# Community programmes in education, training and youth: participation of the Slovak Republic

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OBJECTIVE: opening the Leonardo, Youth for Europe III and Socrates programmes to the Slovak Republic. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 1/98 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic of the other part adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of the Slovak Republic in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (98/233/EC). SUBSTANCE: This decision of the EC-Slovak Republic Association Council governs the terms and conditions for the Slovak Republic's participation in the Community programmes in the fields of training and education. Pursuant to this decision, the Slovak Republic: - will participate in all actions of the Leonardo, Socrates and Youth for Europe programmes on the same basis as the Community Member States; - will provide for a minimum number of partners from the Community Member States to be included in all the proposed transnational projects; - will set up or make available the appropriate structures and mechanisms at national level; - will pay a financial contribution to the Community budget for its participation covering the subsidies or any other financial support granted to Slovak participants, the financial support for the functioning of the national agencies and the supplementary administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission. This financial contribution will be covered equally (50% - 50%) by the PHARE/Slovak Republic budget and by the Slovak national budget, as all the administrative costs related to the management of the programmes by the Commission are to be paid by the Slovak Republic. The amount of the contribution is: ECU 940 000 for the SOCRATES programme in 1997( as ERASMUS will not be open for that year), then ECU 2 140 000 per year in 1998 and 1989, ECU 2 140 000 per year for the LEONARDO programme from 1997, ECU 270 000 in 1997 for part of the Youth for Europe programme, ECU 464 000 in 1998 and 702 000 in 1999 for participation in the whole programme. The Slovak Republic will facilitate the free movement and residence of students, teachers, etc. It will be involved in monitoring its participation in the three programmes in preparation for participation in the Community decision making process when it becomes a member. The Slovak Republic will participate in the programmes for their duration (until 31 December 1999). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01.04.1998