Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

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The Council adopted a Decision on a set of guidelines for the development of the ISDN (integrated services digital network) as a trans-European network. The Council accepted all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament on second reading; it therefore amended its common position of 22 December 1994 accordingly. The Decision concerns a set of guidelines for the development of EURO-ISDN as a European network and as a component of ‘universal service’. It is needed to establish smooth coordination between the Member States and the economic operators responsible for creating the basic infrastructure, in order to ensure the harmonized introduction of ISDN services. The creation of EURO-ISDN has the following objectives: making available a set of basic services on EURO-ISDN, bearing in mind that account must be taken of the future introduction of a European integrated broadband communications network; availability of full geographical coverage by EURO-ISDN in all Member States, having regard to market needs, in particular to facilitate access to peripheral regions by means of EURO-ISDN. The Decision identifies the priorities for realising these objectives and a set of projects of common interest.