Basic information

2001/0804(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France **Subject** 5.20.02 Single currency, euro, euro area 7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.30.10 Action against counterfeiting	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	CEDERSCHIÖLD Charlotte (PPE-DE)	14/09/2000

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	21/03/2001

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2376	2001-10-16
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2350	2001-05-28
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2396	2001-12-06

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/02/2001	Legislative proposal published	05551/2001	Summary
11/04/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
11/04/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0120/2001	
03/05/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0224/2001	Summary
06/07/2001	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	10616/2001	Summary
26/07/2001	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
10/10/2001	Vote in committee		
16/10/2001	Debate in Council		
23/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0527/2001	Summary
06/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0804(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 031 Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/14998 LIBE/5/13605

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0120/2001	11/04/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0224/2001 OJ C 027 31.01.2002, p. 0020-0059 E	03/05/2001	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0527/2001 OJ C 112 09.05.2002, p. 0026-0095 E	23/10/2001	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Document attached to the procedure	14935/2000	22/01/2001	Summary
Legislative proposal	05551/2001 OJ C 075 07.03.2001, p. 0001	02/02/2001	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	10616/2001	06/07/2001	Summary

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2001/0887 OJ L 329 14.12.2001, p. 0001	Summary

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 03/05/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament broadly endorsed the report by Mrs Charlotte CEDERSCHIÖLD (EPP/ED, S) based on the French Initiative to complement existing measures against euro counterfeiting with provisions for ensuring close cooperation between the competent Member States authorities, the European Central Bank, national central banks, Europol and Eurojust.

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 06/12/2001 - Final act

PURPOSE : French Initiative on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/887/JHA on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. CONTENT : This Decision provides that Member States will ensure, in the context of investigations into counterfeiting, that expert analyses of suspect notes are carried out by a National Analysis Centre, and expert analyses of suspect coins are carried out by a Coin National Analysis Centre. The results of the analyses must be sent to Europol. Member States are under an obligation to provide information on offences and investigations relating to the euro. This information must include at least the particulars of the persons involved, the offences, the circumstances under which the offences were discovered, the context of the seizure and links with other cases. The competent authorities will make use of facilities offered by the Provisional Judicial Cooperation Unit and Eurojust. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 14/12/01.

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 02/02/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to present an Initiative by the Government of the French Republic with a view to adopting a Council Decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. CONTENT: Council Regulation 974/98/EC of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro lays down that currency denominated in euro shall start to be put into circulation as from 1 January 2002 and obliges the participating Member States to ensure adequate sanctions against counterfeiting and falsification of euro banknotes and coins. However, the measures to protect the euro put in place by previous instruments should be supplemented and strengthened by provisions ensuring close cooperation between the competent authorities of the Member States, the European Central Bank, the national central banks, Europol and Eurojust to suppress offences involving counterfeiting of the euro. Against this background, this proposal includes provisions relating to expert analysis of notes and coins; forwarding of the results of expert analyses; obligation to communicate information and finally, previous convictions.

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 22/01/2001 - Document attached to the procedure

In this document produced by the French delegation, a explanatory statement is proposed to other Union delegations in order to present the objectives of the draft decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. Amongst the principles highlighted in this document and which guided the

development of the project, one should remember the fact that this proposal will be useful in completing the future Community regulation relating to the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting which aims to ensure a high level of protection for the euro by setting up a unique system of technical analysis which obliges the banking authorities to control the authenticity of notes and by organising the processing of technical and statistical data on counterfeiting. This proposal, which should be adopted in the near future, shall make up the cornerstone of the provision to protect the euro. However, the French delegation believes that it must be completed by a third pillar instrument so that the authorities in charge of technical analysis are equally in charge of these operations in the framework of penal investigations. The proposed text should ensure a coherent and efficient overall measure for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting.

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2001/0804(CNS) - 28/05/2001

The Council agreed on the substance of a draft Decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting and confirmed the agreement of the Permanent Representatives Committee on the reconsultation of the European Parliament. In this context the Council also adopted conclusions on Europol's role in protecting the euro. The Council furthermore agreed that the substance of Article 5 of the current draft Decision, which deals with the recognition of previous convictions, should be taken out of the draft Decision with a view to its adoption as soon as possible in the form of a framework Decision. This instrument is viewed as a more appropriate type of instrument for dealing with issues relating to penal sanctions. To this end, the Presidency announced it would shortly present a draft framework decision containing the substance of Article 5. The draft Decision contains provisions on the analysis of notes and coins and exchange of information regarding the results thereof, as well as information pertaining to investigations into counterfeiting offences relating to the euro. Member States should ensure that information relating to such investigations is communicated to Europol in accordance with the Europol Convention. It is recalled that the draft Decision is linked to the draft Council Regulation laying down measures necessary for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting and the draft Council Regulation extending the effects of this Regulation. The Council (ECOFIN) agreed on a position regarding the two draft Regulations at its meeting on 12 February 2001. The European Parliament delivered its opinion on the two texts on 3 May 2001. It is also recalled that the Council on 29 May 2000 adopted a Framework Decision on increasing protection by criminal penalties and other sanctions against counterfeiting in connection with the introduction of the euro.

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 23/10/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament approved the draft Council Decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting.

Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France

2001/0804(CNS) - 06/07/2001 - Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation

The European Parliament is once again consulted on the draft Decision relating o the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. The draft Decision contains provisions on the analysis of notes and coins and exchange of information regarding the results of thereof, as well as information pertaining to investigations into counterfeiting offences relating to the euro. Member States should ensure that information relating to the investigations is communicated to Europol in accordance with the Europol Convention. It is recalled that the draft Decision is linked to the draft Council Regulation extending the effects on this regulation. It is also recalled that the Ecofin Council agreed on a position regarding the two draft Regulations at its meeting on 12 February 2001. The European Parliament gave its opinion on the two texts on 3 May 2001.