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The rapporteur pointed out that most of the amendments adopted by Parliament at first reading had been incorporated in the Council's common position; however, she noted that the Council had taken a different stance on several points and had, in particular, reduced Community funding for training from 75% to 50%. Mrs ANDRE-LEONARD therefore proposed first and foremost restoring the budget of ECU 58 million and restoring the ceiling of 75% on Community funding of the total costs of a training programme. Finally, the rapporteur highlighted the need to pay greater attention to multimedia and to assess the efficiency of the programme on the basis of the number of jobs created. Commissioner GRADIN confirmed that the Commission was prepared to take over most of the amendments tabled at second reading, notably those concerning the development of multimedia and the funding of the programme, namely Amendments Nos 1, 2, 5 and 6. It could also take over other amendments that were consistent with the approach of the initial proposal: Amendments Nos 3 (on cooperation and synergies), 4 (on the complementarity of measures with the Member States), and 7 (on the production of films). Finally, the Commissioner stated that for institutional reasons she could not take over Amendment No 17, which provided for Parliament's prior approval of the projects selected with a view to implementation of the programme.