Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of Poland

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OBJECTIVE: opening of the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to Poland. SUBSTANCE: the draft Decision of the EC-Poland Association Council lays down the terms and conditions for the participation of Poland in Community programmes in the fields of training and education. Inter alia, Poland will: - participate in all actions of Leonardo, Youth for Europe and Socrates, on the same footing as the Member States of the Community; - provide for a minimum number of partners from EC Member States for all transnational projects it proposes; - set up or make available national structures and mechanisms required for their participation; - pay a financial contribution to the budget of the Community to cover the subsidies or any other financial support from the programmes to Polish participants, the financial support to the functioning of the national agencies, and supplementary administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission. Its contribution is: . ECU 5.176.660 for the Socrates programme in 1997 (Erasmus will not be opened that year) and ECU 11.764.650 per annum in 1998 and 1999, .ECU 6.420.000 per annum for the Leonardo programme from 1997, .ECU 1.000.000 in 1997 for part of the Youth for Europe programme, ECU 1.500.000 in 1998 and ECU 2.000.000 in 1999 for its participation in the whole of the programme. Poland will facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. It will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in the programmes so as to enable it to prepare for the Community decision-making process in the run-up to accession. Poland's participation will be for the duration of the programmes (i.e. until 31 December 1999).