Tourism: first multiannual programme 1997-2000, Philoxenia

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Parliament adopted, with amendments, the report by Mrs Fransisca BENNASAR TOUS (PPE, E) concerning a First Multiannual Programme to assist European tourism, 'Philoxenia' (1997-2000). The amendments proposed by the EP do not change the sense of the Commission's original proposal but add to it, drawing attention to the advisability of: - improving its consistency with other Community programmes and policies; - promoting tourism that is sustainable in socio-economic and environmental terms; - adopting measures to offset the handicap of the under-developed, extremely remote and island regions; - including the fundamental principles of a tourism policy at European level among the objectives of Structural Funds; - allowing innovative projects in the field of training, with a view to job creation; - implementing concrete actions to fight sex tourism; - including tourist SMEs in the third multiannual programme for SMEs; - recognizing that intra-Community tourism and the importance of a common identity for Europe should be the prime objective of promotion; - opening the programme to Mediterranean countries.