Free movement of persons: mobility for students, persons undergoing training, young volunteers, teachers, trainers

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PURPOSE : Proposal for a Recommendation on freedom of movement for students, trainees, young volunteers, teachers and trainers. CONTENT : Freedom of movement is one of the fundamental principles of the EC Treaty. There is, however, some evidence that mobility for the groups of people who are the subject of this measure is difficult, and there are significant obstacles despite the acquis communautaire. The objectives of the proposal are : - to get Member States to abolish these obstacles - to get Member States to adopt measures so that third country nationals who are legally and permanently resident in the Community, benefit from the provisions of the acquis relating to free movement and equality of treatment; to get Member States to treat third country nationals in the same way as Community nationals when they fall into the above groups. - to call on Member States to promote transnational mobility by introducing strategies which apply to these groups. - to contribute to the dissemination of good practice, as developed in particular in the context of Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci and European Voluntary Service Community programmes. - Member States are invited not to penalise people through reducing or withholding social security rights. The proposal gives the reasons for the instrument chosen, and recommends specific measures for each category of persons covered by the proposal.