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Youth for Europe: establishment of the 3rd European programme for the development of exchanges 1995-1999	
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06/04/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A3-0235/1994	
19/04/1994	Debate in Parliament		
19/04/1994	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T3-0217/1994	Summary
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04/10/1994	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0013/1994	
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26/10/1994	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0050/1994	Summary

30/11/1994	Parliament's amendments rejected by Council		Summary
05/12/1994	Formal meeting of Conciliation Committee		Summary
25/01/1995	Final decision by Conciliation Committee		Summary
30/01/1995	Joint text approved by Conciliation Committee co-chairs	03603/2/1995	
22/02/1995	Report tabled for plenary, 3rd reading	A4-0035/1995	
01/03/1995	Debate in Parliament		
01/03/1995	Decision by Parliament, 3rd reading	T4-0079/1995	Summary
10/03/1995	Decision by Council, 3rd reading		
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Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0381/1994 OJ C 148 30.05.1994, p. 0009	23/03/1994	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0235/1994 OJ C 128 09.05.1994, p. 0011	07/04/1994	EP	
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Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0045/1994 OJ C 217 06.08.1994, p. 0024	17/05/1994	CofR	Summary
Council position	07702/1/1994 OJ C 232 20.08.1994, p. 0057	11/07/1994	CSL	Summary
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The aim of this proposed European Parliament and Council decision was to adopt the third phase of the 'Youth for Europe' programme designed to promote youth exchanges in the Community. The programme covered the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1999, and its aims were as follows: - to promote youth exchanges for young people aged 15 to 25; - to support innovative projects set up by young people for young people; - to enable young people to benefit from Community measures related to the general objectives of the programme; - to step up cooperation between Member States and between them and the Commission (in particular in order to provide young people with information); - to promote exchanges with young people from non-member countries. Special attention was to be given to disadvantaged young people so that they too could take part in exchanges. The annex to the proposal listed the five major types of projects which 'Youth for Europe' intended to carry out: intra-Community activities directly involving young people, activities for youth workers, cooperation between Member States' structures, exchanges with non-member countries and information for young people and youth studies. The programme had a budget of ECU 157 million over 5 years.?

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The third phase of the "Youth for Europe" programme could now be launched. The report drawn up by Mrs FONTAINE (PPE, F) and adopted by the Committee on Culture gave the green light to implementation of phase III, which extended over five years and was allocated financial resources totalling ECU 157 million. The aim was to make the various actions more coherent and transparent by grouping them together under a single framework. An internal breakdown was now set out within the framework of 5 main actions, to which were added the Community accompanying measures: Action A : intra-Community activities directly involving young people (51% of the budget) Action B : youth workers' activities (7.9%) Action C : cooperation between Member States' structures (2.2%) Action D : exchanges with third countries (27.6%) Action E : information for young people and youth research (5.2%) Community accompanying measures (6.2 %) ?

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to 33 amendments, which aimed to: - enhance the feeling of European citizenship among young people; - make the procedures more flexible to facilitate access to the programmes for very disadvantaged young people; - increase cooperation between Member States, the Community and youth organisations; - apply the provisions set out in this directive to the management method of the national agencies; - extend the activities intended for socio-educational youth workers to persons in positions of responsibility in youth organisations; - enlarge the advisory committee; - open up the programme to Cyprus and Malta and to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe that had concluded association agreements with the Union. ?

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In its amended proposal, the Commission introduced amendments aimed at clarifying the initial text (particularly as regards strengthening the feeling of European citizenship among young people or relaxing the procedures enabling disadvantaged young people to access the programme) and improving the text to enhance cooperation between Member States, the Community and youth organisations. More specifically, the Commission did not accept that the internal management methods of national agencies should be defined by the decision. Similarly, it did not retain the principle proposed by Parliament to extend the target population for the training of youth workers (Action B), in the hope of preserving the special nature of this action and guaranteeing the quality of the activities envisaged. Finally, it did not accept the amendment aimed at enlarging the advisory committee. However, the Commission did accept the principle of providing Community impetus with regard to a cooperation policy in the field of youth and the vital importance of critical and objective information accessible to all young people. Finally, the Commission took over the amendments aimed at opening this programme (according to methods to be agreed) to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe that had concluded association agreements with the Union. ?

