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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL AND OF THE MINISTERS FOR
EDUCATION, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL

of 12 July 1982

concerning measures to be taken to improve the preparation of young people for work
and to facilitate their transition from education to working life

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
AND THE MINISTERS FOR EDUCATION, MEETING
WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Treaties establishing the
European Communities,

Referring to the Resolution of the Council and of the
Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council,
of 9 February 1976 comprising an action programme
in the field of education ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point
III and point IV, paragraph 22, thereof;

Referring to the Resolution of the Council and of the
Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council,
of 13 December 1976 concerning measures to be
taken to improve the preparation of young people for
work and to facilitate their transition from education
to working life ⁽²⁾, and in particular point III,
paragraph 1 thereof;

Referring to the Resolution of the Council and of the
Ministers for Education, meeting within the Council,
of 15 January 1980, extending the programme of
pilot projects at Community level for which provision
is made in point III, paragraph 1, of the Resolution
of 13 December 1976 ⁽³⁾;

Referring to their meeting of 22 June 1981;

Taking account of the fact that the campaign against
youth unemployment, particularly amongst the most
disadvantaged categories of young people, must be
considered as a task of highest priority;

Recording, in consequence, their agreement on the
report from the Education Committee,

HEREBY ADOPT THIS RESOLUTION:

I. This Resolution and the report of the Education
Committee shall be forwarded to the European
Parliament and to the Economic and Social
Committee.

II. Pursuant to point IV-22 of the Resolution of the
Council and of the Ministers for Education,
meeting within the Council, of 9 February 1976
and further to the programme of pilot projects
laid down on the basis of point III-1 of the
Resolution of the Council and of the Ministers
for Education, meeting within the Council, of 13
December 1976, pilot projects to assist national
policy in each Member State shall be implemented
until 31 December 1986 particularly as regards
the following:

- (i) the use of the out-of-school environment as a
learning resource enabling both young people
and teachers to gain experience of the world
of work, to develop understanding of the
mechanisms of society, and to practise skills
relating to living or which are of a social
nature;
- (ii) the involvement of adults, including parents,
employers and trade unionists, in activities
taking place within the school in order to
increase understanding about the role of
education institutions and to support schools
in their task of preparing young people for
adult life. Further, a continuous dialogue
with a range of social groups, including
parents and the social partners, about the
role of schools in enabling young people to
gain the basic understanding, knowledge and
skills they will need for adult life;
- (iii) the coordinated provision of information and
guidance about post-school opportunities for
young people, and the development of
systematic guidance for young people in the
14-18 years age group on future career
options as well as of further education and
training opportunities;
- (iv) the development of practical cooperation
between education authorities and
employment and social agencies and with
other bodies active in this field in order to
provide direct work experience, simulated
work experience with help from industry,
work experience in the local community and

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 38, 19. 2. 1976, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 308, 30. 12. 1976, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 23, 30. 1. 1980, p. 1.

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- the general use of the local environment as a learning resource;
- (v) the development of systems of certification or credit units flexible enough to make possible the assessment of the variety of learning experience considered important for the period of transition, including experience gained in an out-of-school environment, whether formally or informally;
- (vi) the development of continuous in-service training and personnel policies designed to enable teaching staff to adjust, individually and collectively, to the new demands made of them, and the introduction of cooperation with staff from post-school education institutions as well as from industry, commerce or agriculture.
- III. The measures referred to in point II will be implemented in close liaison with other initiatives aimed at reducing unemployment, particularly amongst young people.
- IV. The Community's financing of the measures specified in point I shall be decided in accordance with the Community budgetary rules and procedures.
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