Education and training in health: participation of Estonia in the Community programme

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OBJECTIVE: as part of the pre-accession strategy, the opening of the Community programme in the field of health promotion to Estonia for the period 1998 to 2000. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a decision of the EC-Estonia Association Council establishes the conditions and arrangements for the participation of this country in the Community programme in the field of health promotion. In particular Estonia will: - take part in all the activities of this programme on the same terms as the Member States and in accordance with the objectives, criteria and procedures laid down by this programme; - apply as far as possible the same conditions and arrangements for submission, assessment and selection of applications as those which apply in the Member States; - provide for a minimum number of partners from the Member States for all the proposed transnational activities and projects; - make a financial contribution to the Community's budget by virtue of its participation in the programme. This contribution will cover the financial aid granted to Estonian participants in relation to their participation in the programme and the supplementary costs of an administrative nature related to the management of the programme by the Commission. It covers the three financial years in question (1998, 1999 and 2000) but is paid annually. The Community will pay part of this contribution by taking the sums needed from the annual funding for Phare/Estonia. The Phare contribution will not however cover the equivalent of the administrative sums relating to the management of the programme by the Commission, which will remain entirely the responsibility of the Estonian national budget. In total this financial contribution will amount to ECU 64 200 for the three years under consideration (of which ECU 30 000 under Phare). Estonia will be associated with the monitoring of its participation in the programme in preparation for the Community decision-making process on accession (in particular by participation in the coordination meetings prior to the meetings of the programme committees and by being informed about the results). The participation of Bulgaria will be valid for the duration of the programme (i.e. until 31 December 2000).