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REPORT

on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Estonia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0308 - C4-0361/98 - 98/0172(CNS))

on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Latvia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0309 - C4-0360/98 - 98/0173(CNS))

on the proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Lithuania in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0310 - C4-0359/98 - 98/0174(CNS))

Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

Rapporteur: Mrs Renate Heinisch

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By letters of 12 June 1998 the Council consulted Parliament, pursuant to Articles 126 and 127 in conjunction with Article 228(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, on the proposals for Council Decisions concerning the Community position within the Association Councils on the participation of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education.

At the sitting of 19 June 1998 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred these proposals to the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media as the committee responsible and the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Budgets for their opinions.

At its meeting of 23 June 1998 the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media appointed Mrs Renate Heinisch rapporteur.

It considered the Commission proposals and the draft report at its meetings of 1 September and 23 September 1998.

At its meeting of 1 September 1998 it decided to apply the procedure without debate pursuant to Rule 99(1) of the Rules of Procedure.

At its meeting of 23 September 1998 it adopted the draft legislative resolutions unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Pex, chairman; Ahlqvist, vice-chairman; Heinisch, rapporteur; Augias, Günther (for Añoveros Trias de Bes), Kristoffersen (for Baldi), Monfils, Pack, Perry, Rynänen and Sanz Fernández.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets are attached; the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs decided on 30 June 1998 not to deliver an opinion.

The report was tabled on 25 September 1998.

The deadline for tabling amendments will be indicated in the draft agenda for the relevant part-session.

A-I
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Estonia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0308 - C4-0361/98 - 98/0172(CNS))

The proposal is approved with the following amendments:

Text proposed by the Commission()

Amendments by Parliament

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Third recital a (new)

Whereas revenue from the non-member countries is earmarked for the above-mentioned programmes and entered as such against the corresponding item of expenditure;

(Amendment 2)
Proposal for a Council Decision

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

The position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Estonia, of the other part, concerning the participation of Estonia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education, is the attached draft decision of the Association Council.

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The annual breakdown of appropriations intended for the co-financing of this action pursuant to Article 108 of the Europe Agreement referred to in the first recital shall appear in Annex IV to Part B of Section III of the Budget of the European Union.

(¹) OJ C 205, 1.7.1998, p. 6

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This Decision shall apply for the duration of the Leonardo da Vinci, Youth for Europe and Socrates programmes.

This Decision shall apply for the duration of the Leonardo da Vinci, Youth for Europe and Socrates programmes, and for the periods for which they are extended whilst the new programmes are being prepared, in so far as the terms and conditions of financing remain unchanged.

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Draft Decision of the Association Council
Annex I(7)

7. Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Commission of the European Communities and the Court of Auditors of the European Community in relation to the monitoring and evaluation of the programmes pursuant to the decisions concerning Leonardo da Vinci, Youth for Europe and Socrates (Articles 10, 9 and 8 respectively), the participation of Estonia in the programmes will be continuously monitored on a partnership basis involving the Commission of the European Communities and Estonia. Estonia will submit to the Commission relevant reports and take part in other specific activities set out by the Community in that context.

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Annex I(8)

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(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(98)0308 - 98/0172(CNS)(),
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1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
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⁽¹⁾ OJ C 205, 1.7.1998, p. 6.

A-II
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Latvia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0309 - C4-0360/98 - 98/0173(CNS))

The proposal is approved with the following amendments:

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(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

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A-III
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The proposal is approved with the following amendments:

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^(b) OJ C 188, 17.6.1998, p. 11.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Commented [COMMENT2]:
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The Europe Agreements with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania entered into force on 1 February 1998, so that the Community programmes in the fields of vocational training, youth and education are now opened up to the Baltic States as they already have been to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Cyprus.

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have not only stated their willingness to participate in the programmes, for all three countries have already made, and continue to make, a variety of preparations for participation. These range from measures for creating the necessary infrastructure to information seminars for those who will be actively involved in the programmes, and the planning of individual projects, and the desire of the three countries to participate in the EU programmes manifests itself in those preparations. The preparations have now taken on such a concrete form that it is necessary to allow the programmes to start up as soon as possible so as not to see the efforts of those responsible go to waste.

