Employment: activities of research, cooperation, analysis and action. Action ESSEN 1996-2001

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Nikolaos PAPAKYRIAZIS (PSE, GR) with 286 votes in favour, 7 against and 26 abstentions. It thus approved the proposal for a decision on the Commission's activities concerning analysis, research, cooperation and action in the field of employment, with the following amendments: - the EP wanted the actions taken to be provided with a legal basis according to criteria to be negotiated between the three institutions (and more particularly in accordance with the 1993 Interinstitutional Agreement rather than in accordance with Article 235, as currently provided for); - Parliament wanted the Commission's actions to focus on the exchange of information and experiences relating to the employment measures taken in the Member States, taking account of the suggestions made in the White Paper on Growth, Competitiveness and Employment and the employment strategies developed by the Union; - it also called for emphasis to be given to projects for the identification, transfer and dissemination of measures which directly or indirectly assist the groups most affected (young job-seekers, the long-term unemployed, women and older unemployed persons); - the Commission could also provide financial support for the actions after consultation with the budgetary authority. Moreover, it should guarantee the coordination of the programme with other existing initiatives in the same field by ensuring that the programme has a spill-over effect into all of the Union's policies; - where the programme is opened up to third countries, the additional cost incurred by their participation should be covered by the countries involved, with a financial supplement from the Community if necessary.