

Education, training: Community action programme Socrates, 2nd phase 2000-2004

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The Commission accepts in full or in part those 34 of the 54 amendments proposed by the Parliament which : - improve and strengthen the initial proposal by incorporating features designed to make access to the programme easier for target publics who may have difficulties in taking part; - are designed to strengthen the emphasis placed on certain key features of the proposal, e.g. the dissemination of results and the academic recognition of studies pursued in other Member States via the ECTS (European course credit transfer system); - in relation to the initial proposal, provide useful additional information and clarify specific aspects of cooperation policy in the field of education. The Commission rejects those amendments which: - concern institutional aspects such as rules on committee procedures and budgetary matters; - propose increasing funding, preferring to abide by its initial proposal; - are designed to group together Action 6 (Observation and innovation), Action 7 (Joint actions) and Action 8 (Support measures) into a single measure called "Horizontal measures", considering that this would detract from the political visibility of Actions 6 and 7 to which the Commission wishes to give priority in the context of creating a Europe of knowledge.