Basic information

1998/2026(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) Transport sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership **Subject** 3.20.15 Transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** Mediterranean Sea area	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
TRAN Transport and Tourism	KAKLAMANIS Nikitas (UPE)	17/03/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy	SARLIS Pavlos (PPE)	22/04/1998
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
RELA External Economic Relations	MALERBA Franco E. (UPE)	19/03/1998

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/01/1998	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1998)0007	Summary
20/02/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/11/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
24/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0438/1998	
12/02/1999	Debate in Parliament		
12/02/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/05/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2026(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	TRAN/4/09694

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0438/1998 OJ C 398 21.12.1998, p. 0003	24/11/1998	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0127/1999 OJ C 150 28.05.1999, p. 0612-0627	12/02/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(1998)0007	16/01/1998	Summary

Transport sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership

1998/2026(COS) - 16/01/1998 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: to adopt a complete action plan for integration and greater cooperation in the field of transport in the Mediterranean. SUBSTANCE: In its communication, the Commission presents the overall strategy it intends to implement in the field of transport in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The general aim is to integrate the transport network both between the Community and its Mediterranean partners and among the Mediterranean countries themselves. Taking as a basis the conclusions of the Barcelona Conference of November 1995 on the new Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, this strategy is designed ultimately to allow an area to be established within which people and goods will be able to move more easily. The strategy is to be two-pronged, comprising: 1) an infrastructure element, whereby the transport infrastructure networks of all the countries concerned are to be interconnected to create interoperable multimodal networks; 2) an efficient and cost-effective transport services element, these services to be provided in a common transport area in accordance with high environmental, social and safety standards. As part of this overall strategy, a complete action plan is laid down in the annex to the document. It summarizes all the measures taken and to be expanded, as well as future measures to be taken: - extension of trans-European networks: definition and planning of 'corridors' of international interest in the Mediterranean and development of the 'Corrimed' in the pan-European transport area of the Mediterranean; possible extension of corridors to the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus, - maritime transport and safety: a list of specific actions to be drawn up in these fields, -air transport and air traffic control: increasing air transport and air traffic control capacity consistently with the systems of third countries in the Mediterranean, -global satellite navigation system: extension of the GNSS system to the Mediterranean countries with a view to total interoperability, -rail transport and combined transport: development of combined transport axes and anticipation of vehicle technology needs, -transport research, -regional integration in the Mediterranean and Middle East: selection of multimodal transport corridors and definition of priority projects. The communication suggests setting up a working group including the Community's Mediterranean partners. It would be responsible for establishing contacts, exchanging information about transport projects of common interest and providing a more general picture of the ongoing activities at sub-regional level. The Commission intends to increase cooperation with the countries concerned and to facilitate the coordination of future projects under MEDA.

Transport sector: Euro-Mediterranean partnership

1998/2026(COS) - 12/02/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

MEPs voted to endorse the resolution on the Commission's communication concerning the Euro-Mediterranean partnership in the transport sector. The Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Nikitas KAKLAMANIS (UPE, Greece). The Parliament demands the official and full participation of the European Parliament in the Euro-Mediterranean Forum for Transport, bringing together the 12 countries of the Mediterranean basin, the European Commission and the Council. It calls on the Commission to submit at the third ministerial conference, to be held in Stuttgart in April 1999, a proposal for an action plan for transport in the Mediterranean region, along the lines of the strategies already outlined at Community and pan-European level, which in the future will provide for : - structured co-ordination between inter-ministerial bodies already active at sub-regional level, - the inclusion of the Mediterranean region in a single transport infrastructure needs assessment process (in line with the TINA model), - the development and practical application of the results of research activities (RETRAMED), - a documented timetable covering the initiatives to be undertaken and the objectives to be achieved by 2010 for passenger and freight transport in the Mediterranean region.