Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	MALERBA Franco E. (UPE)	09/03/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RELA External Economic Relations	PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL Elly (ELDR)	04/06/1998
JURI Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights	SIERRA GONZÁLEZ Angela del Carmen (GUE/NGL)	15/04/1998

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2079	1998-03-30
Telecommunications	2096	1998-05-19
Telecommunications	2071	1998-02-26

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/02/1998	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1998)0050	Summary
26/02/1998	Debate in Council		
13/03/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/03/1998	Debate in Council		
19/05/1998	Debate in Council		
13/10/1998	Vote in committee		Summary

13/10/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0366/1998	
13/01/1999	Debate in Parliament		
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Committee dossier	ECON/4/09766

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0366/1998 OJ C 341 09.11.1998, p. 0003	13/10/1998	
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European Commission

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Other institutions and bodies

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EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0962/1998 OJ C 284 14.09.1998, p. 0006	01/07/1998	

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OBJECTIVE: to examine how multilateral coordination could be developed to meet the new challenges of globalisation and the Information Society. SUBSTANCE: The European Union has made substantial progress in putting in place the necessary conditions for the development of the Information Society, with a view to unleashing its growth and employment potential bringing benefits to all. The dynamism of the Information Society is putting pressure on both public and private sectors to be more flexible and rapidly to take up new challenges. This Communication responds to the need for strengthened international coordination in order to create an enabling framework for the global electronic marketplace ('on-line' economy) which is a fundamental element of the Information Society. To this end the Communication sets out: - the need for an international enabling framework for the emerging global electronic marketplace; - a preliminary analysis of emerging obstacles to this framework covering technical, commercial and legal areas; - a proposal for immediate action to coordinate views on the key obstacles and the most effective means to remove them - building on stronger private sector (including consumer groups) involvement; - a proposal for an International Charter through which parties would agree on a method of coordination between all relevant parties. This Charter, which could be agreed by or in the course of 1999, would: . be legally non-binding; . recognise the work of existing international organisations; . promote the participation of private sector and relevant social groups; . contribute to more regulatory transparency. The next stages will depend on the responses received by the Commission to these proposals.

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In adopting its Resolution on Globalisation and the information society drafted by Mr. Franco MALERBA (I, EPP), the European Parliament welcomed the Commission's proposal for an international initiative for the Internet and electronic commerce. It also underwrites the principles outlined in the Final Declaration of the Bonn Ministerial Conference as a guide for governments' action in this area. The following are the Parliament's recommendations to the Commission : - the initiative for the Internet could take the form of a non-binding 'Internet Charter', a document containing a set of internationally agreed, legally non-binding objectives and principles encouraging a simplified regulatory governance of Internet, consistent with inter alia security, safety and soundness, privacy, jurisdiction, liability, taxation, copyright and data protection considerations, pursuing maximum inter-operability across international borders; - the main purpose of the Internet initiative should be to help businesses and financial institutions make the most of opportunities offered by electronic commerce and banking in the world market, to ensure the interests of consumers, to prevent premature and conflicting regulation developing inside and outside the European internal market which would impede the development of electronic banking and commerce or imperil the security of electronic banking and commerce; - the Charter should not alter or bear prejudice to competition law; - a market-driven approach should be adopted in the Charter definition process so that industry can fully contribute to identifying and removing barriers to electronic commerce; - the Charter should hasten, but not replace, specific legislation in critical areas such as intellectual property rights, electronic signature, encryption, taxation, liability, fight against crime on the Internet and names management on the network; - the Commission should involve the Parliament in the activities of the Charter and keep it informed of the progress of the Global Business Dialogue.