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The Council adopted its common position on this proposal for a decision. It made several amendments to its common position concerning: - comitology: the Council opted for a committee whose terms of reference would be based either on the management committee procedure or advisory committee procedure, depending on circumstances, ensuring that this solution conformed to the rules on comitology; - financing: the Council included in the text of the decision the amount deemed necessary (ADN) in terms of Community financial resources to implement the programme, which totalled ECU 105 million; - the reference to the "youth policy": the Council considered that the programme did not relate to "a youth policy" but to "the cooperation policy in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the Community and with third countries". ?

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The Committee on Culture unanimously adopted the draft recommendation for second reading by Mrs FONTAINE.

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Parliament amended the Council's common position with 8 amendments aimed at: - enabling the children of immigrants to discover the culture of their country of origin; - opening the programme to young nationals of Cyprus and Malta as well as the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe; - removing all estimates of the financial amounts required; - fixing 1 January 1995 as the date of entry into force of the five-year programme; - introducing mechanisms to make the programme more flexible in order to facilitate the adaptation of the programme to the needs of particularly disadvantaged young people; - ensuring that the Commission submitted to Parliament and the Council a draft of the implementing measures to be taken and took account of the priorities established by the other institutions by amending its draft if necessary; - stipulating that support for the effective establishment of cooperation partnership schemes or networks should promote the development of mobility between young people from different groups and different regions; - increasingly using the media to publicise and promote the programme's objectives and results. ?

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Since the comitology problem had been resolved by the compromise on a "modus vivendi", which had been adopted by the three institutions on 20 December 1994, the President of the Council proposed that they reach agreement on the amounts deemed necessary (ADN), pending Coreper's completion of its work on the horizontal problem in the next few days. The EP delegation, noting the presence of all of the Coreper members, felt that this proposal was irresponsible and refused to discuss the amounts without a prior agreement on the joint declaration. Following the meeting Mr SAMLAND provided the Council with details of the Committee on Budget's intentions in this respect, which should have put an end to its reservations. Having therefore decided on the legal significance of the amounts to be allocated, agreement was reached on an amount of ECU 126 million. As the German delegation in the Council was still hesitant, informal, unilateral talks were held and they resulted in an announcement by the co-chairmen on 31 January 1995 that the Committee had agreed on a joint text. (The declaration on ADNs was adopted by the Committee on Budgets on 13 February 1995 and would be submitted to Parliament before the vote on the joint text).

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Parliament approved the joint draft directive. ?

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The aim of the present Decision (95/818/EC) of the European Parliament and the Council was to adopt the third phase of the "Youth for Europe" programme for the period 1.01.1995 to 31.12.1999. The programme relates to political cooperation on the training and development of young people, including youth exchanges in the Community and with third countries. The objectives and actions set out in the "Youth for Europe III" programme were as follows: - to promote youth exchanges for young people aged 15 to 25; - to support innovative projects of Community or transnational interest set up by young people for young people; - to create the conditions needed to ensure that meetings organized in the context of the programme were of a high standard; - to support the training of youth leaders; - to step up cooperation among Member States and between them and the Commission (which would serve to keep young people better informed); - to promote exchanges with young people from non-member countries with which the Community has concluded cooperation agreements. Special attention was focused on disadvantaged young people (or those considered as such for cultural, social, economic, physical, mental or geographical reasons), in order that they might also participate in the exchanges ("positive action"). Support was provided for 5 main types of action: . Action A: intra-Community activities directly involving young people (1. youth exchanges and mobility, 2. youth initiatives and voluntary service); . Action B: youth workers' activities (1. Support for action A, 2. Support for European cooperation on training youth workers); . Action C: cooperation between Member States' structures which concern young people, . Action D: exchanges with non-member countries, . Action E: information for young people and youth research. Financial provisions: the programme was to be allocated a budget of ECU 126 million spread over 5 years, with funding to be provided annually in accordance with the current financial perspectives; Programme management: the Commission would be assisted in running the programme by a committee whose terms of reference would be based either on the management committee procedure or on the advisory committee procedure, depending on circumstances. Cooperation: the programme would be implemented in conjunction with other Community initiatives and programmes in the youth field and with initiatives emanating from the Council of Europe. It was to be open to the associated countries of central and eastern Europe, Cyprus and Malta. Date of entry into force: 1.01.1995. ?