## Basic information

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| **1997/0915(CNS)**<br>CNS - Consultation procedure | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |
| Asylum: Eurodac for the comparison fo fingerprints of applicants. Dublin Convention<br>**Subject**<br>7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) | |

## Key players

### European Parliament

| Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
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| LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs | D'ANCONA Hedy (PSE) | 28/10/1997 |

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |

### Council of the European Union

| Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
|---|---|---|
| Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2116 | 1998-09-24 |
| Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2075 | 1998-03-19 |
| Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2146 | 1998-12-03 |
| Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2099 | 1998-05-28 |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
|---|---|---|---|
| 02/10/1997 | Legislative proposal published | 11079/1997 | Summary |
| 20/10/1997 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 08/12/1997 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 08/12/1997 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A4-0402/1997 | |
| 15/01/1998 | Debate in Parliament | | |
| 19/03/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 28/05/1998 | Debate in Council | | |
| 24/09/1998 | Debate in Council | | |

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| 01/05/1999 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |

| Technical information | |
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| **Procedure reference** | 1997/0915(CNS) |
| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legal basis** | Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M K.3-p2c |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure lapsed or withdrawn |
| **Committee dossier** | LIBE/4/09348 |

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**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A4-0402/1997<br>OJ C 014 19.01.1998, p. 0005 | 08/12/1997 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T4-0025/1998<br>OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0119-0138 | 15/01/1998 | Summary |

**Council of the EU**

| Document type | Reference | Date | Summary |
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Additional information

| Source | Document | Date |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

# Asylum: Eurodac for the comparison fo fingerprints of applicants. Dublin Convention

1997/0915(CNS) - 15/01/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report by Mrs Hedy d'ANCONA (PSE, NL) on the Eurodac system, the European Parliament approved the draft Council act with the following amendments: - the system must be administered by the Commission, - stricter, binding limits must be set for its use. Fingerprints and other personal data held in the system may be processed in Eurodac only for the purposes set out in the Dublin Convention, - on no account may the use of the system be extended to cover wider areas, - the list of data provided for by the proposal must not under any circumstances be extended to include other types of information, either by means of a protocol to the convention, or in any other way, - the data may be held for only 5 years rather than 10 from the date on which the fingerprints were last taken, - if an asylum-seeker has been recognized under the 1951 Geneva Convention, the data concerning him must be removed from the Central Unit of Eurodac within one month, - the joint supervisory authority must have enough staff with adequate training, - the European Parliament should appoint a 'European protector of data on citizens', who would consider complaints and have access to the system and to the meetings of the joint supervisory authority, - the Convention concerning the establishment of Eurodac should be

replaced with a Regulation if it has not been ratified by the majority of the Member States by the entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty. At any event, the Commission must submit a proposal for replacing the Convention within five years of its entry into force.

# Asylum: Eurodac for the comparison fo fingerprints of applicants. Dublin Convention

1997/0915(CNS) - 02/10/1997 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: Presentation of a draft convention establishing a 'EURODAC' system to compare the fingerprints of asylum seekers. SUBSTANCE: the Dublin Convention Determining the State Responsible for Examining Applications for Asylum entered into force on 1 September 1997. This Convention seeks to guarantee to all asylum seekers that their applications will be considered by a Member State and prevent them from being sent to one Member State to another without any of the Member States concerned accepting responsibility for considering the application. For the Convention to work, it is essential to establish the identity of asylum seekers. With this in view the draft EURODAC convention seeks to complement the procedures under the Dublin Convention using a computerized system to compare the dactyloscopic records of asylum seekers, finger prints being a basic means of determining identity. The draft convention contains provisions regarding the protection of individuals in connection with the computer processing of personal data.