

Guidelines for trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations (IDA)

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PURPOSE : to amend Decision 1719/1999/EC on a series of guidelines, including the identification of projects of common interest, for trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations (IDA). **CONTENT** : the second phase of the IDA programme was adopted by the European Parliament and the Council in their Decisions 1719/1999/EC (Guidelines decision) and 1720/1999/EC (Interoperability decision) of 12 July 1999. Article 9 and 13 respectively of the two decisions require the Commission to submit a first evaluation of the IDA II Programme to the European Parliament and the Council no later than the draft budget for the year 2001, together with any proposal for the amendment of the Annex of the Guidelines decision and any appropriate proposal for the amendment of the Interoperability decision. The general objective of Decision 1719/1999/EC is for the Community, in co-operation with the Member States, to take necessary measures to establish operational, interoperable, trans-European telematic networks between Member State administrations and the Community institutions, enabling the efficient, effective and secure interchange of information in order to support the establishment of economic and monetary union and the implementation of Community policies, as well as the Community decision-making process. More specifically, the objective of the present proposal is to fulfil the requirement laid down in Article 9 of decision 1719/1999/EC to submit a first evaluation of the implementation of that decision to the European Parliament and the Council, together with any appropriate proposal for the amendment of the Annex of that decision. It should be noted, however, that the Proposal to amend decision 1719/1999/EC also includes amendments to a number of articles of that decision, taking into account the evaluation results, as well as the first one-and-a-half year of experience in implementing the decision and the context provided by the e-Europe initiative and related action plan. For the proposal to amend Decision 1719/1999/EC, three types of amendments can be distinguished: 1) changes in legal and political obligations and adaptation of the committee procedure in accordance with Council Decision 1999/468/EC and extension of the IDA II programme to Malta and Turkey, as well as providing the possibility for candidate countries and non-member countries to use, at their own costs and under certain conditions, IDA generic services; 2) improvement of some practical conditions and introduction of a financial reference for the period 2002-2004 (in Article 12 of decision 1719/1999/EC a financial framework is set only for the period 1998-2000); 3) the need to extend the areas where new telematic networks can be established, in particular to include networks in the field of education and judicial affairs.