Research RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: Specific programme "user-friendly information society"

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OBJECTIVE: to adopt a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002) on a 'User-friendly information society'. SUBSTANCE: with a view to the implementation of the fifth framework programme of R&TD, the Commission proposes adopting a specific programme on a 'user-friendly information society' for the period 1998-2002. The amount deemed necessary for the implementation of the specific programme is ECU 3925 m (ECU 853.4 m for 1998-1999; ECU 3071.6 m for 2000-2002). The main outlines of the programme are as follows: a) four key actions: - systems and services for the citizen: health, persons with special needs (including the disabled and the elderly), administrations, environment, transport and tourism; - new methods of work and electronic commerce: flexible, mobile and remote working methods and tools; management systems for suppliers and consumers; information security; - multimedia content and tools: interactive electronic publishing and digital heritage and cultural content; education and training; human language technologies; information access, filtering, analysis and handling; - essential technologies and infrastructures: technologies for and the management of information processing, communications and networks; technologies and engineering for software, systems and services; real-time and large-scale simulation and visualisation techniques; mobile and personal communications and systems; peripherals; microelectronics; b) activities for generic research and development of technologies: future and emerging technologies; c) support for research infrastructures: research networking.