Youth: including Turkey among the beneficiary countries of the 3rd phase of the "Youth for Europe" programme

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The Parliament approved the Commission's proposal subject to some amendments. Parliament's opinion was drafted by Ms. Renate Heinisch, (EPP, Germany). The Decision concerns the participation by Turkey in the Youth for Europe programme and would make it possible to launch preparatory measures and measures to increase awareness with a view to full participation under the current programme or under the future framework programme (2000-2004) which is currently being drawn up. There is an amendment which states that the purpose of such participation is to enable genuine exchanges to take place between young people from both sides and the staff accompanying them, while respecting their linguistic, educational and cultural diversity, as provided for in Article 126(1) of the Treaty, and bearing in mind the need to ensure fair representation of minorities. The Parliament also approved an amendment requiring it to be kept informed about the various measures taken to implement this Decision.