


# Procedure file

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Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of the Slovak Republic		
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	Council of the European Union	Council configuration Telecommunications <a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	Meeting <a href="#">2071</a> <a href="#">2046</a>

Key events			
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20/11/1997	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2046</a>	
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04/12/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
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20/02/1998	Debate in Parliament		
20/02/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0113/1998	Summary
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Additional information	
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<a href="#">Decision 1998/324</a> <a href="#">OJ L 088 24.03.1998, p. 0049</a> Summary

## Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of the Slovak Republic

OBJECTIVE : opening of the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to Slovakia. SUBSTANCE: the draft Decision of the EC-Slovakia Association Council lays down the terms and conditions for the participation of Poland in Community programmes in the fields of training and education. Inter alia, Slovakia will: - participate in all actions of Leonardo, Youth for Europe and Socrates, on the same footing as the Member States of the Community; - provide for a minimum number of partners from EC Member States for all transnational projects it proposes; - set up or make available national structures and mechanisms required for their participation; - pay a financial contribution to the budget of the Community to cover the subsidies or any other financial support from the programmes to Slovak participants, the financial support to the functioning of the national agencies, supplementary and administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission. Its contribution is: .ECU 940.000 for the Socrates programme in 1997 (Erasmus will not be opened that year) and ECU 2.140.000 per annum in 1998 and 1999, .ECU 2.140.000 per annum for the Leonardo programme from 1997, .ECU 270.000 in 1997 for part of the Youth for Europe programme, ECU 464.000 in 1998 and ECU 702.000 in 1999 for its participation in the whole of the programme. Slovakia will facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. It will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in the programmes so as to enable it to prepare for the Community decision-making process in the run-up to accession. Slovakia's participation will be for the duration of the programmes (i.e. until 31 December 1999).?

## Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of the Slovak Republic

The Committee has adopted the reports by Odile LEPERRE-VERRIER (ERA, F) on participation by Poland and the Slovak Republic in EU programmes in the fields of training, youth and education. The reports call for Poland and the Slovak Republic to be involved in any decisions taken in connection with their participation in these EU programmes and for a steering committee to draw up, at the end of the programme, an extremely precise assessment of the activities undertaken and their impact on the adaptation of the education systems of the two countries. As in the case of Hungary, the Czech Republic and Romania, the reports call for the budgetary authority to be informed in advance of any decision on whether to grant additional funding to these two countries in connection with their participation in Community programmes, as laid down in the additional protocol to their association agreements with the EU. The reports also state that language preparation and training activities should apply not only to the official languages of the EU but also the official languages of the future EU Member States in eastern

Europe, especially as some of them already have official language status inside the EU (e.g. Slovene in Austria and Italy). In exceptional circumstances, other languages could be accepted, particularly if it were decided that the programmes should place greater emphasis on lesser-used languages because of their importance to Europe's cultural diversity. ?

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Adopting the report by Mrs Odile Leperre-Verrier (ARE, F), Parliament agreed to participation by the Slovak Republic in the Community programmes Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe. Should the EU budget be required to fund a financial supplement, Parliament calls on the Commission to inform the budgetary authority in advance. It calls for language preparation and training activities under the programmes to be concerned only with the official languages of the Community and the official languages of the CEECs (future EU Member States). It also calls for a steering committee at the end of the programme to draw up an assessment of the activities undertaken and of their impact on the adaptation of school and university educational systems, training and the integration of young people into working life, their integration in terms of European citizenship and their situation in general. ?

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**OBJECTIVE:** opening the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to the Slovak Republic. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Decision 1/98 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic of the other part adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of the Slovak Republic in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (98/233/EC). **SUBSTANCE:** This decision of the EC-Slovak Republic Association Council governs the terms and conditions for the Slovak Republic's participation in the Community programmes in the fields of training and education. Pursuant to this decision, the Slovak Republic: - will participate in all actions of the Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe programmes on the same basis as the Community Member States; - will provide for a minimum number of partners from the Community Member States to be included in all the proposed transnational projects; - will set up or make available the appropriate structures and mechanisms at national level; - will pay a financial contribution to the Community budget for its participation covering the subsidies or any other financial support granted to Slovak participants, the financial support for the functioning of the national agencies and the supplementary administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission. This financial contribution will be covered equally (50% - 50%) by the PHARE/Slovak Republic budget and by the Slovak national budget, as all the administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission are to be paid by the Slovak Republic. The amount of the contribution is: ECU 940 000 for the SOCRATES programme in 1997 (as ERASMUS will not be open for that year), then ECU 2 140 000 per year in 1998 and 1989, ECU 2 140 000 per year for the LEONARDO programme from 1997, ECU 270 000 in 1997 for part of the Youth for Europe programme, ECU 464 000 in 1998 and 702 000 in 1999 for participation in the whole programme. The Slovak Republic will facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. It will be involved in monitoring its participation in the three programmes in preparation for participation in the Community decision making process when it becomes a member. The Slovak Republic will participate in the programmes for their duration (until 31 December 1999). **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 01.04.1998 ?