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In is amended proposal, the Commission incorporated - wholly or partially - 6 out of the 8 amendments adopted by the European Parliament. The amendments acceptable to the Commission were aimed at: - focusing the Commission approach on the transfer of information and experience relating to employment measures taken in the Member States with particular reference to the suggestions made in the white paper on 'Growth, competitiveness and employment'; - placing particular emphasis on projects for the identification, transfer and dissemination of measures which assist the most vulnerable categories (young job-seekers, the long-term unemployed, women and older unemployed workers), - ensuring the coordination of this programme with other initiatives in the same field, - extending the programme to certain non-Community countries, within the terms of the 1993 interinstitutional agreement on budgetary discipline, with the cost of participation being covered by the countries concerned. The Commission did not, however, accept the amendments concerning: - the incorporation in the decision of criteria for negotiation with the budgetary authority which could have created institutional as well as management problems, - the deletion of references to Article 235 of the TEU.