# Culture programmes: participation of Latvia in the Community programme Raphael

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OBJECTIVE: as part of the pre-accession strategy, to allow Latvia to participate in a Community programme in the field of culture (Raphael) in 1998-2000. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for an EC-Latvia Association Council decision lays down the conditions and procedures for Latvia's participation in the Community programme for the preservation of the cultural heritage (Raphael). In particular, Latvia: -will participate in all activities of the Raphael programme on the same terms as the Member States and in conformity with the objectives, criteria and procedures laid down for the programme; -will apply the same terms and conditions for the submission, assessment and selection of applications as apply to the Member States; -will include a minimum number of partners from the Member States in all proposed transnational projects and activities; -will make a financial contribution to the Community budget in respect of its participation in Raphael. This contribution will cover the financial support from the programme to Latvian participants to enable them to participate in the programme and supplementary administrative costs related to the management of the programme by the Commission stemming from Latvia's participation. The contribution is to be paid annually. No contribution to the cost of Latvia's participation in Raphael will come from the annual financial allocation to Phare/Latvia: Latvia is expected to pay its contribution itself. The contribution will be ECU 43 683 for the 3 years in question. Latvia will participate in the monitoring of its participation in Raphael in order to prepare itself for the Community decision-making process with a view to accession (particularly by attending coordination meetings before the regular meetings of the Programme Committee and being informed of the results of these meetings). Latvia's participation is valid for the whole duration of the programmes (i.e. until 31.12.2000).