Judicial cooperation: progamme of incentives and exchanges for practitioners in the justice area, Grotius 1996-2000

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OBJECTIVE: the object of the draft joint action is to establish an overall framework for a support and exchange programme for practitioners in the Justice area. The aim is to support the initiatives of public institutions and private bodies which use continuing training to make legal practitioners more aware of the law, procedures, institutions and language of other Member States. CONTENT: the proposal for a Council decision is intended to establish a programme for legal practitioners ("GROTIUS") for a five-year period (1996-2000) in order to foster mutual knowledge of legal and judicial systems and facilitate judicial cooperation between Member States. The programme comprises the following types of project: - training: emphasis will be placed on legal terminology and, in particular, on a working knowledge of another Member State's legal language; - exchange and work-experience programmes: visits to legal institutions or legal practitioners in a number of other Member States on specific themes; - organization of meetings: seminars and conferences, including multidisciplinary conferences on particular subjects etc.; - studies and research in conjunction with the programme's other projects; - distribution of information, both on the programme's projects and on their results, as well as on developments in fields relating to judicial cooperation (information notes, publications, creation of data bases). The projects financed must be of European interest and involve more than one Member State. They may associate practitioners from the countries which have applied for membership or other non-member countries. The proportion of financial support from the Community budget may not exceed 80% of the cost of the project.