Basic information

1994/2077(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Integrated programme in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) **Subject** 3.45.02 Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), craft industries	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	HARRISON Lyndon H.A. (PSE)	07/09/1994

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets		
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/06/1994	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1994)0207	Summary
21/07/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/10/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
12/10/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0022/1994	
24/10/1994	Debate in Parliament		
24/10/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
21/11/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/2077(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/3/05617

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0022/1994 OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0005	12/10/1994	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0046/1994 OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0014-0019	24/10/1994	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(1994)0207	03/06/1994	Summary
Follow-up document	COM(1999)0569	09/11/1999	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1030/1994 OJ C 393 31.12.1994, p. 0221	15/09/1994	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0018/1995 OJ C 210 14.08.1995, p. 0092	01/02/1995	

Integrated programme in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

1994/2077(COS) - 03/06/1994 - Non-legislative basic document

The purpose of this communication is to establish an integrated action programme for SMEs, to replace projects under way and propose new projects. It will include the following lines of approach: Under measures to improve the environment for enterprises: - Community legislation will take account of the needs of enterprises; - the conditions for transferring enterprises will be improved; - the tax environment for SMEs will be improved (a specific recommendation has been tabled in parallel to this programme); - payment periods between enterprises will be improved; - new jobs will be created in local services. Under support measures for enterprises: - access to financing and credit will be improved; - support will be given to cooperation between enterprises; - support will be given to improving management quality. This integrated programme does not have any additional budgetary implications and comes within the financial perspectives for 1993-99. It mainly comes under: - the growth initiative and the European Investment Fund; - the multiannual programme in favour of enterprises; - the decision by the European Council in Copenhagen to increase the resources of the EIB

temporary loan facility; - the Council resolution of 22 November 1993 on strengthening the competitiveness of enterprises and promoting employment; - the White Paper on growth, competitiveness and employment; - the conclusions of the Brussels European Council in December 1993; - the EIB decision to implement subsidized loans; - the Community initiative in favour of SMEs; - the ADAPT initiative.

Integrated programme in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

1994/2077(COS) - 24/10/1994 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The resolution adopted stresses that, although the European Parliament welcomes the choice of an integrated approach, it trusts that this approach will result in greater coordination, transparency, efficiency and coherence as regards the initiatives themselves, the aim being to avoid any wastage of resources. The specific measures contained in the resolution include: - simplifying the administration imposed on SMEs, especially by ensuring that the transposition of Union directives into national legislation does not increase their costs; - the need for the Commission to table coercive proposals in order to regulate the problem of late payments. Both Union institutions and national administrations should set an example here by reducing their backlog of overdue payments; - the need for the Commission to present programmes, with which SMEs are associated, outlining certain ideas for creating jobs in sectors such as local services and environmental protection; - simplifying the procedure used by SMEs to access EU funds; - the need for the Commission to study how to give financial institutions a better understanding of the problems faced by SMEs, possibly by developing a system of seconding staff to SMEs, - the need, within the framework of the Leonardo da Vinci programme, to allocate suitable appropriations to vocational training in order to ensure that SMEs can acquire the qualifications needed in order to adapt to industrial change.