General programme "Fundamental Rights and Justice": specific programme "Fight against violence" - Daphne III Programme 2007-2013

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The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality adopted the report by Ms Lissy **GRÖNER** (PES, DE) approving, in 2nd reading of the codecision procedure, as it stands, the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a decision establishing the Daphne III programme for the period 2007-2013.

As the common position was the result of informal negotiations with the Parliament's committee which undertook on 23 November 2006 that if this agreed text was adopted as the Council's common position, it would recommend to the Parliament to adopt it without amendment in second reading.

In its common position, the Council took up the main amendments made by the European Parliament, in particular, those relating to improving the transparency of the programme, reducing bureaucracy and better access for NGOs to the programme. As far as agreeing on a European Year against violence is concerned, the compromise reached provides for the drawing up of a separate common declaration.

The programme's budget is **€ 116.85 million**.