Basic information

2000/2065(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Competition: financial relations between Member States and public undertakings (amend. Directive 80/723/EEC) **Subject** 2.60 Competition	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	RANDZIO-PLATH Christa (PSE)	14/02/2000
	Committee for opinion	**Rapporteur for opinion**	**Appointed**
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/03/1999	Non-legislative basic document published	SEC(1999)0404	Summary
01/03/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/04/2000	Vote in committee		Summary
18/04/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0109/2000	
17/05/2000	Debate in Parliament		
18/05/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0228/2000	Summary
18/05/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/02/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/5/12337

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0109/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0003	18/04/2000	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0228/2000 OJ C 059 23.02.2001, p. 0130-0238	18/05/2000	Summary

European Commission

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Competition: financial relations between Member States and public undertakings (amend. Directive 80/723/EEC)

2000/2065(COS) - 30/03/1999 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to ensure the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings. CONTENT : this draft Commission Directive amends Directive 80/723/EEC on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings as follows: - the title is replaced so that it includes the date of the Commission Directive which is 25 June 1980 and it includes additional information which refers to financial transparency within certain undertakings; - the Member States shall ensure that the financial and organisational structure of any undertaking required to maintain separate accounts is transparent as provided in this Directive. Moreover, as far as transparency is concerned, this Directive shall not apply to undertakings, as regards services the supply of which is not liable to affect trade between Member States to an appreciable extent; to undertakings whose total net turnover is less than EUR 40 million or to undertakings which have been entrusted with the operation of services of general economic interest pursuant to Article 86(2) of the EC Treaty for an appropriate period and following an open, transparent and non-discriminating procedure. Furthermore, with regard to Member States, they shall ensure: - that information concerning the financial relations be kept at the disposal of the Commission for 5 years from the end of the financial year in which the public funds were made available to the public undertakings concerned. However, where the same funds are used during a later financial year from the end of the financial year, the 5 year time-limit shall run from the end of that financial year; - that information concerning the financial and organisational structure of undertakings be kept at the disposal of the Commission for 5 years from the end of the financial year to which the information refers. In conclusion, Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necesssary to comply with this Directive by 31/12/2000 at the latest.

Competition: financial relations between Member States and public undertakings (amend. Directive 80/723/EEC)

2000/2065(COS) - 18/05/2000 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Christa RANDZIO-PLATH (PES, Germany) on the Commission proposal to amend the 1980 directive on the transparency of financial relations between Member States and public undertakings. The Parliament welcomed the prospect of separate accounts and believed that the proposal would help the Commission to ensure that the rules on competition are applied fairly and effectively. It did feel that the Commission's draft did not make it sufficiently clear that it did not question the importance of services of general economic interest.

The draft needed amendment to reflect that it is for the Member States to determine which services are of general economic interest. With regard to public broadcasting, Parliament stated that the new transparency rules should apply where public broadcasters operate outside their public service remit. The scope and content of the public service remit are important issues which have significant cultural and political implications in the Member States and therefore, it should remain a matter for Member States in accordance with the Protocol of the Amesterdam Treaty. The wording of some of the draft directive required expansion and clarification.