Basic information

2001/2137(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
The European citizen's right to petition: strengthening this right and Treaty revision **Subject** 1.20.03 Right of petition	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PETI Petitions	GEMELLI Vitaliano (PPE-DE)	10/07/2001

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
25/10/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
22/11/2001	Vote in committee		
22/11/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0429/2001	
11/12/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0661/2001	Summary
11/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/07/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/2137(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PETI/5/15248

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary

Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0429/2001	22/11/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0661/2001 OJ C 177 25.07.2002, p. 0032-0060 E	11/12/2001	Summary

The European citizen's right to petition: strengthening this right and Treaty revision

2001/2137(INI) - 11/12/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament, using its procedure without debate, adopted the report drafted by Vitaliano GEMELLI (EPP/ED, Italy) on the right of petition. In cases where the Committee on Petitions notes that a fundamental right recognised under the Treaty or secondary legislation has been infringed or is being recognised, directly applicable legal instruments to redress the situation are not available. Parliament is seeking the introduction of such instruments. Many petitions reveal cases of serious infringement by national authorities of European legislation, such as environmental or consumer protection legislation or legislation for the protection of flora and fauna. Parliament called for a further provision to be added to Article 194 of the Treaty, to the effect that Parliament, the Council and the Commission may, under codecision procedure, and in accordance with a request from Parliament endorsed by the Commission, formulate a new wording for the Treaty provision in question. The Commission is asked for measures to facilitate a rapid response in cases where the parliamentary committee responsible, together with the Commission, establishes that a serious violation of Community environmental or consumer legislation or legislation protecting flora and fauna has occurred.