# European Year of Languages 2001

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This amended proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council in relation to the European year of languages 2001 contains in full the 37 amendments adopted by the European Parliament. These take into account the textual changes requested during the discussions by the responsible bodies within the Council, in order to reach agreement at first reading. The particular aim of the European Parliament amendments was to develop the following aspects in greater detail: - the importance of linguistic and cultural diversity in the construction of Europe; - groups which could be targeted more specifically; - co-operation with the Council of Europe; - the description of certain activities in an annex, and the insertion of guide percentages for budget take-up for the various types of action. The Commissions amendments relate to: - the acknowledgement of the principle that all languages must be recognised to have equal value and dignity and encourage multilingualism; - promote and encourage lifelong learning of languages and related skills, where appropriate starting at pre-school and primary school age. In conclusion, the Commission shall submit, by 31 December at the latest, a detailed report containing factual information to the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation, results and overall assessment of every action provided for in this Decision.