

Youth: Community action programme 2000-2004

1998/0197(COD) - 27/11/1998 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission accepts, in full or in part, those 36 of the European Parliament's 61 amendments which :

- in relation to the initial proposal, provide useful additional information and clarification on the specific aspects of cooperation policy in the field of youth ;
- improve the proposal by incorporating features designed to make access to the programme easier for young people, particularly those who may have difficulties in taking part;
- are designed to stress the importance of the cooperation policy's contribution in the area of youth and the development of non-formal education, and the need to remove the legal or administrative obstacles to transnational mobility among young people and to guarantee the safeguarding of their rights, particularly when it comes to social protection.

The Commission rejects those amendments which :

- modify the eligibility age limits for the programme, as this would detract from concentration of resources on the target public;
- relate to the EU's external policy because this policy goes beyond the framework of the programme proposal's legal basis;
- propose an increase in funding, preferring to abide by its initial proposal on this;
- with regard to committee procedures, refer to the procedures to be followed by the Committee as it does not conform to the 13th July 1987 decision on comitology.