Basic information

1998/2216(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Europol: place, competences and parliamentary control **Subject** 7.30.05.01 Europol, CEPOL	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	NASSAUER Hartmut (PPE)	24/11/1998
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2146	1998-12-03
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2166	1999-03-12

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
20/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/12/1998	Debate in Council		
17/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0064/1999	
12/03/1999	Debate in Council		
12/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/4/10555

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0064/1999 OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0004	17/02/1999	
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Europol: place, competences and parliamentary control

1998/2216(INI) - 13/04/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Adopting the own-initiative report by Hartmut Nassauer (PPE,DE) on extending the powers of Europol, the European Parliament calls for a strengthening of parliamentary control over Europol. To date, the data provided to the Parliament with regard to Europol's activities allows only a limited level of supervision, while parliamentary control at a national level has proved overly cumbersome and ineffective as a result of intergovernmental mechanisms. As a result, the Parliament considers it necessary to place Europol under the direction and supervision of a member of the European Commission, fully answerable to the European Parliament. The Parliament also wishes to see provision made for the possible implementation of cross-border investigations. In the event of Europol's evolving into a police unit with cross-border operational powers, the Parliament wishes to see it given a basis in Community law. It also recommends the creation of an independent body with authority to investigate any complaints against the police involving decisions by Europol. With regard to the protection of data, the Parliament calls on the Council to examine the possibility of establishing a smaller but permanent (as opposed to the current temporary) European data inspectorate. Finally the report calls on the Council to incorporate Europol's budget into the Community budget and, until then, ensure that Europol's fields of activities are only extended, provided sufficient financial resources are made available to it.