Implementation of the .eu Top Level Domain

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The committee adopted the report by Colette FLESCH (ELDR, L) amending the Council's common position under the second reading of the codecision procedure. The key amendments were in relation to Article 6. Whereas the common position had provided for the creation of a specific regulatory committee to assist the Commission with the management of the .eu Top Level Domain, MEPs felt that the Commission should be assisted by the advisory committee to be established by the Directive on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services. Until that Directive came into force, the Commission should be assisted by the advisory committee established for telecommunications services through the implementation of open network provision. The committee argued that a regulatory committee would be an unnecessarily cumbersome procedure. Another amendment sought to ensure that the .eu Registry would be launched without delays and be fully operational 15 months after the entry into force of the regulation, unless exceptional circumstances intervened. Finally, although the Council had rejected Parliament's 1st reading amendment providing for registrations to be on a 'first come, first served' basis, the committee wanted it to be stated that registration policy should be based on this method "provided there is nothing to prevent it in the regulation". It argued that this was the general rule in many of the Member States and was the basis for most registration policies.