium-sized enterprises, but also to larger enterprises in both the manufacturing industries and the service-related industries.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

The total budgetary frame on the expected expenditures in the entire seven-year programme from 1999 to 2006 is €36.336 million. Regarding 2002, the year to be reported on, the volume of all

the subsidies committed totalled €3.3876 million. The total amount of the actual subsidy payments in 2002 was €3.877 million. In 2001, expenditure on subsidies totalled ATS 27.15 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 26 May 1999 and will be valid until 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

51. AID SCHEME "REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOCAL POINT PROGRAMME (RPAFPP) 1996 - 2000 - FOCAL POINT: 'ENSURING THE BASIC RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES', PART: 'IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES IN SKIING AREAS'"

1. Title of the subsidy

"Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 1996 - 2000 - Focal Point: 'Ensuring the basic Recreation Opportunities', Part: 'Improvement of existing Facilities in Skiing Areas'"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme was to provide economic assistance to small and medium-sized tourist enterprises operating in skiing areas of Tyrol. The scheme aimed at improving the existing winter sport facilities.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated September 17, 1996,
Decision taken by the Regional Parliament of Tyrol dated October 10, 1996 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 1996 - 2000 - Focal Point: 'Ensuring the basic Recreation Opportunities', Part: 'Improvement of existing Facilities in Skiing Areas'", as amended in 1996, based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants up to a maximum aid intensity of fifteen per cent of the total volume of the eligible investment costs for small enterprises and up to a maximum aid intensity of 7.5 per cent of the eligible costs for medium-sized enterprises.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme were provided exclusively to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the definition laid down in the Commission Recommendation of 3 April 1996.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

For the current year, no more expenditure forecast for subsidies under the scheme was made. In 2002, there were not any new subsidy commitments any longer. The total amount of actual payments equalled €65,297.- last year. In 2001, the amount of non-repayable cash grants effectuated reached ATS 0.51 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme had been applicable since 10 September 1996 and terminated already with 31 December 2000. As from that date no further aid requests have been accepted by the responsible aid giving authority. Since there were no more expenditure commitments last year, there have not been any subsidy payments any longer in 2003.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter had got only minimal effects on the international trade.

52. AID SCHEME "ASSISTANCE TO RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND FLEXIBLE AUTOMATION"

1. Title of the subsidy

Assistance to Research, Development, Innovation and flexible Automation

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main purpose of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to investment projects carried out in the fields of research, development, innovation and flexible automation. Main objectives of this economic assistance are to strengthen small and medium-sized enterprises and to enable R.- & D.-orientated activities in the manufacturing industries and in the service-related industries.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated 2 February 1993 and "Guidelines on the Granting of Aid to Research, Development, Innovation and flexible Automation", as amended on 5 March 1996 based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme were provided as non-repayable cash grants.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme were provided to small and medium-sized enterprises. The amount of aid depended on the type of the pertinent investment project carried out. Grants for research and development projects totalled a maximum of thirty per cent of the volume of eligible investment costs, grants for innovation projects totalled a maximum of ten per cent of the volume of eligible investment costs, grants for flexible automation projects totalled a maximum of ATS 150,000.- with a maximum aid intensity of forty per cent of the eligible software costs and grants for innovation consultancy projects totalled a maximum of ATS 10,000.- with a maximum aid intensity of thirty per cent of the volume of eligible investment costs, in each individual case.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

For the current year, an expenditure forecast on subsidies was no longer made. In 2002, no new expenditure commitments were made either. In the previous year the total amount of subsidy payments was €40,290.-. In 2001, subsidy payments amounted to ATS 0.55 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme had been applicable since 2 March 1994 and already ceased on 31 December 1998. As from that date, no further aid requests have been accepted by the aid giving authority. Since there were no new subsidy commitments any more in 2002, there have no longer been any subsidy payments in the current year.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter had only got minimal effects on the international trade.

