Culture Community programmes: participation of Romania in Ariane, Kaleidoscope and Raphaël

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PURPOSE: within the framework of the pre-accession strategy, opening the Community's programmes in the field of culture to Romania from 1998 to 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council decision 1999 /108/EC. CONTENT: this decision (3/98) by the EC/Romania Association Council of 14/12/98 lays down the conditions and requirements for this country's participation in 3 Community programmes in the field of culture (ARIANE, KALEIDOSCOPE and RAPHAEL). In particular, Romania will: - take part in the relevant actions according to the same principles as the Member States and in line with the objectives, criteria and procedures established by these programmes; - apply the same conditions and requirements for presentation, assessment and selection of applications as those which apply to the Member States; - be required to include a minimum number of partners from the Member States for all the transnational projects and activities it proposes; - make a financial contribution to the Community budget to cover the costs of its participation in the 3 programmes. This contribution covers both financial aid allocated to the Romanian participants in the 3 programme and supplementary administrative costs incurred by the Commission for its management of the programmes as a result of Romania's participation. This contribution will vary according to the programme and is made annually. Romania will be expected to annually pay the supplementary administrative costs resulting from its participation from its national budget (these amount to ECU 8,452 for KALEIDOSCOPE, ECU 2,401 for ARIANE and ECU 10,372 for RAPHAEL). Aside from this, the remaining costs of Romania's participation in the 3 programmes are as follows: - KALEIDOSCOPE: an annual contribution of ECU 36,200, 50% funded from its own national budget and 50% from PHARE; - ARIANE: an annual contribution of ECU 120,736, 50% funded from its own national budget and 50% from PHARE; - RAPHAEL: In 1998, ECU 59,270 from its national budget and ECU 88,960 from its PHARE allocation; in 1999, ECU 73,908 from its national budget and the same amount from its PHARE allocation; in 2000, ECU 88,906 from its national budget and ECU 59,270 from its PHARE allocation. The PHARE contribution is subject to regular PHARE programming procedures. Romania will be involved in the monitoring of its participation in these programmes in order to prepare for the Community decision-making process in the context of accession (in particular, by being invited to coordination meetings prior to the regular meetings of the programming committees and being kept informed of the results of these committees' meetings). Romania's particpation will be valid for the duration of the programmes (until 31/12/2000). ENTRY INTO FORCE: 01/01/1999.