

# **Information society: multiannual programme to promote the linguistic diversity of Europe (MLIS)**

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- OBJECTIVE: to adopt a multiannual Community programme for three years (1996-1998) which aims: - to promote the use of technologies, tools and methods which reduce the cost of information transfer between languages and the development of multilingual services; - to provide support for language-based industries; - to encourage the development of multilingual services; - to promote the linguistic diversity of the Community in the global information society; - SUBSTANCE: The main objectives of the new programme proposed by the Commission are: - to provide support for shaping the infrastructure of European linguistic resources and to stimulate the parties concerned; - to mobilize and strengthen language-based industries by promoting the use of modern language technologies and tools and their integration in IT applications; - to promote the use of advanced language tools in the EU public sector: - to provide support for accompanying measures (strategic consultation meetings with market operators, strategic studies and surveys, standardization, promotion activities and awareness campaigns, and the exchange of best practices). - The Community's financial involvement in shared-cost projects is usually 50%. - The Commission will be assisted by an advisory committee.