TEMPUS III: Trans-European cooperation scheme for higher education, 3rd phase 2000-2006

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In adopting the report drafted by Mr. Robert EVANS (PES, UK), the European Parliament warmly welcomed the proposal for a third phase of the trans-European co-operation scheme for higher education TEMPUS III to run for the period 2000-2006. The Parliament was, however, of the opinion that there should be a way of undertaking joint activities between TEMPUS III and other programmes with a training /education dimension. The programme should be able to facilitate the adaptation of higher education to the new socio-economic and cultural needs of the eligible countries. The Parliament also called for financial aid to be granted for: - the establishment of European 'chairs' in the eligible countries, along the lines of the Fulbright and Jean Monnet Programme scholarships; - support courses in the language and culture of the host country of the teachers, students or other staff in the educational/training sector, as well as in the language of teaching; - support courses in the minority languages and cultures of the eligible countries; support exchange programmes between students from the ethnic, linguistic and/or cultural minorities of the eligible countries.