





Basic information	
<p><b>1999/0199(CNS)</b></p> <p>CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations</p> <p>Amended by <a href="#">2001/0097(CNS)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2003/0306(CNS)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>8.20.04 Pre-accession and partnership</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Cyprus Malta</p>	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b>	Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	BROK Elmar (PPE-DE)	11/01/2000
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>BUDG</b>	Budgets	JENSEN Anne E. (ELDR)	07/12/1999
	<b>ITRE</b>	Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	27/01/2000
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
09/11/1999	Legislative proposal published	COM(1999)0535 	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/12/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/02/2000	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
01/02/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0029/2000</a>	

16/02/2000	Debate in Parliament		
17/02/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0058/2000</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
13/03/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/03/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
16/03/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	1999/0199(CNS)
<b>Procedure type</b>	CNS - Consultation procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Regulation
<b>Amendments and repeals</b>	Amended by <a href="#">2001/0097(CNS)</a> Amended by <a href="#">2003/0306(CNS)</a>
<b>Legal basis</b>	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 170
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	AFET/5/12297

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0029/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 339 29.11.2000, p. 0005</a>	01/02/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0058/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 339 29.11.2000, p. 0162-0232</a>	17/02/2000	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	 <a href="#">COM(1999)0535</a> <a href="#">OJ C 056 29.02.2000, p. 0056 E</a>	09/11/1999	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Follow-up document	 <a href="#">COM(2003)0497</a>	11/08/2003	<a href="#">Summary</a>	
Follow-up document	 <a href="#">SEC(2003)0910</a>	11/08/2003		

Additional information		

Source	Document	Date
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<a href="#">Regulation 2000/0555</a> <a href="#">OJ L 068 16.03.2000, p. 0003</a> <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Summary</a></span>

## Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations

1999/0199(CNS) - 17/02/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament approved the report by Mr. Elmar Brok (EPP/ED, D) on the proposals on the pre-accession strategy for Cyprus and Malta. Among the amendments that were adopted was one stating that the Financial Frame of Reference for the period for the implementation of the regulation (2000-2004) which Council proposes should be EUR 95 million "seems to be inadequate" and should be reviewed. The annual appropriations shall be approved by the relevant budgetary authority within the limits of the Financial Perspective. Other amendments would move the funding covered in this report from Category 4 (external actions) to Category 7 (pre-accession aid) of the Financial Perspective as this would be a financially neutral move. A further amendment would substitute the management committee that is being proposed with a less powerful advisory committee. Finally, the Commission shall submit annually, in good time, the necessary budgetary and financial information to enable the legislature and the budgetary authority to assess and justify the financial intervention of the Community. This is to ensure the smooth attainment of the political aim so that this accession process may prove successful, adequate and transparent.

## Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations

1999/0199(CNS) - 09/11/1999 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to implement operations in the framework of the pre-accession strategy for Cyprus and Malta for the period 2000-2004. CONTENT : as for all the other candidate countries in Central and Eastern Europe, the Commission is forwarding to the Council this proposal for a Regulation on the implementation of operations in the framework of the pre-accession strategy for Cyprus and Malta from the year 2000 (the date on which the last financial protocols expire). The principles of this strategy are the same as those which apply to the Central and Eastern European countries : 1) the establishment of accession partnerships with Cyprus and Malta acting on a proposal from the Commission, with the Council deciding by qualified majority, 2) support for priority operations to prepare for accession partnerships with Cyprus and Malta on the basis of analyses of their economic situations, taking account of the political and economic criteria and the obligations incumbent upon a Member State of the European Union (as defined by the Copenhagen European Council); 3) participation in certain Community programmes and agencies. There are specific objectives which are foreseen for the two islands : technical and financial support for the transposition of the *acquis communautaire* and the reinforcement of the administrative and judicial capacity of these States (training and other services, provision of work) and the financing of the control and evaluation tasks. However, one specific objective is provided for Cyprus, for which it is foreseen to finance operations facilitating the reconciliation of the two Cypriot communities. As in the case of the CEECs, Community funding would cover investment expenses but not the purchase of buildings and other recurring expenses. In any case, the financial contribution of the partners will be sought. The Commission will be responsible for appraising, approving and administering projects according to strict criteria defined in the proposal along the same main lines as for the CEECs (effectiveness and viability of the projects, respect for the environment, etc.,...). The Commission will be assisted in its task by a Committee created by the proposed Regulation. A decentralised procedure for the administration of assistance is provided for by way of a derogation as a function of the capacity of the partners to manage the assistance and to apply the minimal conditions of launching invitations to tender (an Annex sets out these criteria and minimal conditions). Provision is made to regularly evaluate the actions financed by the Community with a view to establishing whether the objectives are reached. Three years after this Regulation enters into force, the Commission will present an evaluation of all the operations financed by the Community under the Regulation to the European Parliament and the Council, and, if appropriate, proposals on how to follow up the initiatives. This Regulation shall replace the financial protocols for Cyprus and Malta from 2000 for a period of 5 years. It should be noted that the financial statement of the proposal provides for a budget of EUR 15 million for 2000 (allocations for subsequent years will be established every year by the budgetary authority in the framework of the budgetary procedure).

## Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations

1999/0199(CNS) - 11/08/2003

PURPOSE : to present the 2002 report from the Commission on Phare and the pre-accession instruments for Cyprus, Malta and Turkey. CONTENT : this annual report aims to assess the progress of Phare in the pre-accession countries. Moreover, for the first time this report also assesses the pre-accession instruments for Cyprus, Malta and Turkey. The Phare Programme is one of three pre-accession instruments financed by the European Communities to assist the applicant countries of central Europe in their preparations for joining the European Union. Originally created to assist Poland and Hungary in 1989, today the Phare Programme encompasses the 10 candidate countries of central and eastern Europe - Bulgaria, the Czech

Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. In addition, the three non-Phare countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, receive pre-accession assistance either directed towards financing activities on priority operations in order to prepare the countries for accession (Cyprus and Malta), or to provide an accession-driven approach to financial assistance (Turkey). Between 2000-2002, Phare provided some EUR 5 billion in co-financing for Institution Building support via Twinning and Technical Assistance, and for Investment Support. The objective is to assist the candidate countries in their efforts to : - strengthen their public administrations and institutions to function effectively inside the Union; - promote convergence with the European Community's extensive legislation; - reduce the need for transition periods; - promote Economic and Social Cohesion. In 2002, total Phare commitments amounted to EUR 1,699 million. Programming was based on the Guidelines for Phare which were further revised in 2002 in order to accompany changes to the Cross Border Co-operation (CBC) Regulation, to accommodate the unique approach required in the area of nuclear safety and to emphasise the transition to Extended Decentralisation Implementation System (EDIS). Concerning Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, pre-accession assistance programmes amounted to a total of EUR 168 million in 2002. As regards Malta and Cyprus, this funding was largely dedicated to Institution Building aimed at preparing the two countries for accession. In the case of Turkey, pre-accession financial assistance had an accession-driven emphasis, as the procedures for programming and implementing the pre-accession financial assistance programme to Turkey now mirror those of Phare. The European Commission has increasingly transferred responsibility for the management and implementation of Phare programmes to the authorities in the candidate countries, to prepare them for the decentralised approach to programme management established under the Structural Funds. 2002 saw an increased emphasis on National Programmes designed to address specific weaknesses identified in the annual Regular Reports. Lastly, a technical document which is presented as an annex to this Report contains sections on the programming and implementation of the Phare Programme in the ten beneficiary countries, and on the pre-accession instruments for Cyprus, Malta and Turkey (EC (2003)910).

## Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations

1999/0199(CNS) - 13/03/2000 - Final act

**PURPOSE** : to set out the implementation of the pre-accession strategy for Malta and Cyprus. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Regulation 555/2000 /EC on the implementation of operations in the framework of the pre-accession strategy for the Republic of Cyprus and the Republic of Malta. **CONTENT** : The Regulation states that the Union's pre-accession strategy for Cyprus and Malta shall be based in particular on: -the establishment of Accession Partnerships with Cyprus and Malta. -support for priority operations to prepare for accession, as defined within the accession partnerships with Cyprus and Malta on the basis of analyses of their economic situations, taking account of the Copenhagen criteria. -participation in certain Community programmes and agencies. Acting on a proposal from the Commission the Council shall decide by qualified majority on the principles, priorities, intermediate objectives and conditions contained in the individual Accession Partnerships to be submitted by Cyprus and Malta, as well as on subsequent significant adjustments to them. The financial reference amount for the implementation of the Regulation shall be EUR 95 million for the period expiring on 31 December 2004. The annual appropriations will be authorised by the budgetary authority within the limits of the financial perspective. Cooperation projects and operations will be in the form of grants and may be financed in the following indicative areas: -technical assistance, training or other services, supplies and works, audits and evaluations. -any operations to contribute to the reconciliation of the two Cypriot communities. Community financing may cover investment, with the exception of the purchase of buildings, and recurring costs including administrative, maintenance and operating costs, taking into account that projects must aim to have recurring costs taken over by beneficiaries. If the commitments contained in the Association Agreements are not respected and/or progress towards the fulfilment of the Copenhagen criteria is insufficient, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, may take appropriate steps with regard to any pre-accession assistance granted to Cyprus or Malta. The Commission will regularly assess operations financed by the Community to establish whether the objectives have been achieved and to provide guidelines for improving the effectiveness of future operations. Assessment reports shall be sent to any Member States requesting them and to the European Parliament. The Commission will submit to Parliament and Council an annual overall assessment of operations financed by the Community under this Regulation, together with suggestions regarding the future of this Regulation and, where necessary, proposals for amendment. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 19.03.2000.