Resolution on judicial training - Stockholm Programme

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on judicial training – Stockholm programme.

The resolution was tabled by the S&D, EFD, Greens/ALE, ALDE, and EPP groups.

The resolution states that Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union provide for the adoption, under the ordinary legislative procedure, of measures aimed at ensuring support for the training of the judiciary and judicial staff.

Parliament welcomes the Commission’s prompt response to the suggestions set out in its resolution of 25 November 2009 o the Stockholm programme.

It calls on the Commission and the Council to ensure that Parliament is fully involved in the conception and approval of arrangements for judicial training, in particular the pilot projects envisaged in the Commission's action plan.

Parliament considers that the proposed pilot projects should not be restricted, as far as members of the judiciary are concerned, to "Erasmus-style" exchange programmes. It calls on the Commission to commence its consultations, in particular of Parliament, with a view to the design and preparation of the future pilot projects as soon as possible.

It urges the Commission:

- with the cooperation of the Member States, to produce proposals as soon as possible for the creation of a network of legal training bodies across the Union accredited to provide familiarisation courses in national, comparative and European law for members of the judiciary on a stable, ongoing basis;
- to consult Parliament on separate plans for the creation of an institution building upon existing structures and networks, in particular the European Judicial Training Network and the Academy of European Law;
- to come forward with concrete proposals for the funding of the future Action Plan for judicial training.