

Procedure file

Basic information		
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Tempus III: 3rd phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, Mediterranean countries (2000-2006)		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport		20/02/2002
		PPE-DE OJEDA SANZ Juan	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets		19/03/2002
Council of the European Union		PPE-DE GARRIGA POLLEDO Salvador	
	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2441	27/06/2002
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2430	30/05/2002
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European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Education, Youth, Sport and Culture		

Key events			
12/02/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0047	Summary
14/02/2002	Debate in Council	2408	

11/03/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
18/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0127/2002	
13/05/2002	Debate in Parliament		
14/05/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0221/2002	Summary
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27/06/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0047 OJ C 151 25.06.2002, p. 0118 E	12/02/2002	EC	Summary
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2002/601 OJ L 195 24.07.2002, p. 0034 Summary

Tempus III: 3rd phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, Mediterranean countries (2000-2006)

PURPOSE: to include MEDA countries in the TEMPUS III programme. **CONTENT:** the 1995 Barcelona Declaration recognises the strategic relationship the EU needs to foster with non-EU Mediterranean countries. Bearing this in mind the European Union agreed in 1996 to the setting up of the MEDA programme the aim of which is to offer financial assistance and aid to non-EU Mediterranean countries - covering every spectrum of civil society. THE EU's educational policy towards MEDA was, until 1997, largely channelled through the 1992 MED-Campus programme the objective of which was to set up co-operation projects managed by networks of universities in both northern and southern Mediterranean countries. However, due to managerial difficulties, the programme was wound up. As a result a substantial hole has emerged in the EU's educational policy towards the MEDA countries. Yet, one essential element of the Barcelona Declaration is to: "Develop human resources, promote understanding between cultures and rapprochement of the peoples in the Euro-Mediterranean region as well as to develop free and flourishing civil societies (social, cultural, and human partnership)". The objective of this proposal, therefore, is to amend the TEMPUS III programme and to extend its provisions to the following Mediterranean partners: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Syria and Lebanon. TEMPUS, an EU programme catering mostly for Central and Eastern European Countries, is designed to facilitate the development of higher education; to promote understanding between and rapprochement of cultures; and to develop free and flourishing civil societies. The main implementing bodies of TEMPUS are the Joint European Projects (JEP). They act as the principle inter-university co-operation instruments. In addition to JEPs the TEMPUS programme provides individual grants to teachers, researchers, trainers, university administrators, senior ministerial officials, education planners and other experts in training from eligible countries or from the Community, visits to promote the quality of higher education and training in eligible countries. These grants may be used for a variety of activities ranging from the development of courses and teaching material to teaching, research and training assignments including staff development. The actual revision of the TEMPUS III Decision would be minor. Nevertheless, in addition to amendments of a purely technical nature, the Commission is proposing two amendments of substance namely: - the addition of a new objective which aims to promote understanding between and rapprochement of cultures to develop free and flourishing civil societies. This would incorporate part of the Barcelona Declaration into the framework of the TEMPUS III Decision; - "Research" and "researchers" would be added to the Annex heading "Individual Grants"; - to extend the programme by 6 months to the 31 December 2006. Such a step would not require any financial provisions since the TEMPUS-MEDA programme would be funded from existing allocations of the MEDA programme. It is hoped that the merging of the TEMPUS-MEDA educational programme will lead, not only to strengthened educational tools, but also to a greater understanding and tolerance towards diverging cultures and faiths.?

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The committee adopted the report by Juan OJEDA SANZ (EPP-ED, E) approving the proposal, subject to a number of amendments under the consultation procedure. The amendments were aimed mainly at ensuring that the proposal referred explicitly to widening the range of participants in the scheme to include political leaders and civil society in general and also at providing for a new definition of the institutions which may be beneficiaries under the programme. The committee also wanted to clarify the objectives of the programme, by specifying that these included contributing to the strengthening of democratic processes and the rule of law, to the genuine exercise of citizenship and respect for human rights, and to the recognition of diplomas and qualifications acquired in any of the eligible countries. As a precaution the committee also adopted an amendment clarifying that funding for the programme would be drawn from the global financial allocations of the corresponding geographical programmes.?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Juan OJEDA SANZ (EPP-ED, Spain) on the Tempus III programme. (Please refer to the document dated 18/04/02.) With a view to fostering dialogue and cooperation among partner countries, the range of participants should extend beyond the traditional academic community to enable political leaders and civil society to play a role in the development of the programme. Funding for the programme, including its extension to the countries and territories covered by Regulation 1488/96/EC, ought to be drawn from the global financial allocations of the corresponding geographical programmes.?

Tempus III: 3rd phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, Mediterranean countries (2000-2006)

PURPOSE : to enlarge the geographical scope of the Tempus III programme to the Mediterranean non-member countries and territories. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision 2002/601/EC amending Decision 1999/311/EC adopting the third phase of the trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education (Tempus III) (2000 to 2006). **CONTENT :** the Council adopted a Decision adopting the third phase of the Trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education. The Decision is designed to foster regional cooperation in the wider Euro-Mediterranean region. At a time when co-operation in education, particularly higher education, between the EC and other regions in the world is being reinforced and when the surge of different forms of radicalism and intolerance reveals a deficit of dialogue and understanding between cultures, the need for co-operation around the Mediterranean basin is today greater than ever. In order to give a rapid response to this need this Decision extends the Tempus programme to the following Mediterranean partners: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Syria and Lebanon. At present there is no scheme for co-operation on higher education within the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. This Decision aims at filling this gap via the extension of the Tempus programme to these countries and territories with a view to contributing towards the achievement of one of the key objectives of the Barcelona declaration, namely to develop human resources, promote understanding between cultures and rapprochement of the peoples in the Euro-Mediterranean region as well as to develop free and flourishing civil societies (social, cultural and human partnership). The extension of Tempus is seen in the context of a wider strategy to strengthen dialogue between peoples and cultures in the European Union and the Mediterranean. Two amendments of a technical nature have been adopted: i) the addition of the following new objective in Article 5 (Aims): "a) promote understanding between and rapprochement of cultures and develop free and flourishing civil societies"; this addition spells out an objective already implicit in the Tempus III Decision, thus bringing into the body of the text an important political message derived from the Barcelona declaration; ii) in the Annex,

under "Individual grants", the word "researchers" and "research" have been added to the first paragraph and to the third indent respectively. These additions reflect the reality of postgraduate study and academic work and allow for bridges to be established with EC research programmes. The Commission shall, when pursuing the objectives of Tempus III, observe the Community's general policy on equal opportunities for men and women. The Commission shall also ensure that no group of citizens is excluded or disadvantaged. The Commission shall submit by 30 June 2004 an interim report on the findings of the evaluation, together with any proposals for extending or adjusting Tempus III for the period commencing on 1 January 2007. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 27/06/2002.?