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| Key players                   |                                     |  |                               |                  |
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|                               | <b>Committee for opinion</b>        |  | <b>Rapporteur for opinion</b> | <b>Appointed</b> |
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| 14/05/2001 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |  |         |
| 18/09/2001 | Vote in committee                          |  | Summary |
| 18/09/2001 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | A5-0322/2001   |         |
| 23/10/2001 | Decision by Parliament                     | T5-0525/2001   | Summary |

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| 23/10/2001 | End of procedure in Parliament            |  |                         |
| 14/02/2002 | Debate in Council                         |  | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
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## Lifelong education and training. Memorandum

2001/2088(COS) - 30/10/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

**PURPOSE** : to establish a Memorandum on Education and life long learning with the aim of opening a debate and laying the foundations for a lifelong learning strategy. **CONTENT** : the Commission presented this Memorandum in response to the Lisbon European Council in March 2000 and its conclusions concerning a Europe of knowledge, which have inevitable repercussions in the field of education and training. It is also a response to the mandate given by the Lisbon and Feira European Councils, i.e. to make lifelong learning available to everyone. The aim of the Memorandum is to initiate a debate at European level and in the Member States, the countries of the European Economic Area (EEA) and the applicant countries, on a global strategy to reach this goal. The two objectives of equal importance for lifelong learning are the promotion of active citizenship and the promotion of vocational skills in order to adapt to the demands of the new knowledge-based society and to allow full participation in social and economic life. Lifelong learning is designed to provide the people of Europe with the essential tools they require for self-development and in order to play an active part in modern society, including the skills needed in the field of new technologies. This Memorandum contains six key messages highlighting the principal elements recommended for a coherent future strategy: - to allow people to acquire or refresh the skills needed for sustained participation in the knowledge-based society; - to visibly raise levels of investment in human resources in order to give priority to Europe's most important asset - its people; - to introduce innovations in education and learning by developing effective methods for the continuum of lifelong learning; - to enhance the status of education by improving the ways in which learning participation and outcomes are understood and appreciated, particularly non-formal and informal learning; - to ensure that everyone can easily access good-quality information and advice about learning opportunities throughout Europe and throughout their lives; - to match lifelong learning opportunities as closely as possible to the needs of the people. Lifelong learning will be put into practice on the basis of shared responsibility and a partnership between the Member States and the European Commission, between the social partners, between firms and educational and training establishments, and between various fields in education and training. The aim of this process is to begin a debate that is as broad and varied as possible. By mid-2001, consultation at European level will be taking place in parallel with consultations closer to the people. The purpose of consultation is to involve the key actors in each Member State and in the EEA countries and the applicant countries. The Commission will present an action plan towards the end of 2001 which will set specific objectives and define concrete areas for action. In the meantime, work to develop indicators and benchmarks, and to identify best practice, will continue.

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2001/2088(COS) - 23/10/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution from Mrs Kathleen Van BREMPT (PES, B) on lifelong learning. (Please refer to the previous text).

## Lifelong education and training. Memorandum

2001/2088(COS) - 14/02/2002

The Council held an in-depth exchange of views on the basis of the Commission communication on making a European area of lifelong learning a reality. The subject was discussed both by the Education Ministers and by the Youth Affairs Ministers. The Feira European Council in June 2000 instructed the Member States, the Council and Commission to draw up, each within their own sphere of competence, coherent strategies and practical measures to make lifelong learning accessible to all. The subject is of particular importance for the preparation of the Barcelona European Council in March 2002. The Council was unanimous in stressing the crucial importance of lifelong learning both for the personal and professional development of

European citizens and for achieving the strategic objective defined at the Lisbon European Council in 2000. In conclusion, the President observed that it had been a good discussion and announced the Presidency's intention to draw up two documents on the basis of the interventions that had been made: a document summarising the Member States' various positions which would be forwarded to the Barcelona European Council in March, and a text for submission to the next Education and Youth Affairs Council meeting on 30 May which would cover the latest lifelong learning measures. The Youth Affairs Ministers agreed to submit a contribution for the discussion initiated by the Education Ministers.