Audiovisual: training scheme for professionals of European programmme industry, MEDIA II

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The Commission's amended proposal incorporates, in full or in part, 6 of the 11 amendments adopted by the European Parliament at second reading. The amendments in question seek to: - coordinate MEDIA II (training) activities with those of other international organizations (such as the Council of Europe); - take account in the programme of screenplay techniques and the complementarity of the programme with training in sound and image techniques (the term "multimedia" recommended by Parliament has been replaced by a more generic reference to "audiovisual programmes"); - establish networks between the partners involved in training and teacher training; - restore the initial 75% ceiling, whereas the Council had recommended a ceiling of 50% of the training costs (however, the Commission did not include the financial reference amount of ECU 58 million in lieu of ECU 45 million provided by the Council, as the European Parliament had done, as it considered that this was a unilateral Council position and it therefore deleted all reference to this reference amount); - provide for an interim evaluation report to show the added value and the economic and social impact of the programmes funded. However, the Commission did not include amendments concerning: - the establishment in the Member States of a skill base adequate to the industry's needs and offering reasonable opportunities to those wishing to train; - exchanges of know-how between partners involved in training; - the European cultural dimension of audiovisual works and the European market; - equal opportunities; - facilitating the entry into the European audiovisual industry of graduates of professional training institutes.