




Basic information	
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Coordination of activities in favour of SMEs and the craft sector Subject 3.45.02 Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), craft industries	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		GAROSCI Riccardo (UPE)	18/12/1995
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets			
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	CONT Budgetary Control		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council of the European Union			

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
08/09/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1995)0362 	Summary
16/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
20/03/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
20/03/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0100/1997	
23/04/1997	Debate in Parliament		
24/04/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/2232(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/4/07037

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B4-0030/1996	03/02/1996	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0100/1997 OJ C 132 28.04.1997, p. 0006	20/03/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0210/1997 OJ C 150 19.05.1997, p. 0016-0050	24/04/1997	Summary
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1995/2232(COS) - 24/04/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the report by Mr Riccardo GAROSCI (UPE, I), the European Parliament broadly approved the efforts made by the Commission to increase coordination amongst the various Community initiatives launched for the benefit of SMEs. Parliament stressed the need for current and future legislation to be simplified and the need for tax benefits to be granted to labour-intensive SMEs, particularly in the services sector. It hoped that the banking and credit sectors would grant facilities to all SMEs, particularly by means of a code of banking practice in respect of SMEs. Parliament called on the Commission to boost the projects aimed at facilitating participation by SMEs in the EC environmental audit scheme and urged that SMEs should be directly involved in decisions, in particular through involvement on the part of the associations which represent them.

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1995/2232(COS) - 08/09/1995 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to present, in accordance with Article 5 of Council Decision 93/379/EEC, the coordination between action taken under enterprise policy and action taken under other Union policies. **CONTENT:** the Commission concludes its report by stating that it will continue efforts to achieve internal coordination so that its policies help to support the development of SMEs. It states that SMEs are now properly targeted in almost all Community programmes. The report shows that significant progress has been made in the area of the Structural Funds, especially through the SME Community initiative, RDT and vocational training (Objective 4 of the Structural Funds, ADAPT initiative, LEONARDO programme). The Commission must ensure that it monitors the implementation of programmes so that the objectives set out are translated into concrete results for SMEs. The enterprise policy services are cooperating with all the other services in both the design and implementation of programmes and policies. The efforts made so far need to be continued in order to make these programmes more visible and efficient. The Commission will step up efforts to coordinate with all its partners, the Member States, the European institutions and professional associations so that action to help SMEs translates into growth, competitiveness and jobs.