Free movement of persons: mobility for students, persons undergoing training, young volunteers, teachers, trainers

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PURPOSE : to present a recommendation on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Recommendation (2001/613/EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers. CONTENT : this recommendation seeks to encourage cooperation between Member States on the subject of mobility by supporting their activities and fully respecting their responsibilities within the framework of their national legislation in particular as regards the implementation of the invitations which it contains. Moreover, the recommendation is aimed at Member State nationals who would like to experience living in a Member State other than the home Member State. It should be noted however that the European Council stated at Tampere on 15 and 16 October 1999 that the European Union must ensure equal treatment for third country nationals who are legally resident in a Member State and that a more vigorous integration policy should aim at granting them rights and imposing on them obligations comparable to those citizens of the Union. It invites the Member States to take the following measures : - to remove the legal and administrative obstacles to the mobility of persons undertaking a course of studies; - to reduce linguistic and cultural obstacles, for example: to encourage the learning of at least two Community languages and to make young people aware of Union citizenship and respect for cultural and social differences and to encourage linguistic and cultural preparation before any mobility measure; - to promote the development of the various arrangements for financial support for mobility (grants, scholarships, subsidies and loans); - to take the measures they consider appropriate to promote a European qualification area; - to improve the dissemination of information regarding the possibilities and conditions concerning transnational mobility. In the second part of the recommendation, the member States are invited to take specific measures for each category of persons concerned (students, persons undergoing training, volunteers, teachers and trainers). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 10 July 2001.