Basic information

2003/0110(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Relations EU/non-industrialised regions: grants to specialised bodies, action programme 2004-2006 **Subject** 6.40.12 Relations with developing countries in general 8.70.02 Financial regulations	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	SACRÉDEUS Lennart (PPE-DE)	08/07/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets (Associated committee)	DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara (PSE)	10/07/2003
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		
DEVE Development and Cooperation		

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Environment	2556	2003-12-22

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary

27/05/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0280	Summary
27/05/2003	Additional information		Summary
01/09/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/11/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
04/11/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0384/2003	
20/11/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0513/2003	Summary
20/11/2003	Debate in Parliament		
22/12/2003	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/12/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/12/2003	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0110(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 57_o
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/19677

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0384/2003	04/11/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0513/2003 OJ C 087 07.04.2004, p. 0408-0480 E	20/11/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0280	27/05/2003	Summary

Additional information

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Decision 2003/0911 OJ L 342 30.12.2003, p. 0053-0057	Summary

Relations EU/non-industrialised regions: grants to specialised bodies, action programme 2004-2006

2003/0110(CNS) - 22/12/2003 - Final act

PURPOSE : to establish a basic instrument for awarding, operating grants to bodies active in promoting reciprocal understanding of relations between the EU and certain non-industrialised regions in the world, for a period of three years (2004-2006).

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2003/911/EC establishing a Community action programme for bodies promoting reciprocal understanding of relations between the European Union and certain regions in the world

CONTENT : this Decision establishes a Community action programme for the promotion of centres, institutes and networks specialising in the analysis of relations between the European Union and certain regions. The general objective of this programme is to increase understanding and dialogue between the EU and the regions covered by the ALA, MEDA, TACIS and CARDS Regulations and the candidate countries through support to the activities of certain bodies. These activities will consist of the annual work programme of a centre, institute or network and will be in keeping with those described in the Annex to the Decision.

Activities: The activities of bodies that may help to reinforce and increase the effectiveness of Community action will include the following: study and analysis of the policies of the European Union and of the region targeted by the call for proposal; production of discussion documents; round tables; thematic seminars; various publications.

Access to the programme: To qualify for a grant, an applicant body must meet certain requirements, inter alia, it must be an independent and non-profit making legal entity active chiefly in promoting understanding of relations between the EU and the regions concerned with an objective that serves the public good.

Participation: Participation in the programme will be open to bodies, institutes and networks established in: the Member States; countries whose accession to the European Union in 2004 was approved at the 2002 Copenhagen Summit; Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey; countries or regions covered by the ALA, MEDA, TACIS or CARDS Regulations.

Selection of beneficiaries: The grant beneficiaries must be selected by means of a call for proposals.

Award of the grant: The amount of an operating grant awarded may not exceed 70 % of the organisation's eligible expenditure for the calendar year for which the grant is awarded. Where such operating grants are renewed, they must be gradually decreased. If a grant is awarded to a body which received an operating grant the preceding year, the percentage of Community cofinancing represented by the new grant must be at least 10% lower than the preceding year.

Financial reference amount: The financial reference amount for the implementation of the programme, which starts on 1 January 2004 and ends on 31 December 2006, is EUR 4.1 million.

Monitoring and evaluation: By 31 December 2005 the Commission must report to the Council on the achievement of the objectives of the programme. The report will be based on the results obtained by the beneficiaries and must assess, in particular, their relevance, effectiveness and usefulness in achieving the objectives of the programme.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 31/12/2003.

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2003/0110(CNS) - 20/11/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Lennart SACREDEUS (EPP-ED, S) and made some amendments to the proposal. (Please see the document dated 04/11/03.) Parliament added that in order to award the grants, the Commission must publish calls for proposals. However, the

Commission might award these grants without publication of a call for proposals when the budget heading names a beneficiary explicitly. The same applies when the budget identifies beneficiaries and the amounts allocated to each of them, if the total amount of the budget line concerned is entirely pre-assigned by the budgetary authority.

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2003/0110(CNS) - 27/05/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to establish a basic instrument for awarding, operating grants to bodies active in promoting reciprocal understanding of relations between the EU and certain non-industrialised regions in the world, for a period of three years (2004-2006). CONTENT : the Community implements a policy of financial, economic and technical cooperation with various parts of the world. Several institutions have for a number of years been receiving operating grants under chapter A 30 of the general budget of the European Communities. The adoption of Council Regulation 1605/2002/EC on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities and the Commission decision to move to Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) both involve establishing basic instruments for a number of grants. Accordingly, the objective of this proposal is to establish a basic instrument for awarding grants to the above-mentioned organisations. The activities to be financed under this basic instrument are those that increase understanding and dialogue concerning relations between the European Union and the regions concerned, via inter alia: -study and analysis of the policies of the EU and the region concerned, -the production of discussion documents, -the organisation of round tables and/or thematic seminars, - various publications. The grant beneficiaries must be selected by means of a call for proposals. Until now the Budget Authority has asked for the recipients of such grants to be named in the titles of the budget headings. For recipients to be named in the basic instrument, the qualifications of the body must make it the only possible choice but, given the type of recipients awarded grants until now, the conditions are not being met. The amounts provided for are based on the amount granted under the 2003 budget of the European Communities for lines A-3031, A-3033, A-3034 and A-3039. It is proposed to maintain the same amount of EUR 1 353 000 per year. With regard to the legal base, the operations covered by this Decision are not cooperation measures falling directly under the policies of development cooperation or cooperation with other third countries and yet are necessary to achieve one of the Community's objectives. For the adoption of this Decision, therefore, the Treaty does not provide powers of action other than those laid down in Article 308 EC.