European voluntary service for young people: Community action programme 1998-2002

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In adopting the report by Mrs Nicole FONTAINE (EPP, F) on the European Voluntary Service Parliament approved the joint text, even though it considered the text to be unsatisfactory. Parliament considered that funding for this programme was very inadequate for implementing all the measures planned. However Parliament, rather than disappointing the young people for whom this programme was intended, accepted, rather than seeing the whole programme placed in jeopardy, the budgetary funding of ECU 47.5 million provided for 1998-1999. Parliament hoped that the success of the programme would, as had already been the case for other initiatives, break the budgetary constraints placed by the Council on the European voluntary service scheme for young people.