Employment: activities of research, cooperation, analysis and action. Action ESSEN 1996-2001

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This proposal for a decision concerned the Commission's activities concerning analysis, research and cooperation in the field of employment (Community action known as "ESSEN"). This action, established for the period from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 2001, aimed to introduce a new approach to Community actions in this area, which had each previously been dealt with separately. Three measures were to be promoted: - improving knowledge of the labour market and employment policies through survey, analysis, research and monitoring, etc., including problems influencing the creation and loss of jobs; - identifying and transferring best practices through methodological and technical support in researching new solutions to the employment crisis; - developing an active policy for disseminating the results. The programme should be consistent with all EU policies in this field. Participation in the programme was open to the EEA countries, the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus and Malta, as well as to Mediterranean countries which were partners of the European Union (in accordance with procedures to be defined on a case-by-case basis). The proposal also defined the implementation of this programme and the partnerships with the Member States (including with the social partners and the Standing Committee on Employment). A final report would be submitted to the Council, the EP, the ESC and the Committee of the Regions before 31 December 2001, outlining the results of the measures implemented. In a financial statement annexed to the text of the proposal, the Commission allocated a total budget of ECU 57 million for this action to cover the entire reference period.