Labour force sample survey in the Community

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Council Regulation 577/98/EC on the organisation of a labour force sample survey in the Community stipulates that every 3 years from the adoption of this Regulation, the Commission is to forward to Parliament and the Council a report on implementation of this regulation with a view to evaluating the statistical methods used for this survey. This is the purpose of this report. The following programme of ad hoc modules has been agreed: - 1999 Accidents at work and occupational diseases; - 2000 Transition from school to work; - 2001 Length and patterns of working time; - 2002 Employment of disabled persons; - 2003 Lifelong learning; - 2004 Transition from school to work. The 1999 ah hoc module was not implemented by Belgium, France and Austria and only partially implemented by Germany. The 2000 ad-hoc module was not implemented by Germany and only partially by the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The 2001 ad-hoc module has been defined and wil be implemented by all Member States except Germany that will only do it partially. In conclusion, the Commission: - emphasises the need to accelerate the transition towards a continuous survey in Germany and Austria; - invites France, Italy and Luxembourg to stick to the envisaged schedule for implementing a continuous survey; - urges in particular France and Germany to speed up the transmission of the Spring Survey data; - reminds Member States carrying out continuous surveys that the quarterly results must be provided to Eurostat within 12 weeks of the end of the reference quarter; - insists on the need to improve the information on education and training and to complete information on households; - will continue with the implementation of complementary surveys, in order to respond flexibly to high-priority political requirements.