

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2448/99
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to the Council

Subject: Future of the EU's Youth programme and of the Council of Youth Ministers

Putting the EU's youth programme into practice has been one of the Finnish Presidency's major objectives. However, it now appears that the implementation of the youth programme, which was intended to be launched at the beginning of next year, may be postponed owing to intervention by some Member States in the programme's budget.

In his report, the Secretary-General of the Council proposes the holding of Council meetings on an irregular basis and the abolition of the Council of Youth Ministers. This formation of the Council has brought about significant programmes which have noticeably improved the freedom of movement of young people in Europe, and this in turn has actively helped ensure that >closeness to the citizen= has found a place on the European Union's agenda.

What measures does the Council propose to take to guarantee the implementation of the EU's youth programme according to the planned timetable?

Does the Council propose to ensure that the Council of Youth Ministers can continue its work?

