# Legal professions : action programme Robert SCHUMAN, project to improve awareness of Community law

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In its common position on the Robert Schuman project, the Council has incorporated almost all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament at first reading which were incorporated in the modified proposal. Only six amendments have not been included, principally those concerned with: - the importance of uniform and effective application of Community law in the administration of justice, - the role of the legal professions with which the proposal was concerned, - the link between this proposal and the operation of the single market, - budget complementarity and synergy between this programme and other Community programmes. The Council has, however, acceded to the European Parliament?s request for references to the project?s target groups, i.e. judges, prosecutors, lawyers and future lawyers of the Member States. It also incorporated the amendments concerning the duration of the programme (three years) and an amendment allowing for dispensation from the obligation to continue a project beyond the planned period. The Council also made two significant changes to the proposal concerning: 1) the financial provisions of the Robert Schuman project (incorporating a similar amendment by Parliament) and indicating a financial framework for the programme of ECU 5.6 million over three years; 2) the assessment report on the project, which will be submitted two years after it comes into force.