Small and medium-sized enterprises SMEs in the European Union: 3rd multiannual programme 1997-2000

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The modified Commission proposal concerning a Third Multiannual Programme for SMEs (1997-2000) incorporates several amendments adopted by Parliament. The Commission believes, however, that a number of EP amendments do not relate to enterprise policy, but to other Community policies (such as social policy, fiscal policy, competition policy, economic and monetary union, and financial instruments in favour of SMEs). These amendments fit more appropriately in the context of the Commission's Integrated Programme for SMEs and have been addressed in the Commission's communication which updates and develops its Integrated Programme (COM(96)329 final).