

Basic information	
<b>2002/0801(CNS)</b> CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Security: European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative Spain  Amended by <a href="#">2009/0801(CNS)</a>  <b>Subject</b>  7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.20 Action to combat terrorism	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>LIBE</b>	Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	STOCKTON The Earl Of (PPE-DE)	19/03/2002
	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>JURI</b>	Legal Affairs and Internal Market	CROWLEY Brian (UEN)	07/01/2002
Council of the European Union	<b>Council configuration</b>		<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2469	2002-11-28

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/01/2002	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">05361/2002</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
07/02/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/05/2002	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
14/05/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0167/2002</a>	
29/05/2002	Debate in Parliament		
30/05/2002	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0267/2002</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
28/11/2002	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
28/11/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/12/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2002/0801(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amended by <a href="#">2009/0801(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 029
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/15896

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0167/2002</a>	14/05/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0267/2002</a> OJ C 187 07.08.2003, p. 0022-0140 E	30/05/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>Council of the EU</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">05361/2002</a> OJ C 042 15.02.2002, p. 0014-0014	29/01/2002	<a href="#">Summary</a>	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>	

Final act	
<a href="#">Decision 2002/0956</a> <a href="#">OJ L 333 10.12.2002, p. 0001-0002</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>

**Security: European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative Spain**

2002/0801(CNS) - 28/11/2002 - Final act

**PURPOSE:** to set up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision 2002/956/JHA. **CONTENT :** A European network for the protection of public figures is created ("the Network"). It consists of the national police services and other services responsible for the protection of public figures. Each Member State will designate a single contact point. "Public figure" is defined as any person to whom a protection service is assigned in accordance with the national legislation of a Member State or pursuant to the regulations of an international organisation. The Network has the following objectives: -promoting the exchange of information between the departments participating in the Network; - promoting the development of a set of common best practices as regards operational activities undertaken by the departments participating in the Network; -promoting the mutual secondment of officials of the departments participating in the Network; -allowing the departments participating in the Networks to exchange information, communicate and develop common views on a variety of matters prescribed in the Decision; -favouring the exchange of operational information concerning the application of security in cases involving two or more states. Lastly, the Network shall submit an annual report to the Council on the development of its activities. The Council will evaluate the activities of the network every three years. This Decision shall take effect on 29 November 2002.

## **Security: European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative Spain**

2002/0801(CNS) - 30/05/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution by Lord STOCKTON (EPP-ED, UK) and approved the Spanish initiative on the protection of public figures, with some amendments. (Please refer to the document dated 14/05/02.) Parliament stated that, without adding to the existing structures for cooperation between national intelligence, security and police services, a European network for the protection of public figures could facilitate the exchange of officials, information and experience. Such cooperation should be subject to adequate political and judicial control in the Member States.

## **Security: European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative Spain**

2002/0801(CNS) - 29/01/2002 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE :** to establish a European network for the protection of public figures based on an initiative from the Spanish Presidency. **CONTENT :** the process of regionalisation and globalisation taking place in our societies leads, in all fields, to an increasing number of transnational activities being carried out, giving rise to a considerable increase in travel within the European Union by certain persons from the Member States and third States who, because they are regarded as public figures, are subject to official protection. Travel by public figures gives rise to the organisation of static and dynamic protective measures, based on a reasonable, serious assessment of the risks or dangers which may affect them, including activities by terrorists and organised criminal groups. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures will have the following objectives: - promoting close cooperation and collaboration between the appropriate departments of the Member States with responsibility for the protection of public figures; - exchanging information, officials and experience concerned with the protection of public figures; - setting up a database on assaults and attacks on public figures, case studies, methods used, etc; - establishing conditions for the issue, by the European Police College, of a common authorisation for officials with responsibility for the protection of public figures; - approximately the existing rules and regulations in each Member State. The functions to be carried out by the European Network for the Protection of Public figures will include the following: - defining the national permanent contact points and the exchanges of information, offices and experience; - simplifying procedures by drawing up a standard form in all Member States; - determining the maximum number of armed officials according to the public figure involved and the resources to be deployed; - outlining the conditions for provision of service by officials with responsibility for the protection of a public figure of one Member State when they are in or enter another Member State; - studying common methods of action to prevent assault and attacks; - adopting joint protocols on the priority granted to the protected public figure during the movement of delegations; - collaborating with the other police forces and other departments; - establishing common rules to be observed in connection with accreditation and media access to public figures. As regards the design, objectives and functions of the Network, and so as not to add to the existing police cooperation structures, the organisation and execution of its activities will be carried out by a Management Centre, to be located in the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council of the Union and headed by a senior official from the appropriate national department of the Member State holding the Presidency. The Network will be assisted by the Secretariat and the Legal Service of the Council and will have a computer system facilitating the setting-up of the databases, exchanges of information and requests for assistance between the Member States. The SIRENE bureaux may be considered for this purpose.