

Resolution on European contract law

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The European Parliament adopted a joint resolution on European contract law, reiterating its conviction that a uniform internal market could not be fully functional without further steps towards the harmonisation of civil law, and the initiative on European contract law was the most important initiative under way in the field of civil law. The Commission was asked continuously to involve Parliament in the work on the CFR.

Parliament strongly supported an approach for a wider CFR on general contract law issues going beyond the consumer protection field. It underlined that, besides the work on revision of the consumer acquis, the work on a wider CFR should go on, and asked the Commission to proceed with the project for a wider CFR. Parliament emphasised that even though the final purpose and legal form of the CFR was not yet clear, the work on the project should be done well, taking into account the fact that the final long-term outcome could be a binding instrument. Hence, all the various possible options for the purpose and legal form of a future instrument should be kept open.

Finally, Parliament called on the Commission to take into account the long-term perspective of a CFR when presenting new legislative proposals.