Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	TAPPIN Michael (PSE)	20/10/1997
	Committee for opinion	**Rapporteur for opinion**	**Appointed**
	JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	VERDE I ALDEA Josep (PSE)	14/10/1997
Council of the European Union			

Key events

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09/09/1997	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1997)0434	Summary
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20/05/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
20/05/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0196/1998	
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Technical information

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1997/2206(COS) - 09/09/1997 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to ensure the participation of European economic interest groupings (EEIGs) in public contracts and programmes financed by public funds. SUBSTANCE: the object of the Commission communication is to provide clarification and thus remove all uncertainty still preventing optimum use of the EEIG in public procurement, directly linked access to credit, and programmes financed by public funds. The Commission states that the EEIG is currently the only legal vehicle for cooperation that is directly connected with the Community system and that it thus constitutes a key element in European cooperation, particularly for SMEs wishing to participate in European-scale projects. It considers it essential that all actors concerned with the use of EEIGs, and firms or bodies concluding contracts with an EEIG, should be fully aware of its characteristics and potential.

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1997/2206(COS) - 14/07/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

In adopting the report by Mr Michael TAPPIN (PSE, UK) Parliament supported the Commission's aims. It considered, however, that the Commission could do more to increase the use of EEIGs by SMEs, for example by establishing an EEIG panel at European level. It also called on the Commission: - to present a further Communication within two years suggesting modifications to the interpretive texts and, possibly, additional measures to promote the EEIG mechanism; - to encourage Member States to identify or establish centres where good quality advice and training were available to SMEs wishing to participate in the EEIG mechanism; - to promote the use of information technologies as part of the dissemination of information and advice; - to encourage Member State cooperation for the resolution of certain recurrent problems: joint and several liability, transnational contracts, credit facilities, non-discrimination, etc.; - to launch a pilot scheme for a financial instrument seeking to encourage crossborder investment within the Union aimed at supporting the efforts of EEIGs carrying out their activity in another Member State by means of a network of banks and venture capital funds.