Health and social policy: participation of Lithuania in the Community programmes

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PURPOSE: in the context of the pre-accession strategy, the opening up of certain Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy to Lithuania for the years 1998 to 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Decision 1999/410/EC, ECSC, Euratom. CONTENT : Decision 3/1999 of the Association Council between the European Communities and the Republic of Lithuania lays down the terms and conditions for the participation of this country in several Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy. Lithuania shall participate in the following European Community programmes : Prevention of AIDS and other communicable diseases, drugs dependence and equal opportunities for men and women. In particular, Lithuania : - will participate in all activities of the programmes in the same way as the Member States do in line with the objectives, criteria and procedures established by these programmes; - will apply, as much as possible, the same terms and conditions for the submission, assessment and selection of applications as those applied to the Member States; - will ensure that there is a minimum number of partners from the Member States for all programmes, transnational projects and activities proposed; - will pay each year a contribution to the general budget of the European Communities to cover costs resulting from its participation in the programmes. This financial contribution will cover financial support from the programmes to Lithuanian participants, supplementary costs of an administrative nature relating to the management of this programme by the Commission stemming from Lithuania's participation. This contribution is aggregated and is paid yearly. The Community will participate in taking charge of this contribution by deducting the necessary amounts from Lithuania's annual PHARE allocation. The PHARE contribution will however not cover the equivalent of the administrative costs related to the management of the programme by the Commission, and this will remain totally within the charge of the Lithuanian national budget. In total, this financial contribution amounts to EUR 205,458 for the three years under consideration (of which EUR 134,413 fall under PHARE). Lithuania will be associated with the follow-up of its participation in the programmes concerned in order to prepare itself for the Community decision-making process in the perspective of accession (notably, in participating in the coordination meetings prior to regular meetings of the programme committees and by being informed about the results of these meetings). The participation of Lithuania is valid for the duration of the programmes (which is until 31.12.2000). ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.06.1999.