The purpose of the “General Support funds” is to support any activity related to EURO that cannot be covered by other instruments of EURO.

Priority will always be given to:
- bids that give special consideration to the need of students (e.g. organiser of an event related to EURO willing to subsidise the participation of students),
- bids that give special consideration to the need of organisers of OR events in Central and Eastern Europe,
- 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.

The budget for this instrument was CHF 15 000 for 1999 (see item 30/98/1/C in the minutes of the Council in Brussels, 1998).

The deadline for the submission of bids for the “General Support” funds of EURO was widely announced to be: 30 November 1998 for the first semester of 1999 and 30 May 1999 for the second semester of 1999.

Funds were allocated as follows.
- Management Society of Ireland – 850 CHF in order to support the participation of students to the conference "Decision Modelling and Management Philosophy", Dublin, Jan, 7-10, 1999.
- EWG "Multi-criteria Decision Aid" (B. Roy): 3200 CHF, in order to support the organisation of an exceptional meeting (50th meeting of the EWG, Cerisy la Salle, France, 28/9-2/10/99).
- Jean Pierre Barthélémy (co-organiser of the 10th Mini-EURO Conference, Human Centered Processes, Brest, France, 22-24/9/99): 3400 CHF in order to support participants from Central and Eastern Europe and the invitation of guest speakers.
- CSOR (Czech): 1000 CHF to support the organisation of MME’99, 14-16/9/99, Jindrichuv Hradec (supporting the publication of the proceedings).
- CRORS (Croatia): 2000 CHF to support PARAOPT VI, 4-8/10/99, Dubrovnik (to support the organisation of the conference).
- Paolo Toth: 3000 CHF for the organisation of the 3rd EURO/ALIO workshop on Combinatorial Optimisation, 1-7/11/99, Erice, Italy.
- Piotr Sawicki: 1500 CHF for the organisation of the International Conference "Modelling and Management in Transportation", 12-16/10/99, Poznan.

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