Public health: Community action programme on health promotion, information, education and training 1996-2000

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In its communication outlining its opinion on the Council's common position concerning this proposal, the Commission stated that it could not support the Council text adopted on 2 June 1995. It had three reservations with regard to the Council's text: - the first related to the programme's budget: the Council provided for a total of ECU 30 million over five years whilst the Commission had proposed a financial framework of ECU 35 million without extension. The Commission considered that this sum was already too modest; - the second involved comitology: the Council introduced a "mixed" procedure for the implementation of the programme. The Commission felt that a straightforward advisory committee would be more appropriate and could eventually take over the seven areas of activity that in the Council's view came under "management"; - the last amendment related to the annexes: the Council did not incorporate in its common position certain EP amendments that were included in the Commission's amended proposal. In particular, these included the amendments concerning the integration of health education in school curricula, support for actions targeted at risk groups (the elderly, migrants, etc), support for measures promoting physical activity and bodily hygiene, and support for studies on the ageing of the population and the associated illnesses. The Commission pointed out that it had included a declaration in the Council's minutes stating that it did not support the text of the common position.