

# **Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects**

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The European Parliament adopted without debate the report by Mrs Imelda READ (PSE, UK) 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). In its amendments, Parliament called in particular for: - the decision to cover all networks falling under the IDA programme; - projects to promote interinstitutional cooperation between the Community institutions and between the latter and regional authorities, including national and regional parliaments, and to confer a direct benefit not only on citizens but also on residents of the European Union; - the costs of implementing IDA projects to be borne by the Community and European agencies in proportion to the benefit they derive from the projects. Parliament called for a qualitative and quantitative assessment after two years of implementation of the decision, and subsequently every three years. The findings should be forwarded to the budgetary authority before the first reading of the budget for 2001. Parliament called for revenue from the countries of the European Economic Area, the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Cyprus to be entered in the general budget and used for the IDA programme.