Basic information

1996/0082(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Directive	Procedure completed
Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive **Subject** 3.60 Energy policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	BELLERÉ Spalato (NI)	26/03/1996

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	BELLERÉ Spalato (NI)	26/03/1996

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	BLOKLAND Johannes (EDN)	27/06/1996

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2016	1997-06-17
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1992	1997-03-11
Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1937	1996-06-19
Fisheries	1998	1997-04-14

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/04/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0106	Summary
08/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		

19/06/1996	Debate in Council		
29/10/1996	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
29/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0333/1996	
27/11/1996	Debate in Parliament		Summary
14/04/1997	Council position published	06684/1/1997	Summary
24/04/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
21/05/1997	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		
21/05/1997	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0180/1997	
10/06/1997	Debate in Parliament		Summary
17/06/1997	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
22/07/1997	Final act signed		
22/07/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/08/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0082(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
Legal basis	EC Treaty (before Amsterdam) E 100A
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/4/08800

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0333/1996 OJ C 362 02.12.1996, p. 0005	29/10/1996	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0639/1996 OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0012-0021	28/11/1996	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0180/1997 OJ C 182 16.06.1997, p. 0003	21/05/1997	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0288/1997 OJ C 200 30.06.1997, p. 0060-0066	11/06/1997	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Council position	06684/1/1997 OJ C 157 24.05.1997, p. 0008	14/04/1997	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0106	25/04/1996	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position	SEC(1997)0720	21/04/1997	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1074/1996 OJ C 030 30.01.1997, p. 0020	25/09/1996	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Directive 1997/0044
OJ L 206 01.08.1997, p. 0062 Summary

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 25/04/1996 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive seeks to fix for a four-year period the dates and times at which summer time will begin throughout the Union after 1997. SUBSTANCE: in each Member State in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 summer time would begin at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in March and end at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in October. The arrangements applicable as from 2002 will be adopted before 1 January 2001 on a proposal from the Commission submitted before 1 January 2000. The directive will not apply to Member States' overseas territories.

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 25/09/1996 - Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report

The Committee endorses the proposals in the Draft Directive. Despite their perceived shortcomings, the Committee commends the Report and the Study to interested parties in those Member States where any change is contemplated as providing some objective data on which to base their assessment of the position. The Committee endorses the Commission's statement that its task is confined to the harmonization of dates for the starting and ending of summer time and that any decision to alter other time arrangements in the individual Member States rests with them alone.

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 11/06/1997 - Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading

By adopting the recommendation for second reading by Mr Spalato BELLERE (NI, It), Parliament approved the common position of the Council with a view to the adoption of the eighth directive on summer time.

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 21/04/1997 - Commission communication on Council's position

The Commission agreed fully with the Council's common position. In addition, the Council and Commission considered, in a joint declaration, that the social and economic implications of summer time arrangements justified thorough examination before the eighth directive elapsed. The Commission would therefore forward a detailed report to the Council by 30 June 1999. The Council and the Commission agreed to carry out an in-depth examination of the implications of summer time arrangements, including the institutional aspects of coordination of times between the Member States of the European Union, with the aid of a group of representatives of interest groups and Member States' national experts.

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 22/07/1997 - Final act

OBJECTIVE: to fix, for a four-year period, the dates and times at which summer time will begin throughout the Union after 1997. COMMUNITY MEASURE: eighth European Parliament and Council Directive 97/44/EC on summer time. CONTENT: the directive provides that: In 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 in each Member State, summer time will begin at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in March, that is to say: - in 1998: 29 March, - in 1999: 28 March, - in 2000: 26 March, - in 2001: 25 March. In 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 in each Member State, summer time will end at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in October, that is to say: - in 1998: 25 October, - in 1999: 31 October, - in 2000: 29 October, - in 2001: 28 October. DEADLINE FOR TRANSPOSITION: 31/12/1997.

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1996/0082(COD) - 11/03/1997

The Council reached political agreement by a qualified majority, with France voting against, on a common position prior to adoption of the eighth Directive on summer-time arrangements. Once formally adopted, the common position will be forwarded to the European Parliament for a second reading. The Council and the Commission approved the following joint declaration: "The Council and the Commission consider that the social and economic implications of the decisions concerning summer-time arrangements justify thorough examination, which will be effected before the eighth Directive elapses. For this purpose, the Commission will forward a detailed report to the Council by 30 June 1999 at the latest, and the Council and the Commission agree to carry out, with the aid of a group comprising representatives of interest groups and Member States' national experts, an in-depth examination of the implications of applying summer-time arrangements, including the institutional aspects of coordination of times between the Member States of the European Union." The United Kingdom made the following unilateral statement: "The United Kingdom states that, while it has no difficulties with the substance of the proposed eighth summer-time Directive, on subsidiarity grounds it considers that Member States' summer-time arrangements would be best addressed in a Recommendation."

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1996/0082(COD) - 28/11/1996 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Spalato BELLERE (NI, I), Parliament approved the proposal for an Eighth Directive on the harmonization of summer-time arrangements, but leaving the Member States the option of not introducing it. In its amendments Parliament stipulated that summer-time dates are valid in each Member State 'where summer-time is applied'. It also called on the Commission to ensure that time differences between adjoining Member States do not exceed one hour.

Summer-time arrangements: 8th Directive

1996/0082(COD) - 14/04/1997 - Council position

The common position corresponds to the Commission proposal. The dates and times at which summer time begins are fixed for a four-year period. In 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 in each Member State, summer time will begin at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in March and end at 1 a.m., universal time, on the last Sunday in October. The common position stipulates that the arrangements covering the period as from 2002 should be adopted before 1 January 2001 on a proposal from the Commission submitted before 1 January 2000. The common position does not incorporate any of the three amendments tabled by Parliament at first reading. Those amendments sought to: - make the application of summer-time arrangements voluntary; - incorporate a provision stipulating that the Commission should ensure that the time differences between outlying Member States should never exceed one hour.