

Basic information	
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Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network  <b>Subject</b> 3.30.03.04 Telecommunication networks 3.30.20 Trans-European communications networks	

Key players			
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>	<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	GLANTE Norbert (PSE)	27/07/1994
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	1874	1995-10-23
	Health	1823	1994-12-22
	Telecommunications	1802	1994-11-17

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
01/09/1993	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0347 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/10/1993	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
15/03/1994	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
18/04/1994	Debate in Parliament		
17/11/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0483 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
22/12/1994	Council position published	11593/1/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>
15/03/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
31/05/1995	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		<a href="#">Summary</a>
31/05/1995	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	<a href="#">A4-0131/1995</a>	
12/06/1995	Debate in Parliament		<a href="#">Summary</a>
23/10/1995	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		<a href="#">Summary</a>

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<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		<a href="#">A4-0131/1995</a> OJ C 166 03.07.1995, p. 0005	31/05/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0282/1995 <a href="#">OJ C 166 03.07.1995, p. 0019-0034</a>	13/06/1995	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
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<b>European Commission</b>				
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Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0347 	01/09/1993	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
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Modified legislative proposal	COM(1994)0483 	17/11/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1994)2233 	13/02/1995		
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading	COM(1995)0417 	14/09/1995	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

## Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1313/1993</a> <a href="#">OJ C 052 19.02.1994, p. 0040</a>	22/12/1993	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	<a href="#">CDR0042/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 217 06.08.1994, p. 0016</a>	17/05/1994	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Additional information

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## Final act

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## Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

1993/0495(COD) - 17/11/1994

## Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

1993/0495(COD) - 13/06/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

In adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Glante, the European Parliament amended the Council's common position by emphasising the universal nature of the ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network), which should be accessible to both SMEs and large companies and which should also operate on a cross-border basis. The EP also recommended actions on staff training with regard to the distribution and availability of EURO-ISDN terminals, particularly among SMEs.

## Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

1993/0495(COD) - 17/11/1994 - Modified legislative proposal

The amended proposal incorporates five of the six amendments introduced by Parliament, particularly those which: - added a reference to broadband networks; - proposed that the text relating to EURO-ISDN should apply equally to applications software; - extended the scope of the objectives to include countries other than the Member States (EEA countries and those which had concluded association agreements with the Community); - concerned the introduction of the infrastructure required for the development of ISDN in accordance with Community rules and the needs of the market; - introduced into the proposed measures the list of five basic services (plain file transfer, electronic mail and messaging services, generalized access to databases, videophony and facsimile group 4).

## Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network

1993/0495(COD) - 22/12/1994 - Council position

The common position adopted by the Council takes account of the report of the Bangemann group and the conclusions of the European Council of Corfu, without amending the objectives pursued by the initial proposal. The common position adopted four of the six amendments proposed by Parliament and accepted by the Commission, and in particular those which: - sought to extend the EURO-ISDN to members of the European Economic Area; - proposed that the wording would equally apply to applications software; - sought to include third countries in order to allow them to become involved in projects of common interest and to promote the interconnection and interoperability of their Integrated Services Digital Networks; - introduced into the proposed measures the list of five basic services (plain file transfer, electronic mail and messaging services, generalized access to databases, videophony and facsimile group 4). The Council also added a number of provisions to the proposal put forward by the Commission, including: - a new Article 2 which covered the definition of certain terms used in the measure; - references to economic and social cohesion and to the needs of enclave regions and remote areas; - a new Article 7 indicating that the Decision did not imply any financial commitment by a Member State or by the Community; - a new Annex I containing definitions for the technical terms used in the Decision; - an amendment of Annexes II defining the projects of common interest in the light of the recommendations put forward by the Bangemann report and the conclusions of the European Council of Corfu.

