European voluntary service for young people: Community action programme 1998-2002

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In its opinion amending the proposal concerning European voluntary service, the Commission incorporates only two of the amendments adopted by Parliament at second reading. These are the amendments concerned with: - removing obstacles to the mobility of young volunteers, using a less strict wording and stressing young people's access to national infrastructures within the framework of voluntary service, - the composition of the committee, with minor changes to the text. The Commission has not, however, incorporated some amendments which Parliament considers fundamental; these are concerned with: - compatibility between European voluntary service and existing national civilian services, as this is within the exclusive competence of the Member States, - the budget for the service (Parliament has ECU 80 m whereas the Council has ECU 35 m); the Commission is keeping to its initial proposal of ECU 60 m, - informing and raising the awareness of volunteers with regard to their rights and obligations, - a state for young volunteers, - Parliament's right to information concerning the committee.