Basic information

1995/0062(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Older People: Community support for actions in favor of Older People 1995-1999 **Subject** 4.10.07 The elderly	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	MÜLLER Edith (V)	22/03/1995
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	REHN Elisabeth (ELDR)	24/05/1995
CONT Budgetary Control	DE LUCA Stefano (FE)	26/04/1995
FEMM Women's Rights		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Social Affairs	1892	1995-12-05
Social Affairs	1862	1995-06-29

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/06/1994	Additional information		Summary
01/03/1995	Legislative proposal published	COM(1995)0053	Summary
19/05/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/06/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
07/09/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
07/09/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0199/1995	
20/09/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary

05/12/1995	Debate in Council		Summary
09/06/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/01/2004	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		Summary

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0062(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	EMPL/4/06629

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0431/1994	23/11/1994	
Document attached to the procedure		B4-0445/1994	22/12/1994	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0199/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0010	07/09/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T4-0430/1995 OJ C 269 16.10.1995, p. 0193-0206	22/09/1995	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0496/1995 OJ C 308 20.11.1995, p. 0020-0029	25/10/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1995)0053 OJ C 117 12.05.1995, p. 0014	01/03/1995	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0586/1995 OJ C 236 11.09.1995, p. 0046	31/05/1995	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

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1995/0062(CNS) - 05/12/1995

The Council re-examined the proposal for a decision on Community support for actions in favour of older people. It found that the unanimity required to approve the Decision still did not exist. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue the discussions and to report back at a meeting in the near future.

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1995/0062(CNS) - 29/06/1995

The Presidency noted that since the German delegation still maintained its general reservation there was not the unanimity required to adopt this Decision.

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1995/0062(CNS) - 25/10/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Parliament approved the proposal for a decision along with the amendments adopted during the plenary sitting in September 1995 (Minutes of 22.09.1995).

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1995/0062(CNS) - 01/03/1995 - Legislative proposal

1) OBJECTIVE To develop the role and potential of the active retired population and promote best practices for improving the situation of older women, managing an ageing workforce, transition from work to retirement, and care for dependent older people. To strengthen solidarity between generations and the integration of dependent older people. 2) CONTENTS 1. The proposal covers the period 1 September 1995 to 31 December 1999. 2. The proposed measures include support for transnational activities and partnerships to facilitate the exchange of information and experience between Member States and promote best practices to contend with population ageing. The aim of the proposal is to capitalise on the experience acquired and make maximum use of the main partnerships formed during the European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations (1993. The partnerships include players from the private sector, NGOs and public authorities. 3. Applications for funding may be made by organisations and individual persons. 4. The level of the Community's contribution towards eligible measures will not exceed 75% of total cost. 5. The Commission will be assisted by a committee of an advisory nature, composed of two representatives of the government of each Member State and chaired by a representative of the Commission. 6. The total budget for the whole period is estimated at ECU 23 million. 7. The Commission will present to the Council and the European Parliament a report on the implementation and results of actions by 31 December 2000. Source : European Commission - Info92 - 02/96

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1995/0062(CNS) - 31/05/1995 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Economic and Social Committee endorsed the proposal for a Council decision on Community support for actions in favour of older people. However, it regretted that not all the proposals and suggestions made in its Own-initiative Opinion of 25 November 1993 [(1) OJ C 34 of 2 February 1994, page 61] had been taken up by the Commission. The ESC had reservations about, and was critical of, the restricted framework of the planned Community action and its limits in relation to the scale of the problems facing older people and the requests made in a number of its earlier Opinions. It

hoped that the Commission’s action relating to older people would be included in other Community programmes, e.g. the public health programme (preventive measures to ensure good health in old age), Community transport programmes (measures to encourage access to transport for older people with reduced mobility), or Community measures to encourage tourism.

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1995/0062(CNS) - 22/09/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr CHANTERIE (PPE, B), the European Parliament approved the proposal for a decision which aimed not only to support actions in favour older people but also to establish a Community action programme aimed at ensuring the convergence of Member States' policies towards older people. However, pursuant to Rule 60(2) of the EP's Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur wished to postpone the vote on the legislative resolution to a later sitting in 1995, pending clarification of the Commission's position. In fact, the EP feared that during the discussions between the Council and Commission on this proposal, the Commission had not given any ground and the Council had in no way supported the spirit of the amendments tabled by the EP. The final vote had therefore been postponed. Nonetheless, the amendments adopted by the House at the sitting in September related to the following aspects: - clarification of the programme's objectives: . to identify ways to develop the role and potential of older people by identifying innovative roles within the family, society and employment; . to improve and possibly promote the situation of older women and the very old, the situation of older workers in the labour market, the transition from work to retirement, integrated informal care for older people, with particular reference to dependent older people, and solutions which facilitated the independent living of older people; . to strengthen solidarity between and within generations; - increase in the financial resources required for this action, from ECU 23 million to ECU 40 million (the budgetary authority should determine the appropriations available for each financial year); - the level of Community contribution should not, as a rule, exceed 50%, and in no circumstances 75% (the contribution should be granted in the form of repayable advances on loans or subsidies); - actions should be implemented in close cooperation with the NGOs working in the sector. With regard to the actions themselves: . establishment of a European Observatory on Ageing and Older People instructed to draw up an annual comparative report on the socio-economic situation of older people and policies in the Member States towards older people as well as an annual report on the implications of the Council's recommendations on social protection; . preparation of a European Old People's Passport, a Green Paper on demographic trends in Europe and a joint declaration by the Commission, Council and European Parliament on the general objectives of policy towards older people in the Union; . among the themes and priorities described in the annex, the EP stressed, in particular, that actions should encourage the independence of older people and the integration of older people in danger of isolation (older people in urban or remote areas and especially sick older people); the exchange of experiences and spread of best practice should be encouraged; - complementarity and cohesion of the activities to be undertaken under this programme and other relevant Community actions; - presentation of an interim report before 31 December 1997.