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**COMMISSION PROPOSES ECU 134 MILLION BUDGET FOR
EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

The Commission has adopted the proposed ECU 134.65 million budget for the TEMPUS programme for the 1993-94 academic year.

TEMPUS is designed to restructure higher education in Central and Eastern Europe (Phare) as part of Community assistance to the region.

Outline of the programme

TEMPUS achieves its objectives mainly through joint European projects between a university in a recipient country and two institutions (including one university) from two Community Member States. 637 such projects are currently under way to establish or improve the structures and syllabuses of university courses in Central and Eastern Europe. The programme, which was approved by the Council on 7 May 1990 (Decision 90/233/EEC), has just been extended for the four years 1994-98 by Council Decision 93/246/EEC of 29 April 1993.

The Commission chose the projects in close conjunction with the authorities in the recipient countries (education ministries and national TEMPUS offices) in line with the areas they deemed most important.

TEMPUS also finances mobility and exchanges for teachers and trainers from higher education and business as well as complementary activities which fit in with the programme's goals.

There is also provision for youth activities under TEMPUS.

Budget

For 1993-94, the budget for TEMPUS schemes in the national indicative programmes for Central and Eastern European countries is ECU 118.9 million. ECU 10.25 million has been earmarked for regional cooperation. The technical assistance enabling the Commission to implement the programme next academic year requires a commitment of ECU 5.5 million from this year's budget.

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