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In its Opinion the Committee welcomed the Commission’s proposal for the implementation of the ESSEN programme and hoped that emphasis would be placed on policies implemented at local and regional level. It proposed that the Commission should establish direct contact with local and regional bodies for the purpose of carrying out practical cooperation projects of an innovative nature. It regretted, however, that the proposed financial framework was out of all proportion to the size of the problem. It assumed that the proposed systems for data collection, exchange of information and employment studies would be rooted in regional and local patterns and trends. It hoped that Commission support for employment creation would not be confined to methodological and technical assistance, but would be expanded to include support for the financing of innovative schemes managed at local and regional level. As regards coordination with other policies and programmes, the Committee proposed that the Commission should disseminate the action plan widely so that the local and regional bodies working with the Structural Fund programmes could also take into account the activities to be pursued in connection with the Essen programme.