General Programme "Fundamental rights and justice": specific programme "Civil Justice", 2007-2013

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Inger **Segelström** (PES, Sweden) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. The main ones were as follows:

- Parliament clarified that the term "Member State" means Member States with the exception of Denmark;

- a new objective is the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border (…) civil (…) proceedings in the Member States;

- participating countries include the acceding countries;

- access to the programme will include international organisations;

- a distinction is made between those measures which are subject to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny and those which are subject to the advisory committee procedure, the advisory committee procedure being in certain cases, with a view to increased efficiency, the more appropriate;

- operations financed under the Decision shall not receive financial support for the same purpose from other Union/Community financial instruments. It shall be ensured that the beneficiaries of the programme shall provide the Commission with information about funding received from the Community budget and from other sources, as well as information about ongoing applications for funding;

- the financial envelope is set at **EUR 109.3 million**;

- evaluation reports must include the following: an interim evaluation report on the results obtained and the qualitative and quantitative aspects of the implementation of this programme, including on the work carried out by the beneficiaries of operating grants, no later than 31 March 2011; and, an annual presentation on the implementation of the programme;

- each year the Commission shall publish the list of actions financed under this programme with a short description of each project;

- the Commission must lay down guidelines to ensure the visibility of the funding granted under this Decision.