Free movement of persons: mobility for students, persons undergoing training, young volunteers, teachers, trainers

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Robert J.E. EVANS (PES, UK) on the Council's common position on proposals to encourage mobility within the EU for students, persons undergoing training, young volunteers, teachers and trainers. The House accepts the Commission's view that researchers cannot be included in the recomendations because of the legal basis. It endorses the Commission's proposals to issue a separate document on researchers as part of the follow-up to its communication on the European research area. It also welcomes the Action Plan on Mobility agreed by the Council in December 2000. A few amendments were adopted that seek to clarify what follow-up action is expected of both the Commission and Member States and to take due account of the Action Plan on Mobility. One amendments seeks to remove from Council's text the potentially harmful restriction whereby a temporary stay in the host state would be limited to 'one year in principle'.