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COUNCIL

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE

of 25 July 1977

on the education of the children of migrant workers

(77/486/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Article 49
thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parlia-
ment ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and
Social Committee ⁽²⁾,

Whereas in its resolution of 21 January 1974
concerning a social action programme ⁽³⁾, the Council
included in its priority actions those designed to
improve the conditions of freedom of movement for
workers relating in particular to reception and to the
education of their children ;

Whereas in order to permit the integration of such
children into the educational environment and the
school system of the host State, they should be able to
receive suitable tuition including teaching of the
language of the host State ;

Whereas host Member States should also take, in
conjunction with the Member States of origin, appro-
priate measures to promote the teaching of the
mother tongue and of the culture of the country of
origin of the abovementioned children, with a view
principally to facilitating their possible reintegration
into the Member State of origin,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE :

Article 1

This Directive shall apply to children for whom
school attendance is compulsory under the laws of the
host State, who are dependants of any worker who is a
national of another Member State, where such chil-
dren are resident in the territory of the Member State
in which that national carries on or has carried on an
activity as an employed person.

Article 2

Member States shall, in accordance with their national
circumstances and legal systems, take appropriate
measures to ensure that free tuition to facilitate initial
reception is offered in their territory to the children
referred to in Article 1, including, in particular, the
teaching — adapted to the specific needs of such chil-
dren — of the official language or one of the official
languages of the host State.

Member States shall take the measures necessary for
the training and further training of the teachers who
are to provide this tuition.

Article 3

Member States shall, in accordance with their national
circumstances and legal systems, and in cooperation
with States of origin, take appropriate measures to
promote, in coordination with normal education,
teaching of the mother tongue and culture of the
country of origin for the children referred to in
Article 1.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 280, 8. 12. 1975, p. 48.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 45, 27. 2. 1976, p. 6.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 1.

Article 4

The Member States shall take the necessary measures to comply with this Directive within four years of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

The Member States shall also inform the Commission of all laws, regulations and administrative or other provisions which they adopt in the field governed by this Directive.

Article 5

The Member States shall forward to the Commission within five years of the notification of this Directive, and subsequently at regular intervals at the request of

the Commission, all relevant information to enable the Commission to report to the Council on the application of this Directive.

Article 6

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 July 1977.

For the Council

The President

H. SIMONET