

# Setting up of a European Agency for Reconstruction

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Before taking its decision to postpone its vote on its report drafted by Ms. Doris Pack (PPE, D), the Parliament voted on the amendments to the proposal in which it called for the Agency to be also able to implement accompanying measures, in particular in favour of democratic institutions of civil society. Reconstruction efforts will only be effective if they are combined with those of the population of Kosovo and the EP stresses that the operational centre should work in an autonomous way. It has to be avoided that 2 different structures (ECHO and the Agency) work on the reconstruction of Kosovo. Thus the EP wants the development of the Agency accompanied by a gradual reduction in ECHO's activities. Lastly, the EP insists that the Agency acts under the Commission's responsibility and that, from the beginning, practical and efficient measures are taken in combating fraud and corruption.