Basic information

1994/0010(SYN) SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)	Procedure completed
Development of trans-European networks in the energy sector Repealed by 2003/0297(COD) **Subject** 3.60.06 Trans-European energy networks	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	ADAM Gordon J. (PSE)	18/07/1994

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Industry	1913	1996-03-28
Social Affairs	1862	1995-06-29

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/01/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0685	Summary
07/03/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/03/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
14/03/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0047/1995	
17/05/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
29/05/1995	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0226	Summary
29/06/1995	Council position published	07785/1/1995	Summary
14/07/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
27/09/1995	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
27/09/1995	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0219/1995	
25/10/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
28/11/1995	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0594	

28/03/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/03/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
29/06/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0010(SYN)
Procedure type	SYN - Cooperation procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Amendments and repeals	Repealed by 2003/0297(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 170 EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 129D-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/06835

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0047/1995 OJ C 109 01.05.1995, p. 0004	14/03/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0238/1995 OJ C 151 19.06.1995, p. 0172-0232	18/05/1995	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0219/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0005	27/09/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0513/1995 OJ C 308 20.11.1995, p. 0097-0115	26/10/1995	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	07785/1/1995 OJ C 216 21.08.1995, p. 0038	29/06/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0685	19/01/1994	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1995)0226	29/05/1995	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1995)1127	10/07/1995	Summary

Modified legislative proposal	COM(1995)0594	28/11/1995	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0566/1994 OJ C 195 18.07.1994, p. 0033	27/04/1994	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0046/1994 OJ C 217 06.08.1994, p. 0026	17/05/1994	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 1996/0391
OJ L 161 29.06.1996, p. 0154 Summary

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1994/0010(SYN) - 29/05/1995 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission's amended proposal incorporates four amendments adopted by the European Parliament on the following points: - the need to adopt a common energy strategy which meets the objectives of the Union, including objectives in relation to the liberalization of the energy market; - the fact that developing trans-European networks in the energy sector should help to reduce the cost of energy supplies and foster economic growth; - the need for feasibility studies to take account of the economic, social and technical aspects of projects; - the need for the Community to attach the greatest importance to technical cooperation between Member States. However, the Commission did not include amendments seeking to: - give priority during intervention under Community funds, instruments and financial programmes to energy networks which foster economic and social cohesion; - set up an advisory committee (type I) for the implementation of the measures, rather than the management committee proposed by the Commission.

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1994/0010(SYN) - 17/05/1994 - Committee of the Regions: opinion

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1994/0010(SYN) - 19/01/1994 - Legislative proposal

The proposal for a Council decision sought to eliminate legal, technical, administrative and financial obstacles to the development of trans-European energy networks. To that end the Community needed to promote: - technical cooperation projects between operators responsible for the management, supervision and regulation of trans-European energy networks; - cooperation amongst Member States to simplify and speed up the procedures for authorising network projects and shorten the time frames for their completion; - definition of a common approach to the technical aspects of networks. Financial support was possible in the form of loan guarantees or interest subsidies for feasibility studies of projects of common interest or projects aimed at improving technical cooperation in the exploitation of trans-European energy networks.

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1994/0010(SYN) - 28/03/1996 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: To remove the legal, technical, administrative and financial barriers to development of trans-European energy networks. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision laying down a series of measures aimed at creating a more favourable context for the development of trans-European networks in the energy sector. SUBSTANCE: The Decision identifies the action to be taken with a view to creating a more favourable context for the implementation of projets of common interest in connection with trans-energy networks and for the interoperability of such networks on a Community-wide scale. To this end, the Community intends to promote: - the implementation of technical cooperation projects between the operators responsible for the management, control and regulation of trans-European energy networks; - cooperation between Member States with a view to simplifying and speeding up the authorization procedures for network projets, in order to reduce delays. The Community may provide financial support in the form of loan guarantees or interest-rate subsidies in connection with feasibility studies into projects of common interest or projects designed to improve technical cooperation in the operation of trans-European energy networks. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28/03/96

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1994/0010(SYN) - 29/06/1995 - Council position

The Council's common position basically follows the approach taken by the Commission and Parliament on the basis of the amended proposal. The main amendments incorporated in the common position relate to the following points: - the need to adopt a common energy strategy which meets the objectives of the Union, including objectives in relation to the liberalization of the energy market; - the fact that developing trans-European networks in the energy sector should help to reduce the cost of energy supplies and foster growth, competitiveness and employment; - the conditions of eligibility of projects: when examining projects of common interest, feasibility studies should take account of economic, social and technical factors; - the need for the Community not just to promote but to attach the greatest importance to technical cooperation. The Council also included new provisions seeking to: - delete article 5 of the proposal on budgetary aspects; - simplify the reference to the Council regulation (defining the general rules for funding trans-European networks), which will form the legal basis for financial aid granted under the TEN policy; - introduce a type IIIa committee (regulatory committee).

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1994/0010(SYN) - 18/05/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Gordon Adam, the European Parliament approved the Commission proposal. In its amendments, the European Parliament: - stressed that developing networks in the energy sector should help to reduce the cost of energy supplies and stimulate growth, competitiveness and employment; - called for priority to be given to trans-European energy networks which promote economic and social cohesion, taking account of economic, social and technical factors; - called for the Commission to be assisted by an advisory committee composed of representatives from the Member States and chaired by the Commission representative and for the Commission to take greater account of the opinion of the committee and any observations made by the European Parliament.

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1994/0010(SYN) - 26/10/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

Adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr ADAM (PSE, UK) on actions to create a more favourable context for the development of trans-European networks, the European Parliament approved the Council's common position with the following amendments: - it recommended that financial resources earmarked for the networks be used by the Community to support efforts undertaken by Member States in the form of aid for economic, social and technical feasibility studies and, where necessary, for loan guarantees or interest-rate subsidies; - it reiterated that priority should be given to trans-European energy networks which fostered economic and social cohesion, taking account of economic, social and technical factors; - finally, with regard to comitology, it called for provision to be made for an advisory committee.

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1994/0010(SYN) - 27/04/1994 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

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1994/0010(SYN) - 10/07/1995 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission accepted the common position, with the exception of the amendments relating to comitology, for which the Commission preferred a type IIa committee.