Basic information

1994/2217(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing of borders and immigration CIREFI **Subject** 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas 7.10.08 Migration policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	D'ANCONA Hedy (PSE)	24/01/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI Ana (PPE)	22/02/1995

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/11/1994	Non-legislative basic document published	11219/1994	Summary
20/01/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/07/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
18/07/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0186/1995	
20/09/1995	Debate in Parliament		
22/09/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/10/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/2217(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)

Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 101o
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/4/06292

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0186/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0009	18/07/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0429/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0193-0204	22/09/1995	Summary

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Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing of borders and immigration CIREFI

1994/2217(COS) - 30/11/1994 - Non-legislative basic document

These Council conclusions concern the objectives and activities of the CIREFI (Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing of borders and immigration). The purpose of this centre, which is made up of representatives of the Member States with logistic support from the Secretariat-General of the Council, is to: * compile information on: - legal immigration, - illegal immigration and irregular residency, - the entry of foreigners via illegal immigration channels, - use of false or forged papers, - measures taken by the relevant authorities. Information takes the form of statistics and allows regular stock to be taken of the situation by showing up developments and changes in this area; * analyse information, draw conclusions and, where applicable, offer advice; * encourage the exchange of information on repatriation (country of destination, airports of arrival and departure, transport company, routes, charges, conditions of transport etc.) and the problems encountered in obtaining return documents. The CIREFI will submit an annual report on its activities to the Council and will meet at least once a month from 1 January 1995 onwards.

Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the crossing of borders and immigration CIREFI

1994/2217(COS) - 22/09/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament rejected the Council's draft conclusions on CIREFI activities. In her report, which was adopted by the European Parliament in plenary, Mrs d'ANCONA (PSE, NL) decried the method used to consult the European Parliament on these conclusions which, she considered, should be seen as governed by Article K.6 of the Treaty on European Union, implying that the European Parliament needed to be consulted. She stated, in this respect, that the Commission's right of initiative was a fundamental element and that the Commission had a political obligation to take a more active approach in this area by proposing binding texts and submitting them to Parliament for consultation. Pointing out that Parliament was very poorly informed about CIREFI activities, she noted that the focus of the Centre's work was gradually shifting towards the fight against illegal immigration, to the exclusion of all else. She then called for 2 observers (one appointed by the Commission and the other by the European Parliament) to attend CIREFI meetings in the future. She considered that data on immigrants and asylum seekers compiled by EUROSTAT might duplicate the data compiled by the IOM, the UNHCR, the Member States, the SIS or even EUROPOL. In addition, the CIREFI provisions governing the collection and processing of information and personal data were imprecise and confused. Finally, she called for the Centre's modus operandi to be revised so that it could become a body capable of helping to promote joint decisions and global policies for preventing and controlling illegal immigration.