Youth for Europe: establishment of the 3rd European programme for the development of exchanges 1995-1999

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In its amended proposal, the Commission introduced amendments aimed at clarifying the initial text (particularly as regards strengthening the feeling of European citizenship among young people or relaxing the procedures enabling disadvantaged young people to access the programme) and improving the text to enhance cooperation between Member States, the Community and youth organisations. More specifically, the Commission did not accept that the internal management methods of national agencies should be defined by the decision. Similarly, it did not retain the principle proposed by Parliament to extend the target population for the training of youth workers (Action B), in the hope of preserving the special nature of this action and guaranteeing the quality of the activities envisaged. Finally, it did not accept the amendment aimed at enlarging the advisory committee. However, the Commission did accept the principle of providing Community impetus with regard to a cooperation policy in the field of youth and the vital importance of critical and objective information accessible to all young people. Finally, the Commission took over the amendments aimed at opening this programme (according to methods to be agreed) to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe that had concluded association agreements with the Union.