

Thursday 17 May 2001

TEXTS ADOPTED

1. Combating social exclusion ***II

A5-0155/2001

European Parliament legislative resolution on the Council common position for adopting a European Parliament and Council Decision establishing a programme of Community action to encourage cooperation between Member States to combat social exclusion (13740/1/2000 – C5-0046/2001 – 2000/0157(COD))

(Codecision procedure: second reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Council common position (13740/1/2000 – C5-0046/2001) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its position at first reading ⁽²⁾ on the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2000) 368) ⁽³⁾,
- having regard to the Commission's amended proposal (COM(2000) 796) ⁽⁴⁾,
- having regard to Article 251(2) of the EC Treaty,
- having regard to Rule 80 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the recommendation for second reading of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A5-0155/2001),

1. Amends the common position as follows;
2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

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Amendment 1

Recital 1

(1) Pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty, the Community shall have as part of its tasks that of promoting a high level of employment and of social protection and the raising of the standard of living and quality of life *throughout the Community*.

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Amendment 2

Recital 2

(2) Pursuant to Article 136 of the Treaty, the Community and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights such as those set out in the European Social Charter signed at Turin on 18 October 1961 and in the 1989 Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, *shall* have as an objective the combating of exclusion.

(2) Pursuant to Article 136 of the Treaty, the Community and the Member States, having in mind fundamental social rights such as those set out in the European Social Charter signed at Turin on 18 October 1961, **the revised Social Charter of the Council of Europe (1996), in particular in Article 30 thereof on the right to protection against poverty and social exclusion**, and the 1989 Community Charter of the Fundamental Social Rights of Workers, **and the rights and principles recognised by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** ⁽¹⁾, proclaimed jointly by

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 93, 23.3.2001, p. 11.

⁽²⁾ 'Texts Adopted', 16.11.2000, Item 3.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 337 E, 28.11.2000, p. 130.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ C 96 E, 27.3.2001, p. 229.

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the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on 7 December 2000, have as an objective the combating of exclusion.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 364, 18.12.2000, p. 1.

Amendment 3

Recital 16a (new)

(16a) In compliance with Article 2 of Decision 1999/468/EC, measures for the implementation of this Decision should be adopted by use of the advisory procedure provided for in Article 3 of that Decision without prejudice to the powers granted to the Commission by Article 274 of the Treaty.

Amendment 4

Recital 21

(21) This Decision lays down, for the entire duration of the programme, a financial framework constituting the prime reference for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure, within the meaning of point 33 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure.

(21) This Decision lays down, for the entire duration of the programme, a financial framework constituting the prime reference for the budgetary authority during the annual budgetary procedure, within the meaning of point 33 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission, on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure. **This financial framework is compatible with the current financial perspective.**

Amendment 5

Article 2, paragraph 2a (new)

2a. The overall aim of the programme is to develop cooperation which enables the Union and the Member States to make a decisive impact on the fight against social exclusion and the eradication of poverty as measured by quantitative and qualitative objectives agreed by the European Parliament and the Council.

Amendment 6

Article 3, points (a) and (b)

(a) improving the understanding of social exclusion and poverty;

(b) organising exchanges on policies which are implemented and promoting mutual learning;

(a) improving the understanding of social exclusion and poverty, **not least with a view to jointly laying down the criteria, parameters and quantitative and qualitative indicators to be used in the fight for social cohesion;**

(b) organising exchanges on policies which are implemented and promoting mutual learning **based on comparable parameters under the national action plans;**

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Amendment 7

Article 3, point (c)

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| <p>(c) developing the capacity of actors to address social exclusion and poverty effectively, <i>in particular</i> through networking at European level, and by promoting dialogue with all those involved.</p> | <p>(c) developing the capacity of actors to address social exclusion and poverty effectively, through networking at European, national and regional level, including financial support for innovative projects with a European added value, and by promoting dialogue with all those involved.</p> |
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Amendment 8

Article 4, paragraph 1, point (b)

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| <p>(b) exchange of information and best practices encouraging the development of quantitative and qualitative indicators, assessment criteria and benchmarks and monitoring, evaluation and peer review;</p> | <p>(b) exchange of information and best practices encouraging the development of quantitative and qualitative indicators based on the objectives agreed by the European Parliament and the Council, assessment criteria and benchmarks and monitoring, evaluation and peer review;</p> |
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Amendment 9

