Basic information

2001/2217(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Higher education: cooperation with third countries **Subject** 4.40.04 Universities, higher education 4.40.20 Cooperation and agreements in the fields of education, training and youth	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport	DE SARNEZ Marielle (PPE-DE)	18/09/2001

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	MUSCARDINI Cristiana (UEN)	16/10/2001
BUDG Budgets		
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2391	2001-11-29

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Education, Youth, Sport and Culture	

Key events

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18/07/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2001)0385	Summary
12/11/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

29/11/2001	Debate in Council		
19/02/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
19/02/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0035/2002	
11/04/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0183/2002	Summary
11/04/2002	Debate in Parliament		
11/04/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Higher education: cooperation with third countries

2001/2217(COS) - 18/07/2001 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : Communication on strengthening cooperation with third countries in the area of higher education. CONTENT : In developing its higher education systems the Community must seek to prepare its citizens and its workforce for a global environment by including the international dimension. In addition, there is an increasing demand for international education and student mobility. Community programmes in education, and particularly ERASMUS, have had a substantial impact in boosting the capacity for international cooperation among European universities. A further effort is required at Community level, to encourage institutions systematically to integrate new co-operation with third countries into a wider partnership framework. Two immediate objectives are identified: - develop high quality human resources in partner countries and within the EC, through reciprocal human resource development; - promote the EC as a worldwide centre of excellence for study/training as well as for scientific and technological research. The Community will take the following measures: - use the experience gained in the intra-Community programmes in its relations with third countries. ERASMUS, in particular, has attracted interest and requests to participate from around the world. - provide for diversity in the arrangements

with each country and each region. Cooperation will focus on multilateral networks and partnerships involving countries that have achieved a level of development in higher education comparable to that of European institutions. The Commission will encourage the use of accreditation systems, in particular the European Credit Transfer System. It will also extend the network of EU Studies Centres and Jean Monnet Chairs around the world, so as to provide a full service to interested academics. A pilot programme for Latin America will be instituted. This will establish a postgraduate scholarship travel and study programme to allow future decision-makers in Latin America develop closer ties with Europe and foster further links between the two regions. The strategy proposed in this Communication will, whenever possible, be funded within existing programmes and within existing budget allocations. The Commission aims to review the process and possibly make further proposals in 2003.

Higher education: cooperation with third countries

2001/2217(COS) - 11/04/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on drafted by Marielle DE SARNEZ (EPP-ED, F) on cooperation with third countries in the field of higher education. (Please refer to the document dated 19/02/02). Parliament felt that the Communication did not provide an adequate analysis of the situation. The goals set and the measures envisaged must be further specified and substantiated. The Commission and the Member States in conjunction with UNESCO and the OECD, should seek to bring the basic definitions and the principal indicators in the higher education sector closer together in order to pursue their cooperation in the filed of gathering data concerning international mobility in that sector. On the promotion of higher education, Parliament considered that until higher education and university courses and university degrees are automatically recognised, there will be no genuine free movement for students and graduates within the EU.