Community programmes in training, youth and education: participation of the Czech Republic

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OBJECTIVE: opening of the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to the Czech Republic and definition of the administrative conditions and arrangements for implementation of this participation. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision No 2/97 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of the Czech Republic in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (97/655/EC). SUBSTANCE: This decision of the EC-Czech Republic Association Council seeks to adopt the terms and conditions for the participation of this country in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education. In accordance with this decision the Czech Republic will: - participate in all the actions of the Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe programmes, in principle under the same terms as the Member States of the Community; - authorize a minimum number of partners from the Member States to participate in its transnational projects with a view to ensuring the Community dimension; - establish or make available the necessary national structures and mechanisms for its participation; - make a financial contribution to the Community budget to cover its participation in these three programmes. This contribution is paid entirely from the Czech national budget and covers the subsidies or other financial support from the programmes to Czech participants and operating costs of national agencies and other supplementary administrative costs relating to the management of these programmes by the Commission. The contribution is set at: . ECU 3 343 000 for the Socrates programme in 1997 (as Erasmus will not be open that year) then ECU 5 186 000 per year in 1998 and 1999, .ECU 2 654 000 per year for the Leonardo programme, .ECU 600 000 for the Youth for Europe programme; - facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. participating in the programmes. At the same time the Czech Republic will be involved in the follow up to its participation in the programmes and will be invited to coordination meetings prior to the meetings of the management committees (in particular in order to allow this country to participate actively in the Community's decision-making process). This country will also be informed about the results of such meetings. The participation of the Czech Republic applies throughout the duration of the programmes (or until 31 December 1999). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.10.1997