Basic information

2001/2180(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	MÉNDEZ DE VIGO Íñigo (PPE-DE) LEINEN Jo (PSE)	11/07/2001 11/07/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	HUHNE Christopher (ELDR)	28/05/2001
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	DE CLERCQ Willy C.E.H. (ELDR)	21/03/2001

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2372	2001-10-08
General Affairs	2386	2001-11-19

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/10/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/10/2001	Debate in Council		
22/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
22/10/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0368/2001	
19/11/2001	Debate in Council		Summary
28/11/2001	Debate in Parliament		
29/11/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0641/2001	Summary

29/11/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/06/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/2180(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/5/15217

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0368/2001	22/10/2001	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0641/2001 OJ C 153 27.06.2002, p. 0039-0310 E	29/11/2001	Summary

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2001/2180(INI) - 29/11/2001 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the own-initiative report by Jo LEINEN (PES, D) and Iñigo MÉNDEZ DE VIGO (EPP-ED, E) on the Laeken European Council and the future of the Union. The nature of the Convention, which will do the groundwork for the next reform of the Treaties, form the basis of a resolution on the Laeken European Council and the future of the Union adopted by 398 votes to 77 with 19 abstentions. The main issues are the composition of the Convention, who should chair it and what its mandate should cover. MEPs believe the composition of the Convention should reflect the full range of European political opinion, as in the case of the Convention that drafted the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The different components should be represented in the same proportions as in the first Convention. The applicant countries should take part as permanent observers, as should the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee (two observers each) and the Court of Justice. (Please refer to the previous text for an in-depth analysis of the main issues).

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2001/2180(INI) - 19/11/2001

The Council, on the basis of a new contribution by the presidency, continued its discussions concerning preparation for the Laeken Declaration on the future of the Union . Following the discussion, the President noted that the general structure of the Declaration put forward by the presidency in three parts – political analysis of the state of the Union and citizens' expectations; reminder of the content of the Nice Declaration, taking the Nice terms as a starting point; decision convening a Convention – was welcomed. With regard to the subjects for the Convention, the draft text should be as developed as possible so that delegations could prepare for Laeken in full knowledge of the facts. These subjects would be presented in the form of questions. Furthermore, certain additional points of reference were adopted, namely: - the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality; - the legitimacy of the European Parliament, the link between the European Parliament and national parliaments and the increased role of national parliaments; - not questioning the Community acquis; - the Union's enhanced external dimension; - the effectiveness of the Union's decision-making process.