Basic information

2001/0824(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Security in connection with football matches with an international dimension. Initiative Belgium Amended by 2006/0806(CNS) **Subject** 4.10.13 Sport 4.10.25 Social problems: delinquency, violence, crime 7.30.09 Public security	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	DEPREZ Gérard (PPE-DE)	16/10/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	SANDERS-TEN HOLTE Maria Johanna (Marieke) (ELDR)	16/10/2001

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2396	2001-12-06
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2423	2002-04-25

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/08/2001	Legislative proposal published	11316/2001	Summary
19/09/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/11/2001	Initial legislative proposal published	12175/2001	
06/12/2001	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
20/02/2002	Vote in committee		Summary

20/02/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0047/2002	
08/04/2002	Debate in Parliament		
09/04/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0148/2002	Summary
25/04/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/05/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		
29/04/2004	Debate in Council		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0824(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amended by 2006/0806(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2 Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 030-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/15181

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0047/2002	20/02/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0148/2002 OJ C 127 29.05.2003, p. 0028-0124 E	09/04/2002	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Supplementary legislative basic document	11088/2001	19/07/2001	
Legislative proposal	11316/2001 OJ C 258 15.09.2001, p. 0007	29/08/2001	Summary
Initial legislative proposal	12175/2001	15/11/2001	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EU	Implementing legislative act	N5-0002/2003 OJ C 024 31.01.2003, p. 0012	31/01/2003	Summary

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Decision 2002/0348 OJ L 121 08.05.2002, p. 0001-0003 Summary

Security in connection with football matches with an international dimension. Initiative Belgium

2001/0824(CNS) - 29/08/2001 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : Belgian initiative for a Council Decision concerning security at international football matches. CONTENT : With a view to controlling football-related violence, this initiative seeks to ensure that each Member State sets up a national football centre of a police nature. Its primary tasks would be to: - coordinate police information exchange in connection with international football matches. - control information involving personal data on high-risk supporters. Such data will be exchanged in accordance with the domestic and international rules applicable. - make available, on a permanent basis, a risk assessment in respect of its own country's clubs and national team, for the benefit of national football information centres in other Member States. The general information exchanged will comprise: - strategic information, particularly security risks. - operational information providing an accurate picture of proceedings during the event. - tactical information enabling appropriate action to be taken to maintain order. Contacts between police forces in different countries involving a footballing event will be arranged for by national football information centres. There is a provision on the preservation of data confidentiality.

Security in connection with football matches with an international dimension. Initiative Belgium

2001/0824(CNS) - 25/04/2002 - Final act

PURPOSE : to improve security in connection with football matches with an international dimesion. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002 /348/JHA concerning security in connection with football matches with an international dimension. CONTENT : to recall, as a result of various international and European competitions and large numbers of travelling supporters, football is becoming highly international in scale. That international scale makes it necessary to approach security in connection with football matches in a way extending beyond national borders. Football should be regarded not just as a potential source of problems regarding breaches of law and order or security but as an event which, in spite of the possible risk, has to be handled efficiently. In particular for the purpose of preventing and combating football-related violence, it is important to exchange information, so that the competent police authorities and the authorities in the Member States, can make proper preparations and provide an appropriate response. For exchange of information in relation to a football event and with a view to the necessary international police cooperation in connection with football matches with an international dimension, this Decision establishes national football information pints. It stipulates that each Member States shall set up or designate a national football information point of a police nature. The national football information points shall act as the direct, central contact point for exchanging relevant information and for facilitating international police cooperation in connection with football matches with an international dimension. National football information points shall be responsible for coordinating and facilitating police information exchange in connection with football matches with an international dimension. Such information exchange may also involve other law enforcement authorities contributing to security or law and order in accordance with the distribution of powers in the Member State concerned. National football information points shall, in accordance with the domestic and international rules applicable, have access to information involving personal data on high-risk supporters. National football information points shall facilitate, coordinate or organise the implementation of international police cooperation in connection with football matches with an international dimension. In accordance with existing national provisions, in particular the allocation of powers among the different services and authorities in the Member States concerned, national football information points could be responsible for providing assistance to the competent national authorities. For matches with an international dimension, national football information points shall provide, at least at the request of another football information point in a Member State concerned, a risk assessment of their own country's clubs and national team. Before, during and after a football event with an international dimension, national football information points shall engage, at the request of a national football information point concerned or on its own initiative, in mutual exchange of general information and personal data. The general information exchanged in connection with a footballmatch with an international dimension shall comprise strategic, operational and tactical information. Such information shall be defined as follows: - strategic information: information specifying all aspects of the event, with particular reference to security risks

involved in it; - operational information: information providing an accurate picture of proceedings in the course of the event; - tactical information: information enabling those in charge of operations to take appropriate action for the purposes of maintaining order and security in connection with the event. Personal data shall be exchanged in accordance with the domestic and international rules applicable. With regard to the procedure for communication between national football information points, handling of information on football matches with an international dimension shall be coordinated by way of national football information points. They shall ensure that all the police services concerned receive the necessary information in time. After processing, information shall either be used by a national football information point itself or be passed on to the relevant authorities and police forces. The national football information point in the Member State hosting a football event shall communicate, before, during and after the competition or match, with the national police force(s) of the Member States concerned, where appropriate via the liaison officer(s) appointed and supplied by such Member States. Liaison officers may be contacted in the subject areas of law and order and security, football-related violence and ordinary crime, where it is connected with a particular football match or tournament. National football information points shall communicate in such a way as to preserve the confidentiality of data. Provided that personal data are not concerned, reports exchanged shall be kept on record. They may be consulted subsequently by other interested national information points, on condition that the national football information point from which the information originates is offered the possibility in advance of taking a position on the delivery. In addition, national football information points shall each communicate in their own language, with a translation in a working language common to both sides, save as otherwise arranged between the parties concerned. Lastly, concerning the evaluation of this Decision, it is stated that the Council shall evaluate the implementation of this Decision within two years of its adoption. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 09/05/02.

Security in connection with football matches with an international dimension. Initiative Belgium

2001/0824(CNS) - 09/04/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by its rapporteur Gerard DEPREZ (EPP-ED, Belgium) on security at international football matches. (Please refer to the document dated 20/02/02.) Parliament inserted a clause stating that, if an individual is arrested for an alleged offence, he shall be informed in a language that he understands and shall have access to an interpreter during court proceedings. He is also entitled to receive translations of documents relating to court proceedings.

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2001/0824(CNS) - 31/01/2003 - Implementing legislative act

COMMUNITY MEASURE : Football information points in the EU Member States CONTENT : in accordance with Council Decision 2002/348.JHA of 25 April 2002 concerning security on connection with football matches with an internal dimension, a list of information points in the member States has been published (OJ. 24/2003). This list includes for each Member States, the name and addresses for all the football information points in the Member States in order to enable them to carry out the tasks provided by Council Decision 2002/348/JHA.

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2001/0824(CNS) - 06/12/2001

The Council adopted a Resolution concerning a handbook with recommendations for international police cooperation and measures to prevent and control violence and disturbances in connection with football matches with an international dimension, in which at least one Member State is involved.