Basic information

2001/2279(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	Procedure completed
Citizenship of the Union. 3rd report **Subject** 1 European citizenship 1.10 Fundamental rights in the EU, Charter	

Key players

European Parliament

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

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	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	DUHAMEL Olivier (PSE)	12/11/2001
FEMM Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities	TORRES MARQUES Helena (PSE)	21/11/2001
PETI Petitions	GEMELLI Vitaliano (PPE-DE)	11/10/2001

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Justice and Consumers	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

07/09/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2001)0506	Summary
13/12/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/06/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
18/06/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0241/2002	
04/09/2002	Debate in Parliament		
05/09/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0402/2002	Summary
05/09/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/2279(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/15577

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		B5-0115/2002	14/05/2002	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0241/2002	18/06/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0402/2002 OJ C 272 13.11.2003, p. 0409-0446 E	05/09/2002	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0121/2002	21/11/2002	

Citizenship of the Union. 3rd report

2001/2279(COS) - 07/09/2001 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : Third Commission report on Citizenship of the Union. CONTENT : The report focuses on the rights provided for in the second part of the EC Treaty. It includes advances in areas closely related to citizenship in the wider sense, such as the protection of fundamental rights, including measures to combat all forms of illegal discrimination. Two texts deserve special mention: 1) The proposed directive on the right of citizens of the Union to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States. This is a product of the legal and political environment created by the introduction of citizenship of the Union. The principal aim is to replace the various pieces of legislation existing in this area by a single legislative instrument, to relax and simplify the conditions and formalities attached to it, and to clarify restrictions based on public policy, public security and public health. The most important change is that after four years of uninterrupted residence individuals will acquire a permanent right of residence in the host Member State. Once acquired, this right is no longer subject to any conditions. 2) The Charter of Fundamental Rights. The Charter was proclaimed by the three institutions at Nice. It was not incorporated into the Treaties, but its legal status will have to be examined after the public debate to launched in preparation for the IGC in 2004. Chapter V of the Charter, on citizen's rights, lists the rights that feature in the second part of the EC Treaty. The right to good administration is an innovation introduced by the Charter, drawing on the principles laid down by the Court of Justice. the Commission also deals with the following in this report: -the right to vote and stand as a candidate at elections to the European Parliament and at municipal elections. - the right to diplomatic and consular protection. - the right to petition the European Parliament and right of access to the Ombudsman. - measures to combat racism. - measures to combat discrimination. - public information.

Citizenship of the Union. 3rd report

2001/2279(COS) - 05/09/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Mr Carlos COELHO (EPP-ED, P) on the third Commission report on citizenship of the Union by 342 votes to 55 with 11 abstentions. (Please refer to the summary dated 18/06/02). In addition, the European Parliament calls on the Member States to remedy the many legislative discrepancies which continue to exist and which represent an obstacle to the full expression of European citizenship in the area of the status of the individuals (conditions for obtaining residence permits, implementation of the right to family reunion), justice (minimal procedural standards) and conditions of movement and residence for migrant workers (social security system, transfer of pension rights). Lastly, the Parliament calls on the Member States and their competent authorities to use educational programmes in order to encourage a better knowledge of Europe, particularly in the form of history and language teaching. It also calls for a Mobility Action Plan (MAP) to be adopted as a matter of urgency, in order to faciliatate and increase movement of students, volunteers, teachers and trainers.