Small and medium-sized enterprises SMEs: participation of Slovenia in the Community programme

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Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the report by Gunilla Carlsson (PPE,SE), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Slovenia in the Community programme in the field of small- and medium-sized enterprises, subject to amendments in the following areas: - requiring that account should be taken of the code of conduct established between the European Parliament and the Commission on information for and attendance by European Parliament representatives at proceedings of Commission committees as set out in the European Parliament resolution of 24/10/96; - noting that, in addition to an ex-post evaluation of participation in the programme (including methods of new public management), thorough preparation and accompanying measures are essential in order to guarantee not only the efficient allocation of funds but also the programme's overall success; - noting that the Association Council updates the programme criteria with the help of benchmarks and that the Commission evaluates the most efficient country participations in an annual report by using the best practice method; - providing that, whenever resources mobilised from the budget are supplemented by a national contribution, the Commission shall duly notify the budgetary authority of the breakdown of the overall amount allocated to this measure, so that that information can be included in the budget.