Basic information

2003/0114(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
Education and training : grants to bodies active at European level, 2004-2006 action programme **Subject** 4.40.01 European area for education, training and lifelong learning	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	PACK Doris (PPE-DE)	08/07/2003

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	PACK Doris (PPE-DE)	08/07/2003

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets (Associated committee)	DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara (PSE)	10/07/2003
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	RÜHLE Heide (V/ALE)	09/07/2003

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2574	2004-03-30
Environment	2556	2003-12-22
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2545	2003-11-24

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Education, Youth, Sport and Culture	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/05/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0273	Summary
27/05/2003	Additional information		Summary
19/06/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
20/10/2003	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
20/10/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0357/2003	
05/11/2003	Debate in Parliament		
06/11/2003	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0475/2003	Summary
22/12/2003	Council position published	15334/1/2003	Summary
15/01/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
19/02/2004	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
19/02/2004	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A5-0076/2004	
09/03/2004	Debate in Parliament		
10/03/2004	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T5-0162/2004	Summary
10/03/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
30/03/2004	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
21/04/2004	Final act signed		
21/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/04/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	CULT/5/20397

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European Parliament

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Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A5-0076/2004	19/02/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T5-0162/2004 OJ C 102 28.04.2004, p. 0519-0581 E	10/03/2004	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council statement on its position	15978/2003	15/12/2003	
Council position	15334/1/2003 OJ C 072 23.03.2004, p. 0019-0027 E	22/12/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0273	27/05/2003	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	COM(2004)0004	09/01/2004	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(2004)0210	23/03/2004	Summary
Follow-up document	COM(2008)0337	05/06/2008	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1393/2003 OJ C 032 05.02.2004, p. 0052-0056	29/10/2003	

Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2004/0791
OJ L 138 30.04.2004, p. 0031-0039 Summary

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2003/0114(COD) - 23/03/2004 - Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading

The Commission accepts the Parliament's amendments and amends its proposal accordingly.

Education and training : grants to bodies active at European level, 2004-2006 action programme

2003/0114(COD) - 05/06/2008 - Follow-up document

This report is presented under Article 8 of Decision No 791/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 establishing a Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training. It requires the Commission to submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the achievement of the programme's objectives. This report must be based, inter alia, on an external evaluation. Such an evaluation was conducted in 2007 in the form of the "Final Evaluation of the Community's action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training". The present report sets out the Commission's position on the main conclusions and recommendations of the Final Evaluation.

The report concludes that in view of the Commission's priorities and in line with the evaluation results, the Commission draws the following conclusions from the implementation of the Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training.

Action 1 – Support for the specified Institutions:

- ***Institutions specialising in European Integration Studies:*** the Commission considers that continuing support for the College of Europe, the European University Institute, the European Institute of Public Administration and the Academy of European Law is essential to provide the European population as well as the administrations and policy makers of the Member States and the EU with the benefit of high-quality education, vocational training, research and/or policy-relevant reflection that is the result of cooperation in a truly trans-European framework and environment. For the period between 2007 and 2013, support for these institutions has been integrated into the Jean Monnet programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme.
- ***The European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation:*** in light of the priority attached by the EU to the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide, the Commission considers that it is essential to continue supporting the uniquely transnational European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, in particular for the European Master's degree Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation. For the period between 2007 and 2013, support for the EIUC is integrated into the financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide.
- ***The European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education:*** the Commission considers that the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education fulfils a highly relevant task as a European platform for collaboration and innovation on special needs education and finds that continuing support for this institution is essential. For the period between 2007 and 2013, support for the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education has been integrated into the Jean Monnet programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Action 2 – Support for European Associations active in Education and Training:the Commission considers it useful to continue support for the creation and consolidation of lasting networks and structures between various stakeholder groups in education and training with a view to promoting the EU's education and training priorities. For the period between 2007 and 2013, such support is integrated into the Jean Monnet programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme. In light of the priority to bring citizens closer to the EU, the Commission considers it useful to extend the scope of the call for proposals under this heading, in particular to European associations active in education and training on the topic of European integration.

