Youth for Europe programme: participation of Bulgaria

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PURPOSE : to allow for the participation of Bulgaria in the Community programme in the field of youth (1998-1999) as part of the pre-accession strategy. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision No 2/98 of the Association Council between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Bulgaria, of the other part adopting the terms and conditions for the participation of Bulgaria in the Community programme in the field of youth. CONTENT : this Decision by the EC /Bulgaria Association Council lays down conditions and provisions for the participation of this country in the Community Programme in the field of youth. In particular, Bulgaria: - shall participate in the actions of the programme on the same footing as the Member States and in accordance with the objectives, criteria and procedures of the programme; - shall set up the necessary national structures in order to implement the programme; - shall pay a contribution to the Community budget for participation in the programme. The financial contribution will cover subsidies or any other financial support received from the Youth for Europe Programme by Bulgarian beneficiaries, supplementary administrative costs relating to the management of the programme by the Commission and financial support from the programme to the function of the national agency. This contribution shall be paid annually. The Community shall bear some of the cost of this contribution from Bulgaria's PHARE budget. The PHARE contribution will not, however, be used to meet the costs of administering the programme by the Commission which will be met entirely from the Bulgarian national budget. Bulgaria shall participate in the assessment of its participation in the programme in order to prepare for the Community decision making process in anticipation of accession (particularly by taking part in prior coordination to meetings of the programme management committee and being informed of the results of these meetings). The Decision shall apply for the duration of the Youth for Europe Programme. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.01.1999.