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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education

**on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 21/79) for a Decision on setting up a second joint programme of/exchanges of young workers within the Community**

**Rapporteur: Mrs M.-L. CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI**

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By letter of 21 March 1979 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 50 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on setting up a second joint programme of exchanges of young workers within the Community.

On 30 March 1979 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 22 March 1979 the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education appointed Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti rapporteur.

It considered and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution at its meeting of 3 April 1979.

Present : Mr Van der Gun, chairman; Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti, rapporteur; Mr Adams, Mr Albers, Mr Bertrand, Mr Bouquerel, Mr Dinesen, Mr Kavanagh, Lord Murray of Gravesend, Mr Pisoni, Mr Santer and Mrs Squarcialupi.

The rapporteur will present the explanatory statement orally.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

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The Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on setting up a second joint programme of exchanges of young workers within the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 50 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 21/79),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and Education and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 91/79),
1. Welcomes the Commission's proposal for an improved and extended second programme of exchanges of young workers within the Community;
  2. Endorses the view that so far insufficient attention has been given to the 'human aspects' of the Community and that, especially in view of direct elections to the European Parliament, determined efforts should be made to bring home the European ideal to young people in particular;
  3. Recalls that it has repeatedly found fault with the content of such programmes, which are provided for in the Treaties, and criticized their financial provisions as unsatisfactory during the budget debates,
  4. Hopes therefore that the structural flaws in the 1964 first programme - the small number and inadequate preparation of participants - will be remedied;
  5. Is, however, concerned about the feasibility of achieving the more extensive objective of the second programme with the reduced appropriations in the current budget (650,000 EUA compared with 1,000,000 EUA);

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 81, 28.3.1979, p. 16

6. Points out that the somewhat alarming economic and employment situation of young people to whom this programme applies might well incline them to the view that a period spent on an exchange will jeopardize their future prospects and thus create the risk that yet again only the already well-informed 'professional Europeans' will benefit;
7. Would welcome the extension of the programme to allow young workers from the associated and ACP States to participate;
8. Feels that the Youth Forum should be consulted during the implementation of the programme.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the vice-chairman of the committee to  
Mr Van der Gun, chairman of the Committee on Social  
Affairs, Employment and Education

Rome, 10 April 1979

Dear Mr Van der Gun,

Proposal for a Council Decision (EEC) on setting up a second  
joint programme of exchanges of young workers within the Community

At its meeting<sup>1</sup> of 4 and 5 April 1979 in Rome, the Committee on Budgets considered the proposal for a Council Decision (EEC) on setting up a second joint programme of exchanges of young workers within the Community (COM(79) 92 final) and has asked me to inform you of the views of the committee by letter.

The committee noted that the present proposal is in line with Treaty objectives and with the preoccupations of your committee and of the European Parliament.

The financial statement, showing the expenditure arising in 1979 at 650,000 EUA to cover the cost of the exchanges and 14,400 EUA to cover the cost of the meetings of the Advisory Committee, makes it clear that the necessary appropriations are available in the current financial year.

Expenditure for these exchanges will rise to 2 million EUA in 1981 and subsequent years.

This statement provides a clear breakdown of costs and enables the Committee on Budgets to provide a favourable opinion on the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) M. Bangemann  
Vice-chairman  
(deputizing for the chairman)

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<sup>1</sup> Present : Mr Bangemann, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Cointat, vice-chairman; Lord Bruce of Donington, Mr Dankert, Mr Krieg (deputizing for Mr Yeats), Mr Notenboom, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schreiber and Mr Shaw.