Article 6

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| <p>1. The financial framework for the implementation of the programme for the period referred to in Article 1 is <i>hereby</i> set at € 70 million.</p> | <p>1. The financial framework for the implementation of the programme for the period referred to in Article 1 shall be € 100 million, including technical and administrative expenditure.</p> |
| <p>2. The annual appropriations shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.</p> | <p>2. The annual appropriations, including those relating to human resources, shall be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective.</p> |

Amendment 18

Article 7

Article 7

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Implementing measures

1. The measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision relating to the matters referred to below shall be adopted in accordance with the management procedure referred to in Article 8(2):

- (a) the general guidelines for the implementation of the programme;
- (b) the annual plan of work for the implementation of the programme's Community actions, including the possibility of adapting or supplementing the programme themes;
- (c) the financial support to be supplied by the Community;
- (d) the annual budget and the breakdown of the funds among different Community actions of the programme;
- (e) the arrangements for selecting activities and organisations for Community support and the draft list of activities and organisations submitted by the Commission for such support;
- (f) the criteria for monitoring and evaluating the programme and, in particular, its cost-effectiveness and the arrangements for disseminating and transferring the results.

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2. The measures necessary for the implementation of this Decision relating to all other matters shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 8(3).

Amendment 10

Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3

1. The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee.

1. **Without prejudice to Article 274 of the Treaty** the Commission shall be assisted by **an advisory committee in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 3 of Decision 1999/468/EC**, having regard to Articles 7 and 8 thereof.

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 4 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 4(3) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at two months.

3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 3 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

Amendment 11

Article 10, paragraph 1, subparagraph 1a (new)

To provide overall consistency, the Commission shall also assess its policies and programmes with regard to their possible impact on poverty and social exclusion.

Amendment 12

Article 12, paragraph 2

2. The Commission shall report on progress achieved under this programme in its annual summary report to the spring European Council.

2. **At the spring meeting of the European Council**, the Commission shall report **to the European Council and the European Parliament** on progress achieved under this programme, in its annual summary report.

Amendment 13

Annex, Section 1, Strand 1, point 1.3a (new)

1.3 a. innovative projects with a European added value in combating social exclusion.

Amendment 14

Annex, Section 1, Strand 3, points 3.1 and 3.2

3.1. core funding for key European networks involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion; the core funding is subject to an upper limit of 80% of the expenditure eligible for support;

3.1. core funding for key European networks involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion; the core funding is subject to an upper limit of **90%** of the expenditure eligible for support;

3.2. an annual European Union Round Table Conference on social exclusion. The conference would be organised in close collaboration with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and prepared for in consultation with all the actors concerned.

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non-governmental organisations with experience in the field, and representatives of the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions.

2. Draft SAB 2/2001

A5-0138/2001

European Parliament resolution on the Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001 of the European Union for the 2001 financial year – Section II – Council (7460/2001 – C5-0153/2001 – 2001/2026(BUD))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 272 of the EC Treaty, Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty, and Article 177 of EAEC Treaty,
 - having regard to the Financial Regulation of 21 December 1977 applicable to the general budget of the European Union, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC, ECSC, Euratom) No 762/2001 of 9 April 2001 ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/1999, adopted on 23 July 1999,
 - having regard to Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2000 adopted on 6 July 2000,
 - having regard to the general budget of the European Union for the 2001 financial year, finally adopted on 14 December 2000 ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 6 May 1999 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and improvement of the budgetary procedure ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001 of the European Union for the 2001 financial year presented by the Commission on 15 March 2001 (SEC(2001) 378),
 - having regard to Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001, as established by the Council on 9 April 2001 (7460/2001 – C5-0153/2001),
 - having regard to Rule 92 of and Annex IV to its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the 'note explicative' concerning the Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001 – Section II – Council, presented by the Council on 10 April 2001,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinion of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy (A5-0138/2001),
- A. whereas Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001 deals with the further development of the common European security and defence policy and with the creation of three directorates within the Council General Secretariat to set up the structure for crisis management in particular,
- B. whereas Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget 2/2001 concerns the recruitment of 51 staff, daily allowances for seconded national military experts and the purchase of telecommunication and data protection equipment, for which a total amount of € 9 846 000 is needed; whereas through redeployment, local recruitment and secondment of national experts approximately another 90 staff will work in the directorates mentioned,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 111, 20.4.2001, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 56, 26.2.2001.

⁽³⁾ OJ C 172, 18.6.1999, p. 1.