Basic information

2002/2131(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Evaluation activities by the Commission **Subject** 8.70.03 Budgetary control and discharge, implementation of the budget	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CONT Budgetary Control	HEATON-HARRIS Christopher (PPE-DE)	23/05/2002

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/07/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/09/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
09/09/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0284/2002	
10/10/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0457/2002	Summary
10/10/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/11/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2002/2131(INI)
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Procedure subtype	Initiative
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Committee dossier	CONT/5/16345

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A5-0284/2002	09/09/2002	

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Evaluation activities by the Commission

2002/2131(INI) - 10/10/2002 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on its own-initiative report drafted by Christopher HEATON-HARRIS (EPP-ED, United Kingdom) on the Commission's evaluation activities. (Please refer to the document dated 09/09/02.) Parliament made some additional remarks on recurrent findings. Different evaluators in different policy areas have been repeating similar types of criticisms for several years, such as a heavy administrative burden on beneficiaries, complexity of procedures, lack of clear strategy and clear objectives, lack of coherence between interventions and lack of efficiency. The Commission is asked to analyse further the background to these recurrent criticisms and to put its conclusions in the next evaluation review. A useful evaluation system is one that is able to react rapidly, and the Commission should also consider whether its own abilities in this regard should be improved. Finally, Parliament pointed out that the special report of the Court of Auditors, whilst focusing on an audit-based assessment of programmes, often levels criticism of operational effectiveness as well as budget management. This can be taken into account in evaluation reviews. The two processes should work together in a complementary fashion.