Basic information

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Conservation of wetlands: European strategy **Subject** 3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	KOKKOLA Angela (PSE)	26/07/1995

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	DES PLACES Edouard C. M.P. (EDN)	19/07/1995
TRAN Transport and Tourism		
PECH Fisheries	SOUCHET Dominique F.C. (EDN)	18/07/1995

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/05/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1995)0189	Summary
10/07/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/07/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
09/07/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0238/1996	
11/12/1996	Debate in Parliament		
12/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/01/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Documentation gateway

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Conservation of wetlands: European strategy

1995/2083(COS) - 12/12/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Angela KOKKOLA (PSE, Gr) on the wise use and conservation of wetlands, Parliament expressed its support for the establishment of 'Euro-wetlands' on the basis of strict environmental standards. Other measures recommended by Parliament include: an inventory of wetlands in Europe, making wetlands subject to a special status related to a policy of integrated management satisfying environmental requirements and a ban on the financing from Community funds of afforestation or drainage projects which cause their degradation. Also, in view of the problems relating to the distribution of water resources, the Commission is called on to draw up a water-saving programme.

Conservation of wetlands: European strategy

1995/2083(COS) - 29/05/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to outline the strategy needed to establish a decisive policy to promote the rational use of wetlands (coastal zones, estuaries and deltas, alluvial plains, lakes, peat bogs). CONTENT: the Commission communication explains that wetlands fulfil several functions (regulating water levels, stabilizing coasts, filtering water etc.) and that they represent a natural and cultural heritage. It points out that the conservation requirements of these areas should be integrated into all the Union's internal and external policies and gives an overview of the measures which need to be taken to arrest the deterioration of these ecosystems in Europe and the world as a whole. The Commission recommends a six-point strategy: - integrated management of water and wetlands; - management of major international rivers; - management of coastal zones; - improved legal instruments for defending wetlands; - improved economic evaluation instruments; - support for research and monitoring and education and training activities. The four main areas identified with a view to a Community policy are: - total coherence of the Natura 2000 network and compliance with the obligations inherent in it; - integrated quantitative and qualitative water management; - a regional planning strategy based on Community principles and incentives; - significant financial support for integrated programmes and the implementation of coordinated multisectoral policies.