


# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) <a href="#">1996/0131(COD)</a> Decision</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Youth: including Turkey among the beneficiary countries of the 3rd phase of the "Youth for Europe" programme</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	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		04/06/1996
		PPE <a href="#">FABRA VALLÉS Juan Manuel</a>	
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		27/06/1996
		PPE <a href="#">SCHWAIGER Konrad K.</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">2196</a>	12/07/1999

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>	
24/02/1999	Debate in Parliament		
25/02/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0130/1999	Summary
12/07/1999	Council position published	<a href="#">08077/1/1999</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>	
28/10/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	<a href="#">T5-0082/1999</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	1996/0131(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 149
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/4/11098

### 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	T4-0130/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 153 01.06.1999, p. 0013-0023</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="#">08077/1/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 249 01.09.1999, p. 0004</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="#">T5-0082/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 154 05.06.2000, p. 0074-0137</a>	28/10/1999	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

<a href="#">Decision 2000/69</a> <a href="#">OJ L 010 14.01.2000, p. 0003</a> Summary
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## Youth: including Turkey among the beneficiary countries of the "Youth for Europe" programme

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OBJECTIVE: to enable Turkey to take part in the Youth for Europe III programme. CONTENT: amendment of Parliament and Council Decision No 818/95 relating to the Youth for Europe III programme to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries. Turkey's participation will enable young Turks and Europeans to establish closer links and will help to strengthen democracy and respect for human rights in that country. Turkey's financial contribution 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 ESC, on the basis of its Information Report on EU-Turkey relations (1992), and in keeping with the spirit of the ensuing own-initiative opinion (1993), and the work carried out by the EU-Turkey Joint Consultative Committee (established 1995), believes that education and training are areas in which the benefits to be derived from exchanges with third-country cultures and peoples clearly outweigh any economic or political considerations. In numerous opinions on EU external relations, the ESC has stated that EU socio-occupational organizations consider third country cooperation on culture and training as a priority. The ESC endorses the proposal. ?

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Turkey should take part in the EU's Socrates and Youth programmes, decided the Committee .The report (rapporteur : Renate HEINISCH (EPP, D) calls for Turkey to be included at an early date not only in the programmes but also in any preparatory or publicity measures for the current programmes as well as for the 2000-2004 framework programme. It also states that the aim of the programmes is to enable exchanges to take place between young people and staff on both sides. ?

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The Parliament approved the Commission's proposal subject to some amendments. Parliament's opinion was drafted by Ms. Renate Heinsch, (EPP, Germany). The Decision concerns the participation by Turkey in the Youth for Europe programme and would make it possible to launch preparatory measures and measures to increase awareness with a view to full participation under the current programme or under the future framework programme (2000-2004) which is currently being drawn up. 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 took up the majority of the amendments approved by the European Parliament in its first reading. These relate to : - the accession of Turkey to the third phase of the Youth for Europe programme (2000-2004) according to procedures yet to be agreed, - the strengthening of links between young people in the Community and in Turkey and staff accompanying them while respecting their linguistic, educational and cultural diversity and the rights of minorities, - informing the Parliament on the various measures taken to implement this participation. The Council did not take up the Parliament's formulation of 'bearing in mind the need to ensure fair representation of minorities' because it felt that it might convey the idea of specific quotas.?

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The Commission agrees with the Council's common position, including the amendment regarding the respect for the rights of minorities. The Commission, like the Council, is of the opinion that respect for minority rights should serve as a guiding principle for the selection of participants without giving to understand that any form of quota is required.?

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The committee adopted the draft recommendation for second reading by Giuseppe GARGANI (EPP/ED, I) approving the common position

established by the Council. It stressed that the adoption of the decision was a clear expression of political will on the part of the institutions involved - indeed, the fact that the programme expires at the end of 1999 and that Turkey is among the beneficiary countries of the programme that will replace it as of the year 2000 had not stopped the Commission or Parliament from adopting the decision. The report noted that this development should also enable the preparatory measures for the implementation of the next programme, which would undoubtedly require long negotiation, to start in the last quarter of 1999.

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The Parliament adopted its second reading of the proposal without amendment (the rapporteur was Mr. Giuseppe GARGANI, EPP, I).?

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**PURPOSE** : to allow Turkey to participate in the 'Youth for Europe' programme. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Decision 69/2000/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the basic Decision relating to the third phase of the 'Youth for Europe' programme so as to include Turkey among the beneficiary countries. **CONTENT** : this Decision amends Decision 818/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the third phase of the 'Youth for Europe' 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 'Youth for Europe' 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.?