Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

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OBJECTIVE: to define the guidelines to be adopted identifying the objectives, priorities, broad categories of measures and a number of projects of common interest with regard to the development of an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) as a trans-European network. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Decision 2717/95/EC. SUBSTANCE: * The main objectives as regards the development of the ISDN as a trans-European network and element of the infrastructure for the "universal service" are as follows: - to establish a EURO-ISDN infrastructure comprising a minimum range of harmonised services; - full geographical coverage by EURO-ISDN in all the Member States, in particular to facilitate access of the peripheral regions to modern communications. * The priorities are as follows: - to promote the use of EURO-ISDN, particularly by SMEs; - to contribute to the rapid availability of affordable testing equipment; - to promote access to less expensive terminal equipment and application software. * The broad categories of measures are as follows: - the elimination of obstacles to the deployment of EURO-ISDN; - the promotion of end-to-end interoperability of telematic services; - the migration of public and private sector applications to EURO-ISDN; - the promotion of EURO-ISDN terminals and application software. * The participation of third countries which are party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or which have association agreements with the Community is highly desirable. * In 1997, the Commission shall carry out an overall evaluation of the guidelines. * The Decision shall enter into force on 14 December 1995.