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The committee adopted the report by Imelda READ (PES, UK) broadly approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to a few amendments. It specified that the Commission should forward the results of its quantitative and qualitative evaluation to Parliament and the Council, as these evaluations would help Parliament to justify its demands when negotiating the forthcoming financial perspective. It also wanted greater flexibility when it came to implementing the programme and hence, although it agreed with the overall financial reference amounts for the two periods, it deleted the Commission's proposed breakdown of funding between projects of common interest and horizontal measures. Lastly, MEPs stressed that the programme would need to be adaptable to future developments, as priorities change and technology moves on.