


# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision <a href="#">1996/0130(COD)</a></p>	Procedure completed
<p>Socrates programme: including Turkey as a beneficiary country</p> <p>Amending Decision No 819/95/EC <a href="#">1994/0001(COD)</a></p> <p>Subject 4.40.20 Cooperation and agreements in the fields of education, training and youth</p> <p>Geographical area Turkey</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>CULT</b> Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	PPE-DE <a href="#">GARGANI Giuseppe</a>	27/07/1999
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	PPE <a href="#">FABRA VALLÉS Juan Manuel</a>	04/06/1996
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations	PPE <a href="#">SCHWAIGER Konrad K.</a>	27/06/1996
	Council of the European Union	Council configuration <a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	Meeting <a href="#">2196</a>

Key events			
13/05/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0199	Summary
24/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
26/01/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
26/01/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A4-0048/1999</a>	
25/02/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0129/1999	Summary
12/07/1999	Council position published	<a href="#">08076/1/1999</a>	Summary
23/07/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		

12/10/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
12/10/1999	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	<a href="#">A5-0023/1999</a>	
27/10/1999	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	<a href="#">T5-0081/1999</a>	Summary
13/12/1999	Final act signed		
13/12/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/01/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0130(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision No 819/95/EC <a href="#">1994/0001(COD)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 149; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 150
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0199	13/05/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0329/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 158 26.05.1997, p. 0074</a>	20/03/1997	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0048/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0005</a>	26/01/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0129/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0013-0020</a>	25/02/1999	EP	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion		<a href="#">CDR0205/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 293 13.10.1999, p. 0023</a>	02/06/1999	CofR	
Council position		<a href="#">08076/1/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 249 01.09.1999, p. 0001</a>	12/07/1999	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(1999)1180	16/07/1999	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		<a href="#">A5-0023/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 154 05.06.2000, p. 0007</a>	12/10/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		<a href="#">T5-0081/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 154 05.06.2000, p. 0074-0136</a>	28/10/1999	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

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## Socrates programme: including Turkey as a beneficiary country

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**OBJECTIVE:** to enable Turkey to take part in the SOCRATES programme. **CONTENT:** amendment of European Parliament and Council Decision No 819/95 relating to the SOCRATES programme in order to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries. Turkey's participation will enable Turkish and European students to establish closer links and will help to strengthen democracy and respect for human rights in that country. Turkey's financial contribution to SOCRATES will be made either by means of a direct contribution or by using funds earmarked for EC-Turkey financial cooperation (or a combination of the two).?

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The Parliament approved the Commission's proposal subject to some amendments. Parliament's opinion was drafted by Ms. Renate Heinisch, (EPP, Germany). The Decision concerns full or partial participation by Turkey in the Socrates programme in its current form, to the extent permitted by negotiations, as well as the launch of preparatory measures or measures to increase awareness with a view to such participation or to that provided for under the future framework programme (2000-2004) at the earliest possible date. There is an amendment which states that the purpose of such participation is to enable genuine exchanges to take place between young people from both sides and the staff accompanying them, while respecting their linguistic, educational and cultural diversity, as provided for in Article 126(1) of the Treaty, and bearing in mind the need to ensure fair representation of minorities. The Parliament also approved an amendment requiring it to be kept informed about the various measures taken to implement this Decision.?

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The Council's common position takes up the majority of the Parliament's amendments adopted in its first reading. Of the 6 amendments, the Council decided to accept amendments 1-4 and 6 in their entirety. The Council was able to accept amendment 5 in part, but agreed to change the reference to minorities.?

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The Commission agrees with the Council's common position, including the amendment with respect to the rights of minorities. In fact, the Commission is of the opinion that the wording proposed by the European Parliament could give the impression that specific quotas were a possibility.?

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The Parliament approved its second reading under the co-decision procedure without amendment (the rapporteur was Mr. Giuseppe GARGANI, EPP, I).?

## Socrates programme: including Turkey as a beneficiary country

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**PURPOSE :** to allow Turkey to participate in the Socrates programme. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Decision 68/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the basic Decision relating to the Socrates programme so as to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries. **CONTENT :** this Decision amends Decision 819/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the Socrates programme in order to open the programme up to the participation of Turkey. In addition, this Decision concerns full or partial participation at the earliest possible date by Turkey in the Socrates programme in its current form, to the extent permitted by negotiations, as well as the launch of preparatory measures or measures to increase awareness with a view to such participation or to that provided for under the future framework programme (2000 to 2004). The purpose of the participation of Turkey in this programme is to enable genuine exchanges to take place between young people from both sides and the staff accompanying them, while respecting their linguistic, educational and cultural diversity . The European Parliament shall be kept informed of the various measures taken to implement this Decision. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 14.01.2000.?