Information society: European multimedia content industry, INFO 2000 multi-annual programme

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In adopting the report by Mrs Pervenche BERES (PSE, F), Parliament approved the Info 2000 programme for the European multimedia industry, subject to around fifty amendments aimed at emphasizing the concept of minimum levels of service to be provided by the multimedia (access, equal treatment, etc.), encouraging linguistic pluralism and ensuring that support is provided exclusively for EU undertakings. Parliament wishes actions under the programme to: - support the development of applications serving the public interest (health, education, training and regional planning for less-favoured regions); - give access to associations and NGOs; - give priority to the interests of citizens; - help reduce the risk of exclusion and inequality between regions; - be conducted in synergy with programmes covered by the fourth framework programme on research and development (1994-1998). Moreover, Parliament considers that it is necessary to coordinate efforts at international level to combat the abuse of multimedia content (e.g. in connection with racism, illegal pornography and criminal offences). Finally, activities conducted in cooperation with non-Community countries should be established on the basis of strict reciprocity.