Community statistics: analysis of continuing vocational training in enterprises

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PURPOSE : to establish a common framework for the production of Community statistics on vocational training in enterprises. PROPOSED ACT : Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council. CONTENT : The recent focus on lifelong learning in the European Employment Strategy, combined with the inclusion of education and training among the Community competencies for the first time in the Maastricht and Amsterdam Treaties, has created an increasing demand for statistics in the area of lifelong learning. In order to monitor lifelong learning as a process and assessing progress towards the implementation of related policies, appropriate and comparable statistical measures need to be developed and produced. Comparable statistical information at Community level, with specific respect to enterprise training, is essential for the development of lifelong learning strategies and for the monitoring of progress in their implementation. The proposal covers the domains for which data should be collected. These include, inter alia: - the training policy and training strategies of enterprises in developing the competencies of their workforce; - the management, organisation and forms of continuing vocational training in enterprises; - the role of social partners in ensuring adequate continuing vocational training in the workplace; - the access to continuing vocational training, its volume and content, especially in context of economic activity and enterprise size; The statistics on vocational training must cover at least all economic activities defined in sections C to K and O of the NACE Rev. 1. An enterprise employing 10 and more employees will be used as a statistical unit. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : Budget lines and headings : 29 02 01 (DG ESTAT) +04 02 15 (DG EMPL) +15 03 01 02 (DG EAC) EUR 1,635 million on 29 02 01 (DG ESTAT) EUR 2,800 million on 04 02 15 (DG EMPL) EUR 1,700 million on 15 03 01 02 (DG EAC) Overall figures : total allocation for action (financial interventions): EUR 6,135,102 for commitment Period of application: 2005 - 2008 (period during which Community resources will be necessary). Overall financial impact of human resources and other administrative expenditure: EUR 1.296 million. Total commitments and payments: EUR 7.431 million. Total staff : 3 The concrete measures to be taken to implement the action covers grants to the national statistical authorities responsible for training statistics for the first reference year for which the Community statistics are produced with a view to supporting all phases of the data collection (preparation, fieldwork, data processing/data transmission, elaboration of the technical report). The Commission commitments for 2005 and 2006 to Member States cover all work to be done from 2005 to 2008. On average, about one third of the total cost of the action will be borne by the national statistical authorities responsible for training statistics.