### EC Meeting - 07/97 - Barcelona Proposal of Guidelines for the allocation of General Support Funds

At its Glasgow meeting in 07-94 (item 7/94/3 in the minutes) – see also the EURO Bulletin Vol. 3.4 Winter '94 – the Council of EURO decided that:

"up to 5 000 CHF is available to response to bids from organs of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events for support for actions in a EURO context not covered by other instruments. Special consideration is given to the need of students. Competitive bids may be made during each 6 period month".

In view of the success of this instrument – the budget for 1997 did not allow to respond favourably to all bids – it is time to formalise the guidelines for the attribution of these funds.

# Proposal of Guidelines for the allocation of General Support Funds

ver 1.0 - May 1997

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- bids that emanate from a member society of EURO or organisers of EURO sponsored events or organisers of events sponsored by a member society of EURO.

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Although bids emanating from individuals (e.g. students willing to attend a Conference closely related to EURO) are, in principle, acceptable they will be given a very low priority. They are approved only in exceptional cases.

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- to publicise the support of EURO in the documents of the Conference,
- to produce a report on the use of the funds no later than 3 months after the event,
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Each year the Secretary of EURO reports to the Council on the use of these funds.

#### Procedure

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- 30 November x-1, for the first semester of year x,
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