

Common framework for business registers for statistical purposes

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By adopting the recommendation for second reading contained in a codecision report by Hans-Peter **MARTIN** (NI, AT), the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs proposed to approve, subject to two amendments, the Council common position for adopting a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for business registers for statistical purposes and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93.

According to the common position, the powers concerning the transmission of data would be covered by the regulatory procedure without scrutiny. Parliament could accept this, if only the Council had not included in its common position the two words "purpose" and "scope" in Articles 11(2) and 12(3).

The inclusion of the two words would allow the Commission to determine the "purpose" and "scope" of the transmission of data provided for in these articles and in the annex. It would thus permit the Commission to modify the obligations of the Member states, the authorities and central banks concerned as well as the Commission under Articles 11 and 12 and the annex. These obligations are elements of the basic act. Modifying them in one direction or another would affect political choices made in the basic act.

The report therefore suggests deleting the two words in the draft regulation.