Basic information

2000/0263(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/United States agreement : cooperation programme in higher education and training, renewal **Subject** 4.40.20 Cooperation and agreements in the fields of education, training and youth **Geographical area** United States	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	PERRY Roy (PPE-DE)	23/11/2000

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2331	2001-02-26

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Education, Youth, Sport and Culture	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/10/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0656	Summary
15/12/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/01/2001	Vote in committee		Summary

25/01/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0028/2001	
14/02/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0074/2001	Summary
26/02/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/02/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/03/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2000/0263(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/5/13929

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0028/2001	25/01/2001	
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European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2000)0656 OJ C 240 28.08.2001, p. 0054 E	18/10/2000	Summary
Follow-up document	COM(2005)0274	27/06/2005	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2001/0196
OJ L 071 13.03.2001, p. 0007

Summary

EC/United States agreement : cooperation programme in higher education and training, renewal

2000/0263(CNS) - 26/02/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the EC and the USA renewing the programme of co-operation in higher education and vocational education and training; COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 2001/196/EC. CONTENT: The Council adopted the Decision concerning the conclusion of the Agreement signed at the EU-US summit on 18 December 2000 renewing the Agreement from 1995 establishing a co-operation programme in higher education and vocational education and training. The objectives of the Co-operation Programme are in particular: - promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the United States of America including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions; - improve the quality of human resource development, including the acquisition of skills required to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy; - encourage an innovative and sustainable range of student-centred higher education and vocational education and training co-operative activities that have a durable impact; - improve the quality of Transatlantic student mobility by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of periods of study and training, and, where appropriate, portability of credits; - encourage the exchange of expertise in e-learning and open and distance learning and their effective use to broaden Programme impact; - promote or enhance partnerships among higher education and vocational education and training institutions, professional associations, public authorities, private sector and other associations; - reinforce a European Community and United States dimension to transatlantic co-operation in higher education and vocational education and training; and - complement relevant bilateral programmes between the Member States of the European Community and the United States of America as well as other European Community and United States programmes and initiatives. ENTRY INTO FORCE: The Agreement came into effect on 1 January 2001 and remains in force for 5 years unless either of the parties decides otherwise.

EC/United States agreement : cooperation programme in higher education and training, renewal

2000/0263(CNS) - 18/10/2000 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to renew the Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Training between the European Community and the United States of America. CONTENT : the existing Agreement has proved to be a highly positive component of Transatlantic relations and has been acknowledged by both sides as having been amongst the most concrete contributions to building bridges of friendship and understanding between the peoples and institutions of the EC and the United States. The proposed renewal of the Agreement would build on and consolidate these results. The objectives of the Cooperation Programme are to: - promote closer understanding between the peoples of the European Community and the United States, including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions; - improve the quality of human resource development in both the EC and Canada, including the acquisition of skills required to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy; - encourage an innovative and sustainable range of student-centred higher education and training cooperative activities between the different regions in the European Community and in the United States that have a durable impact; - improve the quality of Transatlantic student mobility by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of qualifications and periods of study and training, and where appropriate, portability of credits; - encourage the exchange of expertise in e-learning and open and distances education and their effective use by project consortia to broaden Programme impact; - form or enhance partnerships among higher education and training institutions, professional associations, public authorities, private sector and other associations as appropriate in both the EC and the United States; - reinforce a EC and US value-added dimension to Transatlantic cooperation in higher education and training; - complement bilateral programmes between the Member States of the EC and the United States of America as well as the other EC and US programmes and initiatives. This programme will continue to build on intra-Community links, thus reinforcing the European dimension of education and, at the same time will contribute to the diversification of existing bilateral cooperation between the US and the Member States. The programme will provide a framework for the search for innovative solutions to the challenges posed by the emerging knowledge-based economy, through student-based structural cooperation and other cooperative activities with a durable impact. Furthermore, the draft agreement furthers the cooperation strategy as set out in the 1995 New Transatlantic Agenda and the EC/US Joint Action plan. The Commission considers that the draft agreement is acceptable to the Community. Accordingly, it proposes that the Council: - approves the results of the negotiation; - decides to sign the agreement and - intiates the procedure for its conclusion.

EC/United States agreement : cooperation programme in higher education and training, renewal

2000/0263(CNS) - 14/02/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament endorsed, without debate, the report by Mr Roy PERRY (EPP/ED, UK) on renewing the EU-USA cooperation agreement in higher education and vocational educational training.

EC/United States agreement : cooperation programme in higher education and training, renewal

2000/0263(CNS) - 27/06/2005 - Follow-up document

This communication has been established pursuant to article 7 of the agreement between the European Community and the United States of America signed on 18 December 2000and pursuant to article 7 of the agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada signed on 19 December 2000.

This interim evaluation confirms the relevance of the EC/US and EC/Canada programmes, which have been successful in providing a strong stimulus to transatlantic cooperation in higher education and vocational training. The evaluators concluded that the great majority of projects were successful in implementing the planned curriculum development and student mobility activities and, more importantly, that the programmes have each been effective in creating long lasting institutional, professional and people-to-people links over the Atlantic.

The independent evaluation concluded that the programmes are a powerful tool for establishing long-term transatlantic partnerships in higher education and vocational training. The evaluators observed that almost all the projects succeeded in establishing student exchanges based on shared or mutually developed curricula. The programmes have given a tremendous stimulus to the participating institutions, faculty and students to build long-term relations with US and Canadian partners, and have significantly improved cross-cultural knowledge and skills of participants at all levels. The evaluators concluded that the programmes have a large unexploited potential that can be fulfilled only with a significant increase in the budgetary resources available. The Commission agrees that there is scope to

further exploit the potential of these programmes.

The evaluators have made a number of suggestions to improve certain aspects of the programmes but found no major shortcomings.