

Procedure file

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Training, youth and education: participation of Latvia in Community programmes Leonardo, Socrates		
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06/10/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0537/1998	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

Decision 1998/1121 OJ L 313 21.11.1998, p. 0022 Summary
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Training, youth and education: participation of Latvia in Community programmes Leonardo, Socrates

OBJECTIVE: participation of Latvia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (SOCRATES, LEONARDO, Youth for Europe) for the years 1998 to 1999 as part of the preaccession strategy. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for an EC-Latvia Association Council Decision lays down the terms and conditions for participation by Latvia in the three Community programmes in the field of education, training and youth. In particular, Latvia: - shall participate in all activities on the same footing as the Member States of the Community and in accordance with the objectives, criteria and procedure established by this programmes; - shall apply the same terms and conditions for submission, assessment and selection of applications as those applied in the Member States; - shall select a minimum number of partners from EC Member States for all proposed transnational activities and projects; - shall set up the national structures necessary to implement its participation; - shall pay a financial contribution to the Community budget for its participation in the three programmes. The financial contribution will cover subsidies or other financial support from the three programmes to Latvian participants, administrative costs relating to the management of the programmes by the Commission and financial support from the programmes to the functioning of the national agencies. The contribution will vary in accordance with the programme and will be paid annually. The contribution from the Community will take the form of payments from the annual PHARE allocation for Latvia. The PHARE contribution shall not, however, be used to cover the administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission, which must be met in full from the Latvian national budget. For the two years under consideration the total financial contribution will amount to ECU 3 962 000 (of which ECU 2 522 000 shall be drawn from the PHARE allocation). Latvia will be associated in the monitoring of its participation in preparation for the Community decision-making process with a view to accession (by taking part in coordination meetings preceding programme administrative committee meetings and being informed of the outcome of such meetings). Provisions regarding the participation of Latvia are valid for the period 1998-1999.?

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The draft report on the Community programmes LEONARDO and SOCRATES with Estonia has been adopted. Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are allowed to take part in these programmes for vocational training, youth and education under the terms of the European agreements with the Baltic states, which came into force on February 1st 1998. The Baltic states have shown they are keen to take part and have taken the first preparatory steps towards participation. For the programmes to be put into effect, the implementing measures must be properly assessed and optimised. The approach chosen for carrying out the assessment is one based on partnership. This is in line with the provisions of the European agreements, which envisage a relationship based on reciprocity. The countries concerned will be allowed to send representatives to ordinary meetings of the committees running the programmes, although they will have no influence on decisions taken at the meetings. The Commission is required to keep Parliament and Council informed of the outcome of follow-up measures.?

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Socrates

The European Parliament adopted without debate the report by Mrs Renate HEINISCH (PPE, D) on the participation of Latvia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education. Only a few amendments concerning budgetary aspects and the transparency of the commitment procedures were adopted.?

Training, youth and education: participation of Latvia in Community programmes Leonardo, Socrates

OBJECTIVE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, to open up the Community's Socrates, Leonardo and Youth for Europe programmes to Latvia for the period 1998 to 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/654/EC adopting the conditions and procedures for the participation of Latvia in the Community programmes in the field of training, education and youth. SUBSTANCE: Decision 2/98 by the EC-Latvia Association Council lays down the conditions and procedures for Latvia's participation in the three Community programmes in the field of education and youth. In particular, Latvia: - shall participate in all actions of the programme under the same conditions as the Member States; - shall apply the same terms and conditions for the submission, assessment and selection of applications as those applying to the Member States; - shall include in all transnational measures and projects proposed a minimum number of partners from the Member States; - shall pay a contribution to the budget of the Community to cover its participation in the three programmes. This will cover the subsidies and other financial aid provided to Latvian participants under the three programmes, the additional administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme by the Commission and financial support for the operation of the national agency managing the programmes. The contribution varies according to the programme and will be paid annually. To some extent, the Community will contribute to these contributions by deducting the necessary amounts from the annual financial allocation to PHARE/Latvia. However, PHARE would not cover the administrative costs imputable to the management of the programme by the Commission, which are to be met in their entirety from Latvia's national budget. In total, this financial contribution amounts to ECU 3 962 000 for the two years concerned (of which ECU 2 522 000 comes under PHARE). Latvia will be involved in monitoring its participation in the cultural programmes in order to prepare for the Community decision-making process with a view to accession (particularly by attending coordination meetings before meetings of the programmes' management committee and by being informed of the results of these meetings). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 November 1998. Latvia's participation is valid for the duration of the programme (i.e. until 31 December 2000). ?