Action 3A – The Jean Monnet Action:the Commission considers it essential to continue support for teaching, research, debate and reflection on European integration at higher education institutions worldwide with the aim of increasing awareness and knowledge of the EU among European citizens, increasing the EU's visibility in the world, and allowing policymakers and civil society to benefit from academic reflection on current topics of European integration. For the period between 2007 and 2013, such support is integrated into the Jean Monnet programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme. The Commission considers that the Jean Monnet network of experts in European integration should continue to grow, both within and outside the EU.

Action 3B – Support for the Open method of Coordination in Education:the Commission considers it useful to continue support for cooperation activities between national authorities at European level, including the open method of coordination, with a view to promoting the EU's education and training priorities. For the period between 2007 and 2013, such support is integrated into the transversal programme of the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Action 3C – Training for National Judges:given the important role that national judges are playing in the enforcement of EU law in general and EU competition law in particular, and the objective need for further training and networking among national judges in these fields, the Commission

considers it essential to continue support for the training of national judges in competition policy. For the period between 2007 and 2013, such support is integrated into the specific programme 'Civil Justice' as part of the general programme 'Fundamental Rights and Justice'.

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2003/0114(COD) - 09/01/2004 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission considers that the text of the common position is a good basis for a European Parliament and Council decision. The proposed common position is therefore acceptable to the Commission, subject to revision if necessary of the maximum and minimum percentages set out in the annex and subject to inclusion of the transitional clauses discussed at the budget conciliation meeting of 24 November 2003. The text of the common position is acceptable to the Commission as it largely respects the substance of the Commission's original proposal and takes account of the amendments proposed by the Parliament and accepted in full by the Commission. The Commission considers : - that in relation to the reduction of the programme's duration, it reflects the agreement reached between the three institutions at the trilogue on 13 November. The Commission considers this an acceptable compromise, in the interest of rapid adoption of the legal base; - that the budget modification is acceptable as it was agreed at the budgetary conciliation meeting; - that a requirement is added that the Commission should report annually to the Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the programme; and reference to a second evaluation report in 2009 is removed, reflecting the reduced duration of the programme. This is acceptable. The Commission accepts these modifications and additions in the common position since they improve and clarify the initial proposal. The Commission highlights that the proposed common position is therefore acceptable to the Commission, subject to revision if necessary of the maximum and minimum percentages set out in the annex and subject to inclusion of the transitional clauses discussed at the budget conciliation meeting of 24 November 2003. It asks for the following clauses to be inserted: - "For grants awarded in 2004, it will be possible for the period of eligibility of expenditure to start on 1 January 2004, provided that the expenditure does not precede the date on which the grant application was lodged or the date on which the beneficiary's budget year starts. During 2004, in the case of beneficiaries whose budgetary year starts before 1 March, an exception may be granted to the obligation to sign the grant agreement within the first four months of the start of the beneficiary's budget year, as referred to in Article 112, paragraph 2 of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC, Euratom on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. In this case, the grant agreement should be signed by 30 June 2004 at the latest".

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2003/0114(COD) - 10/03/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Doris PACK (EPP-ED, D) and approved the common position subject to two amendments: - for grants awarded in 2004, it will be possible for the period of eligibility of expenditure to start on 1 January 2004, provided that the expenditure does not precede the date on which the grant application was lodged or the date on which the beneficiary's budget year starts; - during 2004, in the case of beneficiaries whose budgetary year starts before 1 March, an exception may be granted to the obligation to sign the grant agreement within the first four months of the start of the beneficiary's budget year. In this case, the grant agreement should be signed by 30 June 2004 at the latest.