53. AID SCHEME "REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE FOCAL POINT PROGRAMME (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - FOCAL POINT: 'ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS' - PARTS: 1) 'CONSTRUCTION OF BIOMASS HEATING SYSTEMS'; 2) 'OFF-HEATING AND REGAINING WARMTH ENERGY'; 3) 'ELECTRICAL HEAT PUMPS'"

1. Title of the subsidy

"Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - Focal Point: 'Establishment of energy-related environmental Protection Projects' - Parts: 1) 'Construction of Biomass Heating Systems'; 2) 'Off-Heating and Regaining Warmth Energy'; 3) 'Electrical Heat Pumps'"

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the financing of alternative and renewable energy-projects, like for instance biomass plants.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

Decision taken by the Regional Government of Tyrol dated 14 November 2000,

Decision taken by the Regional Parliament of Tyrol dated 13 December 2000 and Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the "Regional Planning Assistance Focal Point Programme (RPAFPP) 2001 - 2006 - Focal Point: 'Establishment of energy-related environmental Protection Projects' - Parts: 1) 'Construction of Biomass Heating Systems'; 2) 'Off-Heating and Regaining Warmth Energy'; 3) 'Electrical Heat Pumps'", based thereon.

Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies:

Office of the Regional Government of Tyrol, Department - "Economic Assistance"

5. Form of the subsidy

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided as non-repayable cash grants with the pertinent aid intensity depending on the type of project to be assisted.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both enterprises and communities. The construction of biomass heating systems is subsidized by grants up to a maximum aid intensity of forty per cent, while studies on such measures are assisted by grants up to a maximum aid intensity of 45 per cent. The construction of facilities aiming at the industrial usage of off-heating and the regaining of warmth energy is supported by grants up to a maximum aid intensity of 20 per cent. The construction of electrical heat pumps is also subsidized by grants up to a maximum aid intensity of 20 per cent.

7. Annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and subsidy commitments

For 2003, the total expenditure forecast for subsidies is €3.33 million. In 2002, the year to be reported on, the amount of the subsidies committed totalled €881,081.-. Actual subsidy payments amounted to €596,474.- in the previous year. In 2001, the total volume of subsidies paid out was ATS 17.06 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "EC-approved" aid scheme has been applicable since 16 November 2000 and will terminate on 31 December 2006.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.

54. AID SCHEME "DISTRICT HEATING PROMOTION PROGRAMME"

1. Title of the subsidy

District Heating Promotion Programme

2. Period covered by the notification

2001 and 2002

3. Policy objective and / or purpose of the subsidy

Main objective of this aid scheme is to provide economic assistance to the financing of district heating facilities. In particular, subsidies under the aid scheme aim at covering the costs of planning such facilities.

4. Background and authority for the subsidy (including the identification of the legislation under which it is granted)

Legal basis for the granting of the subsidies under this aid scheme:

"Guidelines on the Granting of Aid under the 'District Heating Promotion Programme'"
Authority and administrating state aid agency in charge of granting the subsidies: Office of the Regional Government of Lower Austria, Division "Construction", Department "General Construction Services" - Executive Unit for Energy Affairs

5. Form of the subsidy

Aid under this aid scheme is provided in the form of either non-repayable cash grants or interest rate subsidies.

6. To whom and how the subsidy is provided

Subsidies under this aid scheme are provided to both enterprises and communities.

7. Total amount of subsidy, annual amount budgeted for the subsidy and total amount of subsidy commitments

Regarding the current year, the total amount of the expenditure forecast on the expected subsidies equals €835,650.77, of which €17,500.- refer to new expenditure commitments. In 2002, the year to be reported on, subsidy commitments amounted to €13,900.88 and the total volume of actual subsidy payments was €976,698.24. In 2001, expenditure on non-repayable cash grants totalled ATS 12.86 million.

8. Duration of the subsidy and / or any other time limits attached to it

This "existing" aid scheme has been applicable since 1 January 1991 and has got an unlimited duration of validity.

9. Statistical data permitting an assessment of the trade effects of the subsidy

Detailed statistics on the impacts on the international trade by applying this aid scheme are not available, however, it can be assumed that the application of the latter has got only minimal effects on the international trade.
