

# Procedure file

Basic information	
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TEMPUS II: Trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, 1 July 1994 to 30 June 2000	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	PPE <a href="#">BARDONG Otto</a>	04/06/1996
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations	ELDR <a href="#">PORTO Manuel</a>	29/05/1996
	Council of the European Union	Meeting	Date
	Council configuration <a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	<a href="#">1965</a>	21/11/1996

Key events			
08/05/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0198	Summary
15/07/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
21/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0328/1996</a>	
15/11/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0623/1996	Summary
21/11/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
21/11/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Decision
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Committee dossier	CULT/4/08025

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(1996)0198</a> <a href="#">OJ C 207 18.07.1996, p. 0008</a>	08/05/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0881/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 295 07.10.1996, p. 0034</a>	10/07/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion	<a href="#">CDR0193/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 034 03.02.1997, p. 0049</a>	18/09/1996	CofR	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0328/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0004</a>	21/10/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0623/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0314-0319</a>	15/11/1996	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Decision 1996/663](#)  
[OJ L 306 28.11.1996, p. 0001](#) Summary

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OBJECTIVE: the proposal aims to amend Decision 93/246/EEC with a view to extending the second phase of the Trans-European Cooperation Scheme for Higher Education (TEMPUS II) (1994-1998) for a period of two years. CONTENT: the Commission is proposing extending the TEMPUS II programme until 30 June 2000 in line with the PHARE and TACIS programmes, which will receive funding until the end of 1999. \* In the TACIS countries (Republics of the former USSR and Mongolia), where considerable assistance is still required, the programme must be extended in order to: - help secure a diversified, decentralised and independent higher education system; - develop new courses and teaching material in key sectors; - introduce new teaching methods, train teaching staff and boost the capacity of higher education; - modernise the management of universities to enable higher education establishments to adapt to a market economy; \* In the associated Central and Eastern European PHARE countries, which have benefited from the TEMPUS programme since 1990, actions will concentrate on four key areas: - preparing for the accession of these countries to the Community and, with this in mind, establishing the professional qualifications needed for a single market: institutions in the partner countries must be able to meet European standards in the fields where they are lacking, particularly as regards management and quality; - preparing higher education establishments to participate on an equal footing in the European Union's education and training programmes (Socrates and Leonardo) so as to encourage, in particular, the recognition of periods of study in the student mobility scheme; - enhancing cooperation between higher education establishments and business undertakings (e.g. helping to create interfaces between universities and businesses that promote applied research); - support political initiatives to reform higher education: emphasis will be placed on structural reforms (e.g. the creation of short and vocational courses) and on promoting what has been achieved by TEMPUS by making its results more widely available. The actions provided for under TEMPUS (joint European projects, structural and complementary measures, individual mobility grants and support measures) described in the annex to the proposal remain largely unchanged. However, students from associated PHARE countries receiving mobility grants under Socrates and Leonardo will not be able to obtain mobility grants or support for practical training under TEMPUS. As in the past, the Commission will ensure permanent monitoring of the implementation of the activities under the TEMPUS programme. Moreover, the draft decision proposes that the programme should be evaluated at the end of the second phase and that an interim report should be submitted to the Council no later than 30 April 1998 along with proposals for the possible extension of the TEMPUS programme from 1 July 2000 for partner countries not yet qualifying for Socrates and Leonardo. A final report is also scheduled for 30 June 2004. ?

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The Committee welcomes the extension of TEMPUS and its adjustment to meet concrete objectives of improved socio-economic conditions in the beneficiary countries. The Committee supports the call for the establishment of specific criteria to meet specific situations encountered by the PHARE and TACIS beneficiary countries. As this is an amendment of the second phase of TEMPUS II, it would be particularly beneficial if the participation of beneficiary country enterprises was made a basic selection criterion. The participation of these enterprises will, of course, be matched by the involvement in the project of one European Union enterprise. The Committee attaches top priority to education reforms designed to meet industry's training needs. The Committee is of the opinion that in those countries that are not eligible for the LEONARDO and SOCRATES Programmes, TEMPUS should help create suitable conditions to enable them to obtain the qualifications and skills which flow from the "acquis communautaire".?

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The draft report was adopted unanimously.?

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Parliament adopted the report by Mr Robert EVANS (PSE, UK) concerning the adoption of the second phase of the Trans-European Cooperation Scheme for Higher Education (TEMPUS II). It called on the Commission, in realizing the objectives of TEMPUS II, to ensure respect for the Community's general policy on equal opportunity for men and women and to ensure that no group of people is excluded or disadvantaged for any reason. It proposed that the Commission be assisted by a committee composed of one representative appointed by each Member State and two members from the European Parliament's committee responsible. The meeting would be chaired by the Commission representative. ?

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The Council decided to extend the second phase of the TEMPUS II programme (1994-1998) for a period of two years commencing 1 July 1998. The Council Decision of 29 April 1993 adopting TEMPUS II had provided for an interim assessment of the programme before 30 April 1996. This assessment had demonstrated the capacity of the TEMPUS programme to make an effective contribution to diversification of teaching resources and cooperation between universities in the partner countries, thereby creating conditions likely to promote scientific, cultural and economic development.

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OBJECTIVE: to amend Decision 93/246/EEC with a view to extending the second phase of the Tempus II programme for a period of two years. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 96/663/EC amending Decision 93/246/EEC adopting the second phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (TEMPUS II) (1994-1998). SUBSTANCE: the Decision extends the Tempus II programme until 30 June 2000, in line with the PHARE and TACIS programmes whose financial planning will run until 31 December 1999. The Annex to the Decision describes eligible joint European projects as well as mobility or individual grants qualifying for financial support. The measures provided for in the original Decision remain largely unchanged. It should be noted, however, that students from the associated PHARE countries (the countries of Central and Eastern Europe) with access to mobility grants under Socrates and Leonardo will not be able to obtain mobility or support grants for periods of practical training under Tempus. At the same time, the Commission will ensure the necessary monitoring of the implementation of the activities of the Tempus programme. Provision is made for an evaluation of the programme at the end of the second phase as well as the submission of an interim report before 30 April 1998, accompanied by proposals for the possible extension of Tempus from 1 July 2000 for partner countries that do not yet have access to Socrates and Leonardo. A final report is also scheduled for 30 June 2004. ENTRY INTO FORCE: The Decision enters into force on 21 November 1996. ?