Basic information

1994/0152(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Ecological quality of surface waters **Subject** 3.70.04 Water control and management, pollution of waterways, water pollution	

Key players

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	1861	1995-06-22
Environment	1832	1995-03-09

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/06/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1993)0680	Summary
24/10/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
09/03/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
22/06/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
23/07/1999	Additional information		Summary
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/01/2004	Additional information		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0152(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175-p1
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Committee dossier	ENVI/4/06037

Documentation gateway

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1993)0680 OJ C 222 10.08.1994, p. 0005	15/06/1994	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1407/1994 OJ C 397 31.12.1994, p. 0071	21/12/1994	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
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1994/0152(COD) - 15/06/1994 - Legislative proposal

The Commission proposal aimed to define European standards for surface waters other than those already covered by specific directives (drinking water, bathing water). To this end, Member States were required to: - define the operative quality objectives applicable to surface waters; - measure, monitor and classify the quality of surface waters; - list the pollution affecting surface waters; - draw up and implement integrated programmes aimed at improving the quality of surface waters; - make arrangements for a public debate before the definitive adoption of the integrated programmes; - submit a report to the Commission every three years.

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1994/0152(COD) - 09/03/1995

The proposal for a directive on the ecological quality of water was the subject of a policy debate by the Council, pending receipt of the opinion of the European Parliament. The debate enabled guidelines to be agreed on the following aspects: - inclusion in the concept of ecological quality of qualitative criteria for the assessment of water quality; - elaboration by the Member States of overall water management and water -protection programmes enabling the Directive to be implemented; - information of the public and closer involvement of interested groups in the preparation of the integrated programmes. The Permanent Representatives Committee will continue the proceedings in the light of the opinion awaited from the European Parliament and of the debate, with a view to the Council's meeting in June 1995.

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1994/0152(COD) - 22/06/1995

The Council held an open debate on water policy in general, and the proposal for a directive on the ecological quality of water in particular. At the end of the debate the Council adopted the following conclusions: 'The Council notes that it became apparent during discussions on the ecological quality of water that the principles of Community water policy needed to be defined more clearly and developed. It notes with interest the initiative in the same area taken by the European Parliament in organising a European Union public hearing on water protection. It takes note of the Commission's intention of submitting a communication on a strategy for Community water policy. The Council asks the Commission to continue the discussions begun in the meeting of Heads of Water Management Authorities on the basis of the Council's policy debates held in March and June 1995. On the basis of, *inter alia*, contributions from various Member States, and by the next informal meeting of the Ministers for the Environment, convened on the initiative of the incoming Spanish Presidency on the theme of water, it would like the Commission to draft guidelines for a precise definition of principles to guide the European Union's water policy, with a view to introducing consistency into existing and future legislative tools, responding to a high level of aspiration, complying with the principle of subsidiarity and incorporating aspects of hydrobiological quality and balance as well as aspects of quantity and use of water, with the aim of ensuring sustainable development, in tandem with examination of the Directive on the ecological quality of water'.