Training, youth and education: Slovenia's participation in Leonardo, Socrates and Youth programmes

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Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament approved the legislative resolution by Giancarlo Ligabue (UPE,IT), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Slovenia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education, subject to amendments in the following areas: - noting that revenue from the non-member countries is allocated in advance to the above-mentioned programmes and entered as such against the corresponding item of expenditure; - requiring the annual breakdown of appropriations intended for the cofinancing of this action pursuant to Article 108 of the Europe Association Agreement between Slovenia and the EU to appear in Annex IV, Part B, Section III of the EU Budget; - extending application of this directive to cover the periods for which the three programmes in question are extended whilst the new programmes are being prepared; - providing that language preparation and training activities concern not only the official languages of the Community, but also the official languages of the CEECs; - requiring the Commission to keep the Council and the European Parliament informed of its monitoring of Slovenia's participation in the programmes; - allowing Slovenia to send a representative to the regular meetings of the Committees in order to gain first-hand experience of the Community without, however, being able to influence the Committee's decisions; - beyond the general use of the official languages of the Community, allowing for the occasional use of the national languages of the country concerned, in particular during informal negotiations.