Basic information

1998/2236(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Telecommunications, broadcasting, transport: radio frequency spectrum (Green Paper) **Subject** 3.30.03 Telecommunications, data transmission, telephone 3.30.04 Radiocommunications, broadcasting	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	CAMISÓN ASENSIO Felipe (PPE)	08/02/1999

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
TRAN Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Telecommunications	2096	1998-05-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/05/1998	Debate in Council		
09/12/1998	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1998)0596	Summary
12/02/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/04/1999	Vote in committee		
21/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0202/1999	

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Technical information	
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Committee dossier	ECON/4/10656

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European Parliament

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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	CES0445/1999 OJ C 169 16.06.1999, p. 0003	28/04/1999	

Telecommunications, broadcasting, transport: radio frequency spectrum (Green Paper)

1998/2236(COS) - 09/12/1998 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: this green paper intends to identify the best approach for the implementation of radio spectrum policy at a European level. CONTENT: technological developments, market trends and the evolution of policy/regulation - all interrelated - have a substantial impact on the availability of radio spectrum and make both the search for radio spectrum for new applications and the harmonisation of radio spectrum usage increasingly complex. Furthermore, the availability of radio spectrum has become a fundamental question for the implementation of Community policies in the field of

telecommunications, broadcasting, transport and research and development. As a result it is assuming a considerable economic significance in terms of market value and employment. Given that radio spectrum constitutes a scarce resource, the green paper suggests discussing radio spectrum questions with all interested parties in the light of tese developments in order to guarantee optimal use of spectrum resources. Given the policy objectives of the European Community, the Commission proposes to examine, as a matter of priority, the following questions of Community interest: - guaranteeing availability of radio spectrum for pan-European radiocommunications equipment, services and systems; - maintaining a fair balance between public and economic interests in radio spectrum policy; - reflecting the economic value of radio spectrum as a scarce resource; - guaranteeing legal security with regard to the availability and use of radio spectrum; - guaranteeing open, transparent objective and non-discriminatory procedures to allow the provision, on a competitive basis, of radiocommunications equipment and services; - guaranteeing effective use of radio frequencies; - ensuring that regulation with reagrd to radio spectrum favours competition and technological innovation; - encouraging the development of economies of scale for the introduction of new equipment which matches the needs of users; - ensuring coherence between radio spectrum and standardisation policies. The Commission will present the results of this consultation in a report and will propose all necessary Community measures. Response to the questions raised in this green paper will also allow better preparation of the international negotiations on radiofrequencies at the time of the upcoming World Radiocommunications Conference (WRC).

Telecommunications, broadcasting, transport: radio frequency spectrum (Green Paper)

1998/2236(COS) - 04/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

Without debate, the European Parliament adopted the resolution by Felipe Camison Asensio (PPE,ES) on the Commission Green Paper on Radio Spectrum Policy in the context of European Community policies such as telecommunications, broadcasting, transport and R&D. The report approves the initiative by the Commission of starting a debate on all aspects of radio spectrum policy which are pertinent in the Community and global context. The Parliament considers that a new approach should be initiated, where harmonised policy-making with regard to frequency availability should be the rule so as to allow for systematically pan-European services, while allowing the preservation of legitimate issues of national decison-making where these are justified, in particular for the management and assignment of frequencies. The Parliament also calls for: - a strengthening of procedures to be implemented at EU level to guarantee that the positions of the Community and its Member States are coordinated in all circumstances in the international bodies; - a systematic planning framework for the usage of frequencies to be initiated and implemented at EU-wide scale; - frequency allocations to be subject to harmonised criteria regarding efficient use, and that the use of already allocated frequencies be periodically assessed for all sectors, both commercial and public, so as to avoid their sub-optimal utilisation; - radio spectrum policy and spectrum management to facilitate technological innovation and stimulate competition; - revenues raised through the use of radio spectrum to be dedicated to enhance radio spectrum availability and efficiency. The Parliament confirms its strong support for harmonised European and, whenever possible, international standards developed basing on a wide industry consensus. It insists on the need to ensure that the neighbouring countries of the Union, in particular CEECs and Mediterranean countries are involved at early stages so as to prepare for pan-European harmonised bands. Finally, the Parliament calls for securing the spectrum for research, science and non-profit applications of public interest such as Amateur Radio service.