



Community Cooperation in education and training

***More than 30 years of
developments***



1957-1984: establishing the foundations

- **Cooperation in the field of Vocational Training:**
 - **a legal basis** in the Treaty of Rome
 - **first steps** of cooperation (1963 Decision; establishment of the ACVT; 1971 action programme; Cedefop; ..)
- **Cooperation in the field of Education**
 - **no legal basis** in the Treaty
 - **First steps** of cooperation: the founding acts (1974 Resolution; 1976 first action programme)
- **Mainly exchanges of experiences**, study visits, pilot projects, etc.. Based on **non-binding texts/commitments**



1985-1992: development of the programmes

- **1985: a turning point** (Gravier Case) – broadening of the definition of VET to include higher education
- **Commission proposes programmes** based on Decisions and art 128 (Comett (86); Erasmus (87); Petra (87); Youth for Europe (88); Lingua (89); Force (90); Tempus (90)
- Political cooperation outside programmes continues **on a growing number of themes of common interest**



1992-2000: The post-Maastricht period

- **1992: a turning point** - education gains recognition, has a clear legal basis. The result of more than 20 years of cooperation!
- Legal clarification for education and VET
- Art 126 and 127 are very close

- **1990's: Streamlining of programmes and development of political Cooperation**
 - Implementation of the single act/internal market, including directives
 - 2 streamlining of the E&T programmes (Socrates and Leonardo)
 - the first to be opened to CEECs
 - School education is included, + adult education...
 - Reinforcement HE cooperation – ECTS, thematic networks, institutional contracts..

 - **Political cooperation is being strengthened** - concepts of LLL, knowledge society are gaining grounds.

- **The 90s prepare the ground for the Lisbon Conclusions**



2000: The Lisbon Agenda and Education

- **2001: an historical political agreement on common objectives and a new method of cooperation (OMC)**
- **2002: adoption of a work programme « Education & Training 2010 »**
- **2003: adoption of benchmarks**
- **2004: first joint Report (Council/Commission) on implementation**
- **2006: adoption of second joint report**