Basic information

1995/0184(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Environment European Agency: implementation of certain activities **Subject** 3.70 Environmental policy 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	COLLINS Kenneth D. (PSE)	26/07/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	07/09/1995
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	1873	1995-10-06

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/07/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1995)0325	Summary
28/09/1995	Vote in committee		
28/09/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0234/1995	
09/10/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/10/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/10/1995	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1995/0184(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/06906

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0234/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0005	28/09/1995	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0488/1995 OJ C 287 30.10.1995, p. 0230-0233	13/10/1995	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(1995)0325	07/07/1995	Summary

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1995/0184(COS) - 07/07/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to delay the Council decision to allocate new tasks to the European Environment Agency by two years (30 October 1997 instead of 30 October 1995) and to call on the Member States to take all the measures needed to complete the implementation of the observation network provided for by the regulation in 1996. CONTENT: Article 20 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 (OJ L 120/90) officially establishing the Europe Environment Agency makes provision for the Council to decide on further tasks to be allocated to the Agency within two years of the entry into force of the regulation. This decision therefore needs to be taken by 30 October 1995, following consultation of the European Parliament and on the basis of a report from the Commission with appropriate proposals. Given that the Agency only started operating in mid-1994 and will not be fully staffed until the end of 1995, the draft resolution considers that it would be preferable to wait until it has been operating for a full two years before making any decision on the allocation of new tasks (i.e. 30 October 1997). Meanwhile, the draft resolution has two objectives: - to confirm that all decisions on the allocation of new tasks will be taken by 30 October 97 at the latest and - to urge the Member States to take the action needed in 1996 to ensure that the Agency's observation network is operational. The tasks already allocated to the Agency do in fact depend upon having a complete European environment information and observation network (based on topic centers, national focal points and other basic elements), but it is taking a particularly long time to implement. The Commission is also called upon to use existing Community instruments to help Member States overcome any obstacles to the implementation of the network. Finally, the proposal reiterates that the regulation makes provision for third countries to join the Agency and therefore calls for agreements to be concluded with institutions in third countries which can supply the Agency with information on the basis of the procedure set out in Article 228 of the Treaty on European Union.

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1995/0184(COS) - 06/10/1995

The Council reached agreement in principle on draft conclusions concerning the European Environment Agency. The Council will return to this item when it has taken cognisance of the Resolution that the European Parliament intends to adopt at its part--session in October 1995.

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1995/0184(COS) - 13/10/1995 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Kenneth COLLINS (PSE, UK) on the proposed resolution on the development and implementation of the European Environment Agency. An introductory paragraph reminded the Commission and the Council that, under the terms of Article 20 of the regulation establishing the Agency, the Commission report should include any proposals needed to allow the Council to rule, following consultation with Parliament and that, as a legal act, the regulation could only be amended by the same type of act and not under a Council resolution or other document on which Parliament was not consulted. It therefore called on the Council to subscribe to this resolution in a spirit of equitable cooperation between the Community institutions. Furthermore, although it did not consider the proposal to postpone revision of Article 20 for two years satisfactory, Parliament felt that it was realistic to accept the report.