Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of Poland

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OBJECTIVE: opening of the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to Poland. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision No 1/98 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Poland, of the other part, adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Poland in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (98/199/EC). SUBSTANCE: This decision of the EC-Poland Association Council sets out the terms and conditions for the participation of this country in Community programmes in the fields of training and education. In accordance with this decision Poland will - participate in all the actions of the Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe programmes in principle under the same terms as the Member States of the Community; - authorize a minimum number of partners from the Member States for all the transnational projects proposed; - establish or make available the necessary national structures and mechanisms for its participation; - make a financial contribution to the Community budget to cover subsidies or other financial support to Polish participants, financial support for the operating costs of national agencies and other supplementary administrative costs relating to the management of these programmes by the Commission. Part of this contribution will be paid by the PHARE/Poland budget (97% in 1997, 13% in 1998 and 23% in 1999) the remainder being paid from the Polish national budget. The contribution is set at: .ECU 5 176 660 for the Socrates programme in 1997 (as Erasmus will not be open that year) then ECU 11 764 650 per year in 1998 and 1999, .ECU 6 420 000 per year for the Leonardo programme from 1997, .ECU 1 000 000 in 1997 for part of the Youth for Europe programme, ECU 1 500 000 in 1998 and ECU 2 000 000 in 1999 for its participation in the whole programme. Poland will facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. It will also be involved in the follow up to its participation in the three programmes in order to enable this country to prepare for participation in the Community's decision-making process, with a view to accession. The participation of Poland applies throughout the duration of the programmes (until 31 December 1999). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.03.1998