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to the report

on the guidelines for the budget policy of the
European Communities in 1984

- Opinion of the Committee on Youth, Culture,
Education, Information and Sport -

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By letter of 13 January 1983, the chairman of the Committee on Budgets invited the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport together with all the other committees concerned to cooperate closely with the Committee on Budgets and its general rapporteur on the preparation of the first report on the guidelines of the budget policy of the European Communities in 1984 and throughout the budgetary procedure, by submitting proposals to it, particularly as regards the priorities and the structure of the budget of the European Communities with regard to the budgetary lines falling within its terms of reference.

At its meeting of 26 and 27 January 1983, the committee appointed Mr PAPAPIETRO rapporteur on the budget.

It considered this document at its meeting of 22 and 23 February 1983 and adopted it unanimously on that occasion.

The following took part in the vote: Mr BEUMER, chairman; Mr FAJARDIE, Mr HAHN, Mr SCHWENCKE, vice-chairmen; Mr PAPAPIETRO, draftsman; Mr ALEXIADIS, Mr ARFE', Mr BOGH, Mrs CINCIARI-RODANO (deputizing for Mr FERNANDEZ), Mr HUTTON, Mrs PERY and Mrs VIEHOFF.

1. As in previous years, the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport has been asked by the Committee on Budgets to submit to it a list of priorities and suggestions regarding the structure of the Community budget for 1984 to be used as a source of reference for Mrs SCRIVENER, the Committee on Budgets' general rapporteur, throughout the budgetary procedure.

A - PRIORITIES

2. Our committee considers that out of the five fields falling within its terms of reference priorities should be given to the following three sectors: information, education and culture.

These priorities are to a large extent the same as those listed last year and adopted by the European Parliament in the Jackson resolution (Doc. 1-97/82) (cf. DJ No. C 125, 17 May 1982).

3. This resolution read as follows:

'With regard to policy for youth, education and culture:

- Parliament considers that within the fight against unemployment, priority should go to a revitalized policy on education which would carry out the activities provided for by the Council (Article 630), develop the programme for the preparation of young people for working life (Article 631) and increase the fund for vocational training and guidance (Article 633). Such a policy should also take in youth exchange schemes and the activities of the Youth Forum. This education policy, which is essential for the free movement of workers and an integral part of other common policies, should be allocated a progressively rising percentage of non-compulsory expenditure, from a base rate now calculated to be 0.4%.
- Parliament believes that among the Community's priorities should figure its policy on culture which should include improvements in the conditions of cultural workers, growth in the cultural world and the creation of new jobs. A clear example of this kind of cultural policy is the policy for safeguarding our architectural heritage. The budgetary needs of the new European Foundation must be met from non-compulsory expenditure over which Parliament can exercise its control'.

'With regard to information policy:

- Parliament considers that in the difficult times through which the European institutions are passing, it is necessary to provide the citizens of the Member States with the best possible information to enable them to exercise their democratic control. The Community budget should therefore contain the financial basis for a detailed information policy programme, with a view also to the 1984 elections'.

4. As regards the youth sector, the committee believes this is covered by the priorities for information and culture and, above all, by education, not forgetting the importance it attaches to the work of the Youth Forum, which is financed from the Community budget (Article 254).

I - Information

5. The committee emphasizes, once again, the importance of this sector for keeping the citizens of the Member States better informed about Community activities. Both centralized and decentralized information services must be developed further (Item 2720). Information should be geared to the needs of different socio-professional groups and particular attention paid to women and young people.

In the year of the second direct elections to the European Parliament, the opportunity must be taken to provide information explaining the basic function of the democratic and representative body of the citizens of the Community within the latter's complex institutional structure.

The committee also regards the granting of subsidies for the European University Institute in Florence (Item 2880) and for the historical records of the Community (Item 2882) and subsidies to higher education institutions (Article 290) as priorities.

II - Education

6. Education policy remains a foremost priority for the committee. Education policy must be expanded and given fresh impetus if the actions agreed by the Council in 1976 and 1980 are to be achieved as one of the ways of combatting unemployment, particularly among young people.

It is essential to increase the appropriations under Article 630 and to develop the programme to prepare young people for working life (Article 631). Measures relating to vocational training and guidance

should also be continued (Article 6330). The work of the Youth Forum (Article 254) and exchanges for young workers are part and parcel of this policy.

Education policy must be regarded as an integral part of other common policies and its aim should be to achieve full freedom of movement for workers, which is one of the objectives of the Treaties. Exchanges for young workers (Item 6430), language teaching programmes, the teaching of children of migrant workers and measures for training people in the new information technologies (Article 6331) continuing training and cooperation between residential centres for adults (Article 634) also deserve increased financial resources in the 1984 budget. The committee also feels that adequate appropriations should be entered under the new Article 636 'Community measures in favour of minority languages and culture' in 1984.

III - Culture

7. The 1984 budget must reflect the political determination to regard the intensifying of Community action in the cultural sector - which was the subject of a communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - as one of the common policies to be pursued. Action already taken in this field, particularly in the 1983 budget, must be continued and expanded (Items 6700 and 6702 -Article 671).

This policy is also aimed at improving the conditions of workers in the cultural sector and could well create new job opportunities, particularly in the field of restoration and safeguarding our architectural heritage. As a means of promoting an awareness of a European identity, it is a policy that should be allocated increased appropriations and further developed. An initial allocation of appropriations should also be made to the new Item 6704 'European historical monuments and sites fund', in place of the token entry and to Item 6705 for the restoration of a monument which is chosen annually.

B - BUDGET STRUCTURE

The committee reiterates its demand that, from the quantitative point of view, appropriations for the education and cultural sectors should be increased progressively during the next few years, i.e., they should be allocated a rising percentage of total non-compulsory expenditure.

The committee emphasizes the close links between information, education and culture and other policies, particularly social policy and industrial and technological policy.

As part of the global response that the Community is called upon to make to the challenges it faces, it is essential that the Community budget should display greater consistency and real coordination of the different policies.

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CURRY on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Community's structural policy in the agricultural sector

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the three Directives on the reform of agricultural structures (72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC and 72/161/EEC), together with the Directive on less-favoured areas (75/268/EEC) and the Regulation on improving the processing and marketing of agricultural produce (EEC/355/77) have been prolonged following their expiration,
- B. whereas the Directives must be renewed before 31 December 1983, and the Regulation before 31 December 1984,
- C. whereas the opportunity should be taken to make the necessary improvements on the basis of the experience now acquired,
- D. whereas further instruments may be required to deal with the economic problems which have emerged in the agricultural sector since the original introduction of these measures,
 - 1. Considers that the Reform Directives should be improved, and supplemented where necessary, on the basis of guidelines to be established following a dialogue between the European Parliament and the Commission of the European Communities, and after consulting the interested national parties;
 - 2. Requests the Commission to carry out a detailed examination of the structural problems facing the agricultural sector and the solutions open to the Community;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.