The success of the programmes depends on careful evaluation aimed at optimising the measures taken to implement them. In its proposal, the Commission provides for the Baltic States to be involved *on a partnership basis* in the monitoring of their participation in the programmes.

That fact that such evaluation must be carried out as far as possible *on a partnership basis* is evident from the Europe Agreements which form the basis for the decisions to be taken by the Association Councils, namely the recognition that close and lasting relations are to be established 'on the basis of reciprocity' between the European Union and the Baltic States, resulting in the full integration of those countries into the Community.(.) Reciprocity, however, implies extensive *coordination* between the partners involved, and this in turn requires that relationships be based on partnership.

It is with this objective in mind that the report calls for the Baltic States to be allowed to participate *from the outset* in any measures which might be taken in connection with the monitoring of their participation in the programmes. In view of the points made above, it would also appear appropriate to grant the participating countries the right to send representatives to attend *regular* meetings of the programme committees even though, for the time being, they cannot be allowed, for legal reasons, to influence the outcome of such meetings.

Given the importance of monitoring for the successful implementation of the programmes, your rapporteur considers that the Commission should be required to keep Parliament and the Council, as actors in the decision-making process, informed of the results of monitoring.

Your rapporteur particularly welcomes the fact that Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania are to be admitted to the programmes at the same time, regardless of the respective dates proposed for their membership of the EU, and hopes that account will be taken of the considerations set out above when this proposal for a Council Decision is adopted.

(.) Reciprocity, however, implies extensive) Europe Agreement with Lithuania, OJ L 51, 20.2.1998, p. 3
Europe Agreement with Estonia, OJ L 68, 9.3.1998, p. 3
Europe Agreement with Latvia, OJ L 26, 2.2.1998, p. 3

OPINION

(Rule 147 of the Rules of Procedure)

for the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Estonia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0308 - C4-0361/98 - 98/0172 (CNS)) (report by Mrs Heinisch)

Committee on Budgets

Letter from the chairman of the Committee on Budgets to Mr PEX, chairman of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

Brussels, 21 July 1998

Dear Mr Pex,

At its meeting of 20-21 July 1998, the Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal.

It noted that the proposal sought to define the conditions for the participation of Estonia in the *Leonardo da Vinci*, *Socrates* and *Youth for Europe* Community programmes in accordance with the Council decisions establishing these programmes.

The proposal, which is part of the reinforced pre-accession strategy, provides for a financial contribution based on EU/Estonia co-funding, subject to the following arrangements:

- (a) payment of the national contribution is entered against Item 6091 of the EU budget's income and the Community participation is to be effected through the Phare programme (B7-503: *Opening up Community programmes to associated countries of central and eastern Europe*) (Annex 2);
- (b) the contribution under the Phare programme should not exceed 10% of the national indicative programme;
- (c) additional administrative costs arising from this extension are chargeable exclusively to Estonia.

In conclusion, the committee delivered a favourable opinion while asking the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments (Annex 1) in its draft report.

Yours sincerely,

Detlev SAMLAND

The following were present for the vote: Samland, chairman; Tillich, vice-chairman; Blot (for Gollnisch), Christodoulou (for Bardong), Dankert, Dell'Alba, Dührkop Dührkop, Elles, Fabra Vallés, Garriga Polledo, Ghilardotti, Haug, Imaz San Miguel, Katiforis (for Willockx), Kellett-Bowman (for Böge), Krehl, Laignel, Rübzig (for Bourlanges), Seppänen, Tappin, Theato, Tomlinson, Viola (for Di Prima), Virrankoski, Waidelich and Wynn.

Annex 1

Justification for Amendment 1: pre-allocation of resources:

The aim is to specify in the decision details of the contribution of third countries to the *acquis communautaire*.

