Research RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: Specific programme "user-friendly information society"

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Following on from the successful conclusion of the conciliation procedure between the Parliament and the Council, the Parliament then adopted its opinion drafted by Mr. MALERBA (I, PPE) concerning the specific RTD programme on the 'user friendly information society'. One of the main amendments adopted related to the budget for the programme : the overall budget will be 3600 million ECU, broken down into 857 million ECU for the 1998/99 period, and 2743 million ECU for the 2000/02 period. There were also some amendments relating to the participation of SMEs, as well as one designed to ensure that research funding does not go towards new 'eavesdropping' technology. A further amendment dealt with the protection of privacy and ethical considerations relating to the Internet.