Basic information

1998/2118(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
2004 enlargement: accession strategies for environment with the candidate countries CEECs **Subject** 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe 8.20.18 Enlargement's environment point of view	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	MYLLER Riitta (PSE)	25/02/1998

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy		

Council of the European Union

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
20/05/1998	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1998)0294	Summary
01/07/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
17/03/1999	Vote in committee		
17/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0123/1999	
14/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
15/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/07/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/2118(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	ENVI/4/10174

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0123/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0004	17/03/1999	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0337/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0370-0453	15/04/1999	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(1998)0294	20/05/1998	Summary
Follow-up document	COM(2001)0304	08/06/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0267/1998 OJ C 051 22.02.1999, p. 0033	18/11/1998	
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1441/1998 OJ C 040 15.02.1999, p. 0020	02/12/1998	

2004 enlargement: accession strategies for environment with the candidate countries CEECs

1998/2118(COS) - 20/05/1998 - Non-legislative basic document

OBJECTIVE: within the framework of Agenda 2000, to propose a special strategy for the adoption and implementation of the Community's environmental acquis by the candidate countries. CONTENT: according to this Commission communication, it is becoming more and more clear that the environmental needs of the candidate countries are huge. An independent assessment requested by the Commission in this respect concluded that the total investment costs of meeting the environmental acquis are likely to be around ECU 120 billion for the ten countries in central and eastern Europe. The bulk of the investment is likely to be needed for air pollution abatement, water and waste water management and the management and disposal of urban and dangerous waste. In this context, currently available and future Community funding will be very far from sufficient to fill the gap in the level of environmental protection in the CEECs. Placing heavy emphasis on the inadequacy of available investment and the efforts which will need to be undertaken by the candidate countries in order to address the legislative, administrative and financial shortcomings in this area, the communication defines a general framework and highlights priority actions which should be implemented to make best use of the available funds. According to the document, Community aid (essentially PHARE and the future ISPA pre-accession structural aid fund) should concentrate on the following elements: - transposition of the Union's environmental acquis with a view to modernising industry and energy production and making urban environmental infrastructures and services more efficient and more profitable: this will involve amending legislation currently in force in the CEECs in areas such as water protection, air quality, waste management, nature protection, industrial pollution control, the risk of exposure to chemicals and protection against major industrial hazards; - implementation of preventive measures, through the integration of ecological and sustainable development considerations into sectoral policy (transport, energy, agriculture). This will essentially involve reviewing the basic environmental

administration procedures of the countries concerned (rational assessment of the environmental impact of public and private projects, transparency and access to environmental information etc.). As regards the major political issue of nuclear safety, this represents a priority which requires more than the simple approximation of environmental legislation. Community financial assistance, although restricted, should serve as a catalyst and allow the mobilisation of other resources. Provision is notably made for coordination of Community aid with outside aid with a view to optimising its effect. Cooperation with international institutions will be strengthened (the EBRD and the World Bank). Provision is also made for the progressive integration of these countries into the EU's LIFE programme and the activities of the European Environment Agency). Finally, provision is made for scientific and technical activities (within the fifth framework programme for RDT) as well as strengthening regional cooperation as regards important ecological issues.

2004 enlargement: accession strategies for environment with the candidate countries CEECs

1998/2118(COS) - 15/04/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The Parliament adopted its resolution, drafted by Ms. Riita Myller (PES, Finland), concerning accession strategies for environment. The resolution stresses that the environment must be one of the main priorities in the accession negotiations. It calls on the Commission to draw up a list of the most important areas of EU environmental legislation with which candidate countries are required to comply at the time of accession.

2004 enlargement: accession strategies for environment with the candidate countries CEECs

1998/2118(COS) - 08/06/2001 - Follow-up document

PURPOSE: To examine the status of environmental financing in the candidate countries. CONTENT: In line with the Commission's "Accession Strategies for the Environment", candidate countries are required to develop investment priorities designed to facilitate the implementation of EU environmental legislation and policies. This paper, which has been drawn up following consultations with the candidate countries, outlines future investment priorities. Community technical assistance will focus on air pollution projects and directives involving private sector expenditure. In terms of Directive implementation, financing will focus on the so called investment heavy Directives. They are Water Supply Directives, Wastewater Directives, Waste Management, Air Pollution Control, and Industrial Pollution Control Directives. Equally, training for local authorities will receive financial support. Community instruments such as the newly revised PHARE programme, the new Instrument for Structural Policies for Pre-Accession (ISPA) and the new pre-accession tool for agriculture and rural development (SAPARD) will be used.