Tourism: first multiannual programme 1997-2000, Philoxenia

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In its modified proposal the Commission incorporated only a very limited number of amendments approved by Parliament, i.e. only those seeking to introduce new references with regard to: - the recognition of tourism as an industry and its contribution to the achievement of the Community's objectives, - the reinforcement of economic and social cohesion, especially in the Union's least-favoured regions and in outermost and island regions, - the Council resolution of 13 May 1996 on Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in the tourist sector (though without extending the programme to the Mediterranean countries), - in the Annex to the proposal, the Council Directive of 23 November 1995 on the collection of statistical information (Directive 95/57/EC). The Commission also incorporated the EP amendment to include the dissemination of tourism information among the principal objectives of Philoxenia. On the other hand, the Commission did not accept Parliament's amendment to link the proposal with the multiannual programme to assist the SMUs, nor the amendments on training and employment or those relating to fighting against child sex tourism. Finally, the amendments concerning commitology were also ruled out by the Commission.