Basic information

2002/2074(COS) COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) Sustainable development: towards a global partnership **Subject** 5.05 Economic growth	Procedure completed

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development and Cooperation	LANNOYE Paul A.A.J.G. (V/ALE)	17/04/2002

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	LUCAS Caroline (V/ALE)	27/03/2002
ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2416	2002-03-11

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Secretariat-General	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/02/2002	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2002)0082	Summary
11/03/2002	Debate in Council		
11/04/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/04/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
18/04/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0142/2002	
16/05/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0251/2002	Summary
16/05/2002	Debate in Parliament		
16/05/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
31/07/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	DEVE/5/16125

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0142/2002	18/04/2002	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0251/2002 OJ C 180 31.07.2003, p. 0405-0517 E	16/05/2002	Summary

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Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2002)0082	13/02/2002	Summary
Non-legislative basic document	COM(2005)0037	09/02/2005	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0692/2002 OJ C 221 17.09.2002, p. 0087	29/05/2002	

Sustainable development: towards a global partnership

2002/2074(COS) - 13/02/2002 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE: to present an EU initiative in the field of sustainable development within a global context. CONTENT: the Goteborg European Council requested the Commission to consider the Union's contribution to global sustainable development and identify strategic components for a "Global Deal" at the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. Despite a number of initiatives in sustainable development since the 1992 Rio Conference, overall progress in this field remains slow. Whilst many developing countries have improved on their export and production capacity inequality between and within countries is on the increase. For example, in 1960, the income of the richest fifth of the world's population was 30 times larger than that of the poorest fifth: today it is 90 times higher. In addition to these figures, many natural resources, such as water, land and soil, biodiversity, forests and fish stock are being exploited at or beyond their limits, causing serious damage to the environment. In view of the above, the Paper suggests that to make globalisation more sustainable there is a need for a better balance between global market forces on the one hand and global governance on the other. Certainly, enhancing good governance throughout the developing and the developed world and at a global level appears to be an urgent priority. The Communication sets out what the EU contribution could be towards sustainable development, not just internally, but within the external field as well. It does so by considering the following points: 1) The need to address the phenomenon of globalisation. This to be achieved by prioritising the following actions: - Ensure that developing countries are integrated into the world economy; - Provide incentives for environmentally and socially sustainable production and trade; - Strengthen the international financial and monetary architecture through the promotion of better and more transparent forms of financial market regulation. 2) Fighting poverty and promoting social development. Under this heading the Communication proposes prioritising the following objectives: - Enhancing the quantity, quality, impact and sustainability of development co-operation through actions such as raising the level of investment in health in conjunction with other donor organisations. 3) The sustainable development of natural resources. Priority objectives listed here seek: - To arrest the loss of environmental resources by 2015; - To develop sectoral and intermediate objectives in sectors such as water, land and soil, energy and biodiversity. It proposes doing so through actions which include, for example, the launching in Johannesburg of an integrated river basin management initiative. 4) Improving the coherence of EU policies. Within this context the Commission proposes the following priority objectives: - Ensure that sustainable development is taken into account when preparing major policy proposals; - Adoption of policies such as energy and transport to take account of sustainable development within the global context. Action in this field would include, inter alia, a strengtheningof internal co-operation and co-ordination. 5) Better governance at all levels. Under this heading the Communication proposes that good governance at all levels should be maintained with external countries. This would be achieved through actions such as increased support for institution building and the fostering of civil society. 6) Financing sustainable development. Priority should be given to: - Reaching the UN target of 0.7% of GNI in Official Development Assistance; - Ensuring that the debt burden on developing countries is reduced in a consistent and effective manner; - Identifying effective means of delivering global public goods; and lastly - Stimulating a further increase in foreign private investment in developing countries. Concretely, this could be done through actions such as urging developed countries to make 0.7% of GNP as ODA.

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2002/2074(COS) - 09/02/2005

PURPOSE : to present the Commission communication on the 2005 Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy: Initial Stocktaking and Future Orientations.

CONTENT : in 2000, the EU engaged itself in a compelling agenda for change, to ensure that we start to face up to unsustainable economic, social and environmental trends. In 2000 the Lisbon Strategy set out an ambitious agenda of economic and social reforms to create a highly dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy. In 2001 a broad Strategy for Sustainable Development was launched by the European Council in Gothenburg and in 2002 its external dimension was defined in Barcelona, ahead of the UN's World Summit on Sustainable Development in the summer of 2002. Each of these steps has been accompanied by important decisions and action to fulfil the commitments made. However, despite all this not enough progress has been seen; unsustainable trends have yet to start to reverse and the international stakes remain high.

The combination of the start of a new Commission and the arrival of a new European Parliament provides the right moment to take stock of progress and to push to accelerate the pace of change.

The first steps have been made. The Commission in proposing the Strategic Objectives for the Union over the next five years has reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development. It has just proposed in the mid-term review of the Lisbon Strategy to make a renewed Lisbon agenda our strategy for growth and jobs; allowing us to use the motor of a more dynamic economy to fuel our wider social and

environmental ambition. As the Commission affirmed in the mid-term review: "Both Lisbon and the Sustainable Development Strategy contribute to ensuring this goal. Being mutually reinforcing, they target complementary actions, use a range of instruments and produce their results in different time frames."

Moreover, the review of the Lisbon strategy is accompanied by the launch of an updated EU Social Agenda; an agenda mapping out the policies that can help to ensure a more cohesive continent and the further development of our social model in response to unsustainable trends.

This Communication represents the Commission's first step in reviewing the Sustainable Development Strategy in 2005. This report provides an initial assessment of the progress made since 2001 and outlines a number of future orientations, which can guide the review of the Sustainable Development Strategy which will be presented in a separate Communication to the European Parliament

and Council later this year.

The communication makes clear that the revised Sustainable Development Strategy will need to adopt a broader approach highlighting the structural changes in the economy needed to move towards more sustainable production and consumption patterns and covering unsustainable trends. With a further strengthening of the new approach to policymaking, the revised Strategy will reaffirm its three dimensional approach and also ensure the full integration and reinforcement of the external aspects of sustainable development. It will furthermore confirm the commitment made in the proposal on the

financial perspectives 2007-2013 that sustainable development will be a guiding principle for EU policies.

Lastly, the Commission invites the European Council, the Council, the European Parliament, Member States, regional authorities and all parts of civil society to comment on the proposed orientations for the strategy. An initial opportunity for discussion will be the holding of the stakeholder forum organised by the European Economic and Social Committee on 14 and 15 April 2005. The Commission will then

present a proposal for a revised sustainable development strategy for the Union later this year.

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2002/2074(COS) - 16/05/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament has adopted the report by Mr Paul Lannoye (Verts/ALE, B) by a majority of 316 votes to 5, with 8 abstentions, in the form in which it was adopted by the lead committee (see previous summary).