## **Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network**

1993/0495(COD) - 09/11/1995 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to define the guidelines to be adopted identifying the objectives, priorities, broad categories of measures and a number of projects of common interest with regard to the development of an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) as a trans-European network. COMMUNITY MEASURE: European Parliament and Council Decision 2717/95/EC. SUBSTANCE: \* The main objectives as regards the development of the ISDN as a trans-European network and element of the infrastructure for the "universal service" are as follows: - to establish a EURO-ISDN infrastructure comprising a minimum range of harmonised services; - full geographical coverage by EURO-ISDN in all the Member States, in particular to facilitate access of the peripheral regions to modern communications. \* The priorities are as follows: - to promote the use of EURO-ISDN, particularly by SMEs; - to contribute to the rapid availability of affordable testing equipment; - to promote access to less expensive terminal equipment and application software. \* The broad categories of measures are as follows: - the elimination of obstacles to the deployment of EURO-ISDN; - the promotion of end-to-end interoperability of telematic services; - the migration of public and private sector applications to EURO-ISDN; - the promotion of EURO-ISDN terminals and application software. \* The participation of third countries which are party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or which have association agreements with the Community is highly desirable. \* In 1997, the Commission shall carry out an overall evaluation of the guidelines. \* The Decision shall enter into force on 14 December 1995.

## **Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network**

1993/0495(COD) - 14/09/1995 - Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading

The Commission accepted the eight amendments adopted by the European Parliament at second reading and incorporated them in its amended proposal. These amendments concerned: - the reference to the universal service and broadband networks; - an explicit reference to public and private sector applications; - the distribution and availability of EURO-ISDN terminals and application software; - cooperation with third countries; - the definition of the list of "non-exhaustive" services; - the addition of a new project of common interest relating to the specific needs of border regions; - a pilot project in the Euro-Infocentres and the training of staff with regard to ISDN terminals

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## **Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network**

1993/0495(COD) - 01/09/1993 - Legislative proposal

The proposal for a decision defines the guidelines for the adoption of an outline scheme concerning the objectives, priorities, broad lines of action and a number of projects of common interest for the implementation of the integrated services digital network (ISDN) as a trans-European network. The principal objectives are as follows: - availability of a Euro-ISDN infrastructure comprising a minimum range of harmonised services; - full geographical coverage by Euro-ISDN in all Member States. The priorities are as follows: - rapid availability of Euro-ISDN services for all professional users,

especially SMEs; - maximising use of Euro-ISDN within the Community; - facilitating access to modern communications for the outlying regions. The broad categories of measures are as follows: - eliminating obstacles to the deployment of Euro-ISDN; - ensuring end-to-end interoperability of telematic services; - migration of public and private sector applications to Euro-ISDN; - promotion of Euro-ISDN terminal equipment.

## **Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network**

1993/0495(COD) - 19/04/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Claude DELCROIX on the proposal for a Council decision on the general guidelines and the multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network (TEN-ISDN). The Integrated Services Digital Network "was the key element in the European strategy on telecommunications networks". In fact, it was the link between the current telephone network and the future "information highways". The first proposal for a Council decision laid down a global framework for the development of ISDN with a series of objectives (harmonised infrastructure and services, full geographical coverage in all the Member States) and actions required to achieve them (elimination of bottlenecks, end-to-end interoperability of telematic services, etc.). The second proposal concerned the multi-annual programme aimed at supporting the projects of common interest relating to the development of ISDN. This support should enable the implementation of ISDN infrastructures and services with a view to ensuring the interconnection of networks and interoperability of applications. The amendments adopted by the European Parliament aimed to improve the clarifications in both texts. Moreover, the question of financing, which was scarcely mentioned in the Commission text, was the subject of amendments, providing in particular for the financing of infrastructures, among other things, by Community funds.

## **Multi-annual Community action concerning the development of ISDN as a trans-European network**

1993/0495(COD) - 23/10/1995

The Council adopted a Decision on a set of guidelines for the development of the ISDN (integrated services digital network) as a trans-European network. The Council accepted all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament on second reading; it therefore amended its common position of 22 December 1994 accordingly. The Decision concerns a set of guidelines for the development of EURO-ISDN as a European network and as a component of 'universal service'. It is needed to establish smooth coordination between the Member States and the economic operators responsible for creating the basic infrastructure, in order to ensure the harmonized introduction of ISDN services. The creation of EURO-ISDN has the following objectives: making available a set of basic services on EURO-ISDN, bearing in mind that account must be taken of the future introduction of a European integrated broadband communications network; availability of full geographical coverage by EURO-ISDN in all Member States, having regard to market needs, in particular to facilitate access to peripheral regions by means of EURO-ISDN. The Decision identifies the priorities for realising these objectives and a set of projects of common interest.