Basic information

1994/2195(INL) INL - Legislative initiative procedure	Procedure completed
General Community strategy for the forestry sector **Subject** 3.10.11 Forestry policy **Geographical area** Greece	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	THOMAS David Edward (PSE)	14/11/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	DELL'ALBA Gianfranco (ARE)	21/02/1995
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	RÖNNHOLM Mikko (PSE)	20/05/1996
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	21/12/1995
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	VICECONTE Guido (FE)	02/12/1994
REGL Rules of Procedure, Verification of Credentials and Immunities		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2062	1997-12-16

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/10/1994	Non-legislative basic document published	B4-0051/1994	

17/02/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/12/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
17/12/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0414/1996	
16/01/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
30/01/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/02/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/2195(INL)
Procedure type	INL - Legislative initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Request for legislative proposal
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 47
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06206

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document		B4-0051/1994	03/10/1994	
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0186/1994	07/10/1994	
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0462/1994	22/12/1994	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0414/1996 OJ C 033 03.02.1997, p. 0022	17/12/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0026/1997 OJ C 055 24.02.1997, p. 0012-0022	30/01/1997	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

General Community strategy for the forestry sector

1994/2195(INL) - 30/01/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr David THOMAS (PSE, UK) on the EU forest strategy by 315 votes to 23 with 20 abstentions and rejected all the proposed amendments. The European Parliament called on the Commission to present a legislative proposal on a European forest strategy on the basis of Articles 43, 130S et 235 of the EC Treaty within two years. Forests are one of the most important renewable resources in Europe, provided that they are well managed. This was why the EU forest strategy needed to reconcile commercial use with recognition of the diversity

and multi-functionality of forests in order to guarantee their ecological, economic and social durability in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity. The European Parliament called on the European Commission to propose instruments and adequate means at Community, national and regional level to develop actions to protect, use, exploit and extend forest resources. In particular, it was called on to: - present proposals to combat erosion and desertification, conserve and protect the biological and economic value of the forest heritage and make full use of its role in maintaining rural balances; - ensure that Community directives on the protection of forests were applied; - present proposals with a view to adapting budgetary allocations to the actual requirements of the Member States' overall protection plans in the fight against forest fires. Suitable technical assistance also needed to be offered to forest owners in order to guarantee economically viable and sustainable management and encourage wood-based industries at European level. Finally, the European Commission was called on, inter alia, to: - set up a forest information and communication system (EFICS) in order to draw up an inventory of European forests by country and by region; - promote research into forest ecosystems; - adapt the use of forests and wood products to market requirements and, at the same time, highlight the value of forests in the fields of tourism, health and the water supply cycle; - present an efficient action plan to combat ecological and social dumping when wood is imported into the EU.