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PREVIOUS COMMUNITY LEGISLATION Council decision 92/421/EEC of 13 July 1992 (OJ L 231, 13.8.92) set up a Community action plan to assist tourism for a three year period (1993-1995). In this connection in 1994 and 1996 the Commission presented two communications on Community measures affecting tourism (COM(94)0074 and COM(96)0029), which give a comprehensive review of all Community measures concerning tourists, businesses, tourist occupations, the Member States and the regions. PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP Parliament has always advocated a Community tourism policy: resolutions include that of 11 June 1991 on a Community tourism policy (OJ C 183, 15.7.91, p. 74); 18 January 1994 on tourism in the approach to the year 2000 (OJ C 44, 14.2.94); 15 December 1994 on the report from the Commission on Community measures affecting tourism (OJ C 18, 23.1.95, p. 159); and 13 February 1996 on the Commission's Green Paper on the role of the Union in the field of tourism, which calls on the Commission to support the creation of a title in the Treaty establishing a common tourism policy, respecting the principle of subsidiarity and with a legal basis that will cover important areas of Community actions. SITUATION IN THE MEMBER STATES At present, most public action on tourism is carried out by the Member States, the regions and the local authorities.