## Basic information

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| **1995/0202(COD)**<br>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)<br>Directive | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |
| Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence<br>**Subject**<br>2.30 Free movement of workers | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights | LEHNE Klaus-Heiner (PPE) | 29/09/1995 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs | CACCAVALE Ernesto (UPE) | 23/10/1995 |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 1933 | 1996-06-04 |
| Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) | 1929 | 1996-05-28 |
| Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) | 1970 | 1996-11-26 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12/07/1995 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | COM(1995)0348 | Summary |
| 12/07/1995 | Legislative proposal published | COM(1995)0348 | Summary |
| 18/09/1995 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 26/03/1996 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 26/03/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A4-0095/1996 | |
| 28/05/1996 | Debate in Council | | |
| 04/06/1996 | Debate in Council | | Summary |

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| 16/07/1996 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 26/11/1996 | Debate in Council | | Summary |
| 27/10/1999 | Debate in Parliament | | Summary |
| 11/12/2001 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 11/12/2001 | Additional information | | Summary |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure reference** | 1995/0202(COD) |
| **Procedure type** | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Directive |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 040<br>EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 044-p1<br>EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 052-p1 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0095/1996<br>OJ C 141 13.05.1996, p. 0006 | 26/03/1996 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0516/1996<br>OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0050-0058 | 23/10/1996 | Summary |

**European Commission**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legislative proposal | COM(1995)0348<br>OJ C 307 18.11.1995, p. 0018 | 12/07/1995 | Summary |

**Other institutions and bodies**

| Institution/body | Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| EESC | Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report | CES0418/1996<br>OJ C 174 17.06.1996, p. 0040 | 27/03/1996 | Summary |

## Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |
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# Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

1995/0202(COD) - 26/11/1996

The Council took note of the announcement by Mr MONTI that following the opinions given by Parliament the Commission proposed to make certain amendments to its proposals for a directive concerning the abolition of checks at internal borders and the right of third-country nationals to travel within the Community. On the other hand, the Commission did not intend to amend its proposal on the abolition of restrictions to the right of travel and residence within the Community of workers and their families, and on the abolition of restrictions to the right of travel and residence

within the Community of nationals of Member States as far as the establishment and provision of services was concerned.

# Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

1995/0202(COD) - 27/03/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee endorses the proposal, which supplements the proposal for a Directive on the elimination of controls on persons crossing the EU's internal frontiers.

# Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

1995/0202(COD) - 23/10/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (PPE, D), Parliament approved with amendments the proposal concerning the amendment of the 1968 and 1973 Directives on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence for nationals of Member States. In order to prevent any discrimination between Union citizens, Parliament called for the removal of the provision that Member States may require persons to be in possession of a valid identity card or passport when they exercise their right of free movement. It also insisted that freedom of movement should apply to workers and their families, whether they are European citizens or nationals of non-Member countries.

# Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

1995/0202(COD) - 04/06/1996

Following the discussion held by the Internal Market Council on 28 May, and in response to a request made at that time by the French delegation in particular, the Council examined a number of issues that had been raised by the proposal for a directive put forward by the Commission on 24 August 1995. In this connection, the Council noted the statements made by several delegations, which indicated among other things that as well as pursuing the objective of providing freedom of movement for persons within the Community the proposals concerned important issues such as immigration and homeland security. It had been recognised that these aspects, along with accompanying measures designed to achieve the effective abolition of internal border checks, came under the provisions of the third pillar. One of the delegations repeated that it was opposed in principle to the approach being adopted by the Commission, though this did not rule out some element of cooperation in this area between the Member States within the framework of the third pillar. The Commission for its part indicated that it would keep its proposals as they were until Parliament had given its opinion, which was expected in July. In conclusion, the President asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue with its work of examining the proposals concerned with a view to the discussions being resumed within the Council (Internal Market/Justice and Home Affairs).

# Free movement of workers and their families: abolition of restrictions on movement and residence

1995/0202(COD) - 12/07/1995 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: to amend Directives 68/630/EEC and 73/148/EEC with a view to adapting the secondary legislation on the free movement of citizens of the Union (and members of their family) so as to ensure that existing secondary legislation is compatible with the abolition of checks at internal borders. SUBSTANCE: the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive stipulates that: - an identity card or passport is no longer required when crossing an internal border; - a valid identity card or passport is still required when crossing external borders to leave or enter the Union; - Member States may require persons to be in possession of a valid identity card or passport when they exercise their right of free movement, particularly when issuing a residence permit.