Basic information

1998/0356(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Refugees: 1999-2000 action programme to promote their integration in the Union **Subject** 7.10.06 Asylum, refugees, displaced persons; Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF)	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	ZIMMERMANN Wilmya (PSE)	20/01/1999

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	23/02/1999
BUDG Budgets	BRINKHORST Laurens Jan (ELDR)	17/02/1999

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Social Affairs	2208	1999-10-22

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/12/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0731	Summary
15/03/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
15/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0115/1999	

22/03/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/09/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
13/09/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary confirming Parliament's position	A5-0012/1999	
16/09/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0011/1999	Summary
22/10/1999	Debate in Council		
20/01/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0356(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 137-p2 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0115/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0004	15/03/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0249/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0023-0082	13/04/1999	Summary
Committee final report tabled for plenary, 1st reading /single reading		A5-0012/1999 OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0018	13/09/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading		T5-0011/1999 OJ C 054 25.02.2000, p. 0055-0074	16/09/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0731  OJ C 036 10.02.1999, p. 0020	16/12/1998	Summary
Reconsultation	SEC(1999)0581 	28/04/1999	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0939/1999 OJ C 368 20.12.1999, p. 0019	20/10/1999	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0347/1999 OJ C 057 29.02.2000, p. 0071	18/11/1999	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Refugees: 1999-2000 action programme to promote their integration in the Union

1998/0356(COD) - 16/09/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading

The European Parliament did not confirm the first reading in the context of the codecision procedure of the text that it adopted on 13.04.1999 concerning this proposal and called on the Commission to put forward a proposal concerning a European fund for refugees, providing for structural measures for their reception, integration and repatriation.

Refugees: 1999-2000 action programme to promote their integration in the Union

1998/0356(COD) - 13/04/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the legislative resolution by Wilmya Zimmermann (PSE,DE), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council decision on establishing a Community action programme to promote the integration of refugees, subject to amendments, notably in the following areas: - recalling Article K.1 of the EU Treaty as evidence of the Member States' commitment to asylum policy as an area of common interest; - recalling the role played by the European Parliament, as one arm of the budgetary authority, in implementing the successful pilot actions for the integration of refugees in 1997 and 1998; - removing reference to the EU's commitment to economic and social cohesion in the context of integration of refugees and instead stating more simply that specific measures are required in this area; - introducing a reference to the contents of Article 73k(2)(b) of the Amsterdam Treaty in relation to burden-sharing in receiving refugees; - proposing that, as a result of the commitments contained in this Article, there is good reason to cofinance all aspects of refugee policy out of the European Refugee Fund as of the year 2000, and to adopt an appropriate legal basis as of 2001; - removing the proposal that the proposed action programme should be established within the framework of action in the field of social integration; - modifying the wording and providing clarifyication with regard to the definition of the target group for the purpose of the programme; - with regard to the aims of the programme, proposing that a specifically comparative analysis of the situation of refugees in the Member States should be promoted, with a view to assessing how the burden should be shared among Member States; - in terms of the Community actions to be pursued with a view to attaining the programme's aims, proposing that innovative projects promoted under the programme should be those whose results can be used by other Member States and which introduce integration measures for the first time into a region of the EU; also in this regard, specifying that transnational networks to be created under the programme should involve players and/or projects and/or academics concerned with integration in the European Union and should include the transfer of knowledge (as well as good practice and experience); finally, introducing a simplified wording proposing studies and research projects on the situation and integration of refugees in the European Union, and the general promotion of public awareness measures; - with regard to comitology, specifying that the advisory committee will be composed of one representative only per Member State and that its full title will be "the Committee on refugee asylum, reception and repatriation policy"; - also, requiring that the European Parliament be kept adequately informed of the deliberations of the Committee, in keeping with its budgetary powers and the new powers accorded to it in this field by the Treaty of Amsterdam; - requiring that the criteria determining financial assistance under the programme be identical to those laid down for the Council joint action (adopted on the basis of Article K.3 of theEU Treaty) establishing measures to provide practical support in relation to the reception and the voluntary repatriation of refugees, displaced persons and asylum applicants (CNS98357); - reducing the maximum Community financial contribution for the creation of transnational networks from 90 to 80% and fixing the maximum contribution at that same level for the carrying out of studies and research projects on the situation and integration of refugees in the European Union and the promotion of public awareness measures; - proposing that a single monitoring operation and a single evaluation operation for actions in relation to policy on refugee asylum, reception and repatriation be financed from appropriations authorised to that end by the budgetary authority under the annual budgetary procedure (rather than from the general appropriations available for the measures supported under the programme); - with regard to the evaluative report to be presented by the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, bringing forward the deadline for its presentation by a year to 01/06/2001, requiring that it should incorporate the report specified in the Council joint action (adopted on the basis of Article K.3 of the EU Treaty) establishing measures to provide practical support in relation to the reception and the voluntary repatriation of

refugees, displaced persons and asylum applicants (CNS98357), and that it should also contain information on cooperation with the programme's advisory committee and on the type and extent of the technical assistance used.

Refugees: 1999-2000 action programme to promote their integration in the Union

1998/0356(COD) - 16/12/1998 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : Proposal for a Council Decision establishing a Community action programme to promote the integration of refugees over the 1999-2000 period. CONTENT : This proposed programme in in response to the wishes of the European Parliament to establish a legal base for actions in favour of the integration of refugees that are currently under way. It seeks to promote the integration of refugees in the Community and is based on the need for action at European level, following the growing awareness, in the population, of the crucial challenges for democratic societies posed by xenophobia, the lack of integration and social exclusion. The programme is designed in such a way as to support and complement measures taken by and in the Member States, while respecting their responsibilities and their cultural diversity. With a view to making best use of the results of previous actions, to maintaining the added value of these measures at European level and to ensuring a transition towards the inclusion of measures in favour of refugees in future initiatives undertaken by the Community, the action programme will contribute to : - the development of multi-dimensional and innovative integration measures; - the creation, as well as the development, of trans-national co-operation in the subject; - the information, the co-ordination, the evaluation and the exchange of best practices and experiences at European Union level; - the stimulation of experiments and the identification of good models of innovative actions in terms of content and organisation; - the analysis of the situation of refugees in the Member States.