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2003/0114(COD) - 24/11/2003

The Council reached unanimous political agreement on the basis of a Presidency compromise, which took account of the European Parliament's opinion, on the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training. The political agreement opens the way to the subsequent formal adoption of a Council common position. The Presidency compromise entailed the following changes to the original proposal: - the duration of the programme has been reduced to 3 years (2004-2006) instead of 5 (2004-2008); - the budget would accordingly be reduced from EUR 129,620 million to EUR 77 million. It should be noted that it is up to the budgetary authority to take this decision, which is under review.

Education and training : grants to bodies active at European level, 2004-2006 action programme

2003/0114(COD) - 27/05/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to establish a Community action programme to support the activities of bodies in the field of education and training. CONTENT : this proposal aims to adopt an act providing a basis for grants to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training, for a period of five years (2004-2008.) The programme will support bodies and their activities which seek to extend and deepen knowledge of the building of Europe, or to contribute to the achievement of the common policy objectives in the field of education and training, both inside and outside the Community. The programme covers the following activities: - the ongoing work programme of a body operating at European or world level which pursues an aim of general European interest in the field of education and training or an objective forming part of the European

Union's policy in this area; - a specific action promoting the European Union's action in this area, providing information on European integration and the objectives pursued by the Union in its international relations or supporting Community action and relaying it at national level. The programmes objectives must be implemented by means of the actions set out in the Annex. Action 1 supports particular institutions, including the College of Europe and the European University Institute in Florence. Action 2 supports associations active at European level in the field of education. Such associations must have members in at least 12 Member States. Action 3 is aimed at supporting particular activities or projects focusing on European integration (Action 3A), or supporting European Union policies in the fields of education and training outside the Community programmes in these fields (Action 3B), or promoting training in European law, notably for national judges (Action 3C). The Commission must submit a report on the achievement of the programme's objectives by 31/12/07. An external evaluation report must be available by the end of 2006. The financial framework for the implementation of the programme is EUR 129.62 million.

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2003/0114(COD) - 22/12/2003 - Council position

The Council considers that its common position constitutes a balanced text, which will provide the necessary support for the activities of bodies in the field of education and training over the period concerned, and thereby facilitate reflection on future Community action in this area. As regards amendments made by the Council to the Commission's proposal, these refer to the following: - Duration : the Council has set the duration of the programme at three years (2004-2006) to coincide with the current financial perspectives; - Budget : the budget has been set at EUR 77 million (an increase of EUR 1.888 million on the Commission's original proposal), by the budgetary authority, also taking into account the three-year duration of the programme; - Implementation : a standard article has been introduced to clarify the Commission's role in the implementation of the programme. In this connection a reference to annual reporting by the Commission to the Council and the Parliament has been added; - Monitoring and evaluation : this article has been modified in the interests of simplification and coherence, and also in the light of the shorter duration of the programme; Other questions : the Council has introduced other modifications or clarifications, as appropriate: - Reference to the Financial Regulation and its rules for implementation; - Participation of countries outside the Union. A revised provision for the participation of non-EU countries in the programme refers specificially to the different legal instruments under which such participation will take place. This is a technical legal drafting change; - Support for actions in relation to training of national judges. - A requirement is added that the Commission should report annually to the Parliament and to the Council on the implementation of the programme; and reference to a second evaluation report in 2009 is removed, reflecting the reduced duration of the programme.

Education and training : grants to bodies active at European level, 2004-2006 action programme

