Fight against organised crime: financial support, programme for the prevention, Hippocrates

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PURPOSE : to establish a programme of incentives and exchanges, training and co-operation for the prevention of crime (Hippocrates). COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/515/JHA establishing a programme of incentives and exchanges, training and co-operation for the prevention of crime (Hippocrates). CONTENT : this Decision established a programme of co- operation in the prevention of crime, to be known as "Hippocrates". The programme is established for a period of two years running from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2002. The programme shall contribute to the general objective of providing citizens with a high level of protection in an area of freedom, security and justice. Within this framework, it is intended to encourage cooperation between all the public and private organisations in the Member States involved in the prevention of crime, whether or not organised. The applicant counties may participate in the projects in order to familiarise themselves with the Union acquis in this area and help them prepare for accession. The programme shall comprise of the following types of activities: - training; - exchanges and placements; - studies and research; - meetings adn seminars; - dissemination of the results obtained within the framework of the programme. With regard the financing of the programmes, the financial reference amount for the implementation of this programme for the period of 2001 to 2002 shall be EUR 2 million. As regards the implementation of the the programmes the Commission shall be responsible for the management and implementation of the programme, in cooperation with the Member States. The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee to be known as the "Hippocrates Committee". Lastly, the Commission shall undertake each year an evaluation of the actions carried out in implementing the programme for the previous year. Each year the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and the COuncil on the implementation of the programme. The first report shall be presented before 31 July 2002. ENTRY INTO FORCE : this Decision shall take effect from 07/07/2001. It shall apply until 31 December 2002.