Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU Rodi (PPE-DE)	15/03/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

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Key events

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2001/2141(COS) - 24/10/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Rodi KRATSA-TSAGROPOULOU (EPP-ED, GR) welcoming a Commission communication on the implementation of certain social programmes. It calls on the Commission to adopt the following fixed criteria to be taken into account in fixing support priorities for and selecting projects and to state them clearly in the calls for proposals: - the direct relevance to the European Employment Stategy; - innovative features as regards the planning and implementation of the measure; - the quality and viability of the measure; - the potential for the circulation and dissemination of the results within the framework of the ESF. On the other hand, it regrets that the Commission has set the thematic priorities for 2000-2002 without consulting the European Parliament. It reiterates its desire for a regular dialogue with the Commission and reserves the right to submit proposals for financial aid priorities within the framework of its resolution on budget guidelines to the Commission. Moreover, the Parliament calls on the Commission to redefine the thematic fields for 2002, giving particular attention to to matters directly relating to combating unemployment and promoting social cohesion, such as the mobility of workers, up-to-date vocational training and retraining. Lastly, it notes with great regret that the innovative measures of all Structural Funds during the 2000-2006 programming period exist only so far on paper and that the resources have been substantially reduced. It is therefore adamantly opposed to any attempt to make further cuts during the present programming period.

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2001/2141(COS) - 12/01/2001 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to present a Communication from the Commission on the implementation of Innovative Measures under Article 6 of the European Social Fund Regulation for the programming period 2000-2006. CONTENT: The present Communication sets out how the Commission intends to exploit the possibilities offered by innovative measures under Article 6 of the ESF during the programming period 2000-2006, building on the Guidelines and taking into account the comments and suggestions made by both the ESF Committee and the European Parliament. The innovative measures must be operated in a simple, transparent fashion, with sound financial management. In addition, the operations will be based upon the following principles:

innovation and experimentation; support to the mainstream programmes; concentration; complementarity; partnership; continuous improvement; transnational co-operation and networking and equal opportunities. In addition, a thematic approach will be followed during the period 2000-2006 and calls for proposals must have a well defined context and a clear purpose. The Commission will prepare a new Communication with proposals to develop a more strategic approach in this field. It will also focus the calls for proposals for Innovative Measures during the 2001-2002 period on the following themes: adaptation to the new economy within the framework of Social Dialogue and second, local employment strategies and innovation. As regards adaptation to the new economy within the framework of social dialogue, support will be given to the following activities: - innovative approaches to anticipation of economic and social change; - innovative approaches to the use of IS tools in the framework of social dialogue; - new approaches to corporate social responsibility; - innovative approaches to the modernisation of the work organisation; - innovative approaches to promote Lifelong Learning. With regard to local employment strategies and innovation, it is intended to give priority to the following areas: - fostering the implementation of Local Action Plans for Employment and benchmarking activities; - integration of the employment dimension in all local policies; - developing training standards for social entrepreneurs and innovators; - development of financial instruments in support of the activities of the third system; - enhancing the quality of services and jobs. Lastly, the Commission will, with regard to capitalisaiton, dissemination and evaluation, support a number of types of aciton in the process of creaitng an impact at Union level. The ESF (2000-2006) may finance innovative measures subject to a ceiling of 0,40% of the ESF annual funding. The financial size of projects supported should be sufficiently large to generate valuable experience. Each call will define a minimum and a maximum amount of financial support (usually between 300.000 to 3 million Euro) as well as the percentages of intervention of the ESF. Where the size of an individual project could be excessively small, the possibility offinancing proposals that would entail a group of projects (with a single co-ordinating promoter) could be used.