2003/0114(COD) - 21/04/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to give a legal base to the Community action programmes promoting bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Decision 791/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community action programme to promote bodies active at European level and support specific activities in the field of education and training. CONTENT : this Decision aims to support the activities of bodies in the field of education and training. The following activities are covered by the programme: - the ongoing work programme of a body operating at European or world level which pursues an aim of general European interest in the field of education and training or an objective forming part of the European Union's policy in this area; - a specific action promoting the European Union's action in this area, providing information on European integration and the objectives pursued by the Union in its international relations or supporting Community action and relaying it at national level. In particular, these activities must contribute, or be capable of contributing, to the development and implementation of Community cooperation policy and actions in the field of education and training. The programme shall start on 1 January 2004 and shall end on 31 December 2006. The financial framework for the implementation of the programme is hereby set at EUR 77 million. To be eligible for a grant, a body must satisfy the requirements of the Annex and have the following characteristics: - it must be an independent and non-profit-making legal person primarily active in the field of education and training, with an objective aimed at the public good; - it must have been legally established for more than two years and have had its annual statement of accounts for the two preceding years certified by a registered auditor. Participation in actions under the programme may be opened to bodies established in acceding States which signed the Treaty of Accession on 16 April 2003; the EFTA/EEA countries, in accordance with the conditions laid down in the EEA Agreement; - Romania and Bulgaria, the conditions for participation to be laid down in accordance with the European Agreements, their additional protocols and the decisions of the respective Association Councils; Turkey, the conditions for participation to be laid down in accordance with the Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Turkey of 26 February 2002 on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Turkey in Community programmes. The activities carried out by the bodies eligible for Community funding under the programme fall within one of the following areas: - Action 1: Support for specified institutions active in the fields of education and training. Grants may be awarded under this action of the programme to support certain operational and administrative costs of the following institutions pursuing an aim of general European interest such as the College of Europe (Bruges and Natolin campuses, the European University Institute, Florence, the European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht, the Academy of European Law in Trier, the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, theAdvanced Internship Programme and other education, training and research activities in promotion of human rights and democratisation; the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education, the International Centre for European Training. The resources to be committed under Action 1 will be not more than 65 % and not less than 58 % of the total budget available for this programme. - Action 2: Support for European associations active in the field of education or training. Grants may be awarded under this action of the programme to support certain operational and administrative costs of European associations active in the field of education and training. Grants will be awarded under this action following the selection of proposals submitted in response to one or more published calls for proposals. The Community grant will not cover more than 75 % of the eligible costs set out in an approved workplan for the association. Grants may be awarded on an annual basis or on a renewable basis within a framework partnership agreement with the Commission. The resources to be

committed under Action 2 will not be more than 4 % of the total budget available for this programme. - Action 3a: Support for activities in the field of higher education concerning European integration, including Jean Monnet chairs. Grants will be awarded under this action following the selection of proposals submitted in response to one or more published calls for proposals. The Community grant will not cover more than 75 % of the eligible costs of activities selected for funding under this action. The resources to be committed under Action 3A will be not more than 24 % and not less than 20 % of the total budget available for this programme. - Action 3B: Support for activities contributing to the achievement of the future objectives of education and training systems in Europe. The Community grant will not normally cover more than 75 % of the eligible costs of selected proposals. The resources to be committed under Action 3B will be not more than 14 % and not less than 9 % of the total budget available for this programme. - Action 3C: Support for training of national judges in the field of European law. Grants may be awarded under this action to support actions undertaken by organisations for judicial cooperation and other actions designed to promote training in European law, notably for national judges. The Community grant will not normally cover more than 75 % of the eligible costs of the activity set out in an approved workplan. The resources to be committed under Action 3C will not be more than 4 % of the total budget available for this programme. Not later than 31 December 2007, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council on the achievement of the programme's objectives. The Commission shall moreover report to the European Parliament and to the Council on an annual basis on the implementation of the programme. The European Parliament and the Council shall, in accordance with the Treaty, decide on the continuation of the programme as from 1 January 2007. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 1 May 2004.

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2003/0114(COD) - 06/11/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Doris PACK (EPP-ED, Germany) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the summary of 20/10/03.) In addition: - the resources to be committed under Action 1 will be between 64% and 68% of the total budget available for the programme; - the resources to be committed under Action 3A will be between 19% and 21%; - the resources under Action 3B will be between 7% and 9%.