Older People: Community support for actions in favor of Older People 1995-1999

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Highlighting Parliament’s role as a genuine champion of the cause of the elderly since the 1980s and in particular during the 1993 European Year, Commissioner Flynn announced that it was estimated that there would be an additional 18 million pensioners by 2020, thus increasing the number of older people by a third (from 52 million to 70 million). He was in favour of older people’s associations and experts in the field playing an increasingly active role at European level. Given the lack of available resources, it was vital for interested parties to play a key role in the activities promoted by this programme. Finally, the Commissioner guaranteed that the Commission was committed to supporting this programme at the vote in the Council.