Justification for Amendment 2: transparency of co-funding level:

The European Union's share of co-funding should be under a specific section of the Official Journal.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment 1)
Recital 4(new)

whereas income from third countries is pre-allocated to the programmes and entered as such in the corresponding expenditure line,

(Amendment 2)

Has decided as follows:

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Annex 2

**Financing of the action:
Estonia's contribution to the 'Leonardo da Vinci,
Socrates and Youth for Europe' programmes (1998-1999)
(in ECU m)**

Programmes	Estonia	%	EU	%	Total cost of action
<i>Leonardo</i>	0.910	57	0.680	43	1.590
<i>Socrates</i>	0.371	48	0.398	52	0.769
<i>Youth for Europe</i>	0.228	56	0.182	44	0.410
Total operational expenditure	1.509	54	1.260	46	2.769
Cost of administrative part	0.192	100			0.192
Co-financing amounts	1.701		1.260		2.961

OPINION

(Rule 147 of the Rules of Procedure)

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<i>Leonardo</i>	0.674	31	1.476	69	2.150
<i>Socrates</i>	0.377	35	0.711	65	1.088
<i>Youth for Europe</i>	0.130	28	0.335	72	0.465
Total operational expenditure	1.181	32	2.522	68	3.703
Cost of administrative part	0.259	100			0.259
Co-financing amounts	1.440		2.522		3.962

OPINION

(Rule 147 of the Rules of Procedure)

for the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Lithuania in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0310 - C4-0359/98 - 98/0174 (CNS)) (report by Mrs Heinisch)

Committee on Budgets

Letter from the chairman of the Committee on Budgets to Mr PEX, chairman of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media

Brussels, 21 July 1998

Dear Mr Pex,

At its meeting of 20-21 July 1998, the Committee on Budgets considered the above proposal.

It noted that the proposal sought to define the conditions for the participation of Lithuania in the *Leonardo da Vinci*, *Socrates* and *Youth for Europe* Community programmes in accordance with the Council decisions establishing these programmes.

The proposal, which is part of the reinforced pre-accession strategy, provides for a financial contribution based on EU/Lithuania co-funding, subject to the following arrangements:

- (a) payment of the national contribution is entered against Item 6091 of the EU budget's income and the Community participation is to be effected through the Phare programme (B7-503: *Opening up Community programmes to associated countries of central and eastern Europe*) (Annex 2);
- (b) the contribution under the Phare programme should not exceed 10% of the national indicative programme;
- (c) additional administrative costs arising from this extension are chargeable exclusively to Lithuania.

In conclusion, the committee delivered a favourable opinion while asking the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments (Annex 1) in its draft report.

Yours sincerely,

Detlev SAMLAND

The following were present for the vote: Samland, chairman; Tillich, vice-chairman; Blot (for Gollnisch), Christodoulou (for Bardong), Dankert, Dell'Alba, Dührkop Dührkop, Elles, Fabra Vallés, Garriga Polledo, Ghilardotti, Haug, Imaz San Miguel, Katiforis (for Willockx), Kellett-Bowman (for Böge), Krehl, Laignel, Rübige (for Bourlanges), Seppänen, Tappin, Theato, Tomlinson, Viola (for Di Prima), Virrankoski, Waidelich and Wynn.

Annex 1

Justification for Amendment 1: pre-allocation of resources:

The aim is to specify in the decision details of the contribution of third countries to the *acquis communautaire*.

Justification for Amendment 2: transparency of co-funding level:

The European Union's share of co-funding should be under a specific section of the Official Journal

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment 1)
Recital 4(new)

whereas income from third countries is pre-allocated to the programmes and entered as such in the corresponding expenditure line,

(Amendment 2)

Has decided as follows:

- the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lithuania, of the other part, concerning the participation of Lithuania in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education, is the attached draft decision of the Association Council;

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- the annual breakdown of appropriations to co-finance this action, pursuant to Article 110 of the Europe Agreement referred to in the first recital, shall appear in Annex IV, Part B, Section III of the budget of the European Union.

Annexe 2

**Financing of the action:
Lithuania's contribution to the *Leonardo da Vinci*,
Socrates and *Youth for Europe* programmes (1998-1999)
(in ECU m)**

Programmes	Lithuania	%	EU	%	Total cost of action
<i>Leonardo</i>	0.520	20	2.080	80	2.600
<i>Socrates</i>	0.414	25	1.273	75	1.687
<i>Youth for Europe</i>	0.120	23	0.400	77	0.520
Total operational expenditure	1.054	22	3.753	78	4.807
Cost of administrative part	0.335	100			0.335
Co-financing amounts	1.389		3.753		5.142