Basic information

2001/2047(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Immigration: Community policy **Subject** 7.10.08 Migration policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	PIRKER Hubert (PPE-DE)	16/01/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	MARSET CAMPOS Pedro (GUE/NGL)	20/03/2001
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel (PSE)	21/03/2001
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	LAMBERT Jean (V/ALE)	18/01/2001
PETI Petitions	KESSLER Margot (PSE)	06/03/2001

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
22/11/2000	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2000)0757	Summary

15/03/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/09/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
12/09/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0305/2001	
02/10/2001	Debate in Parliament		
03/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0495/2001	Summary
03/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/04/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	LIBE/5/14100

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0305/2001	12/09/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0495/2001 OJ C 087 11.04.2002, p. 0059-0130 E	03/10/2001	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	SEC(2000)0876	23/05/2000	
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2000)0757	22/11/2000	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2001)0387	11/07/2001	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0938/2001 OJ C 260 17.09.2001, p. 0104	12/07/2001	
		CDR0090/2001		

CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	OJ C 019 22.01.2002, p. 0020	20/09/2001	

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2001/2047(COS) - 03/10/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 378 votes in favour, 134 against and 37 abstentions, the resolution by Mr Hubert PIRKER (EPP-ED, A) on a Community immigration policy. (Please refer to the previous text).

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2001/2047(COS) - 22/11/2000 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to present a Communication from the Commission on a Community Immigration Policy. CONTENT: The Treaty of Amsterdam establishes for the first time Community competence for immigration and asylum. However, in view of the complex nature of immigration policy and its impact over a wide range of areas, social, economic, legal and cultural, the Commission believes that we cannot rely simply on a piecemeal approach to the legislative programme foreseen in Article 63 of the EC Treaty. This view has been supported by the European Parliament which has called on the Commission to set these measures into an overall framework. The Commission believes that channels for legal immigration to the EU should be made available to labour migrants. However, in view of the strongly divergent views of the Member States on the admission and integration of third country nationals, the Commission feels that it is essential to discuss these issues openly and try to reach a consensus on the objectives of the policy to be followed. Against this background, the purpose of this Communication is to stimulate this debate. The main provisions of the Communication include the following: - the necessity of a Community framework to co-ordinate and ensure the transparency of actions which are currently carried out by the Member States; - this framework would facilitate the formulation of commonly agreed objectives of legal immigration which could underpin the detailed legislative proposals concerning migrants which the Council called for in Tampere in October 1999; - this refers not only to the conditions for the admission and residence of third country nationals for employment and other reasons, but also standards and procedures for the issue of long-term visas and residence permits, the definition of a set of uniform rights for third country nationals and the criteria and conditions under which third country nationals might be allowed to settle and work in any Member State together with the Charter of Fundamental Rights; - the procedure put in place for the monitoring of migration flows will provide a framework for consultation between the Member States on migration issues, for the co-ordination of policy, for setting common objectives and for developing accompanying measures with respect to the integration of migrants. In conclusion, given the complex nature of the issues involved and the need to ensure the participation of a wide range of actors in the implementation of such a policy, the Commission proposes this Communication be debated by the relevant actors, that is to say EU institutions and other social and governmental actors). It is proposed that the results of this debate be discussed at a conference to be held under the Belgian Presidency in the second half of 2001 and that the conclusions of this conference be presented for discussion to the Council at its meeting in Brussels at the end of 2001 which will also be considering a mid-term review of the implementation of the Tampere programme.

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2001/2047(COS) - 11/07/2001

PURPOSE : to propose an open method to the Member States for eventually devising a common immigration policy. CONTENT : the European Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Directive on conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of paid employment and self-employed economic activity (please refer to procedure reference CNS/2001/0154). This is a fundamental legal and administrative tool for improving the management of migration flows, since it determines, for the first time, common criteria in all the Member States, a single procedure, which has been simplified and made transparent through the introduction of a single document (stay and work), while establishing the rights of third-country nationals. At the same time, the Commission is proposing a mechanism for open cooperation which will introduce a method for monitoring the development of national immigration policies. The Commission is convinced that the legal instruments already proposed, or about to be proposed, and for whose application the Member States remain responsible, will not be able to deliver their full Community value added, if the Member States do not use them to align national immigration policies more closely on the basis of common principles. The Commission had previously declared that zero immigration is quite simply an illusion and that the ex-post regularisation of illegal immigrants is inconsistent. Clear rules are needed, with criteria and a common framework, which will enable each Member State to manage migration flows at national level in accordance with the subsidiarity principle. In its communication of 22 November 2000, the Commission invited the Member States to link immigration policy to all the other policies directly or indirectly associated with economic and social development (training, integrating young people and women into the labour market, combating unemployment, etc.) and to situate that policy in an overall approach to relations with third countries. It is in this context that the Commission is proposing, in today's communication, to coordinate efforts in an open manner, through an operational instrument for checking the mutual consistency of Member States' policies, which must be constructed around common criteria. Accordingly, it is drawing up an initial series of guidelines concerning the management of migration flows, including measures to combat illegal immigration, the admission of economic migrants, partnership with third countries, and integration. The Commission wants an initial inventory of the work and discussions in progress to be drawn up for the inter-institutional conference which is to be organised by the Belgian presidency on 16 and 17 October next, with an eye to the political conclusions to be drawn by the European Council at Laeken.