Basic information

2003/0129(AVC) AVC - Assent procedure (historic) Regulation	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Cohesion Fund **Subject** 4.70.02 Cohesion policy, Cohesion Fund (CF)	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	GARGANI Giuseppe (PPE-DE)	07/07/2003

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
RETT Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Legal Service	BARROSO José Manuel

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/06/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0352	Summary
03/07/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/12/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
02/12/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0454/2003	
16/12/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0555/2003	Summary
16/01/2006	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0005	Summary
13/03/2008	Proposal withdrawn by Commission		
13/03/2008	Additional information		Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0129(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 161
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Committee dossier	JURI/5/19711

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0454/2003	02/12/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0555/2003 OJ C 091 15.04.2004, p. 0025-0064 E	16/12/2003	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2003)0352	16/06/2003	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(2006)0005	16/01/2006	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1168/2003 OJ C 010 14.01.2004, p. 0028	24/09/2003	

Additional information		
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Cohesion Fund

2003/0129(AVC) - 16/06/2003 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : proposal for the establishment of a Cohesion Fund (codified version.) CONTENT : the Commission wishes to simplify and clarify Community law so as to make it clearer and more accessible to the ordinary citizen. This aim cannot be achieved so long as numerous provisions that have been amended several times, often quite substantially, remain scattered, so that they must be sought partly in the original instrument and partly in later amending ones. Considerable research work, comparing many different instruments, is thus needed to identify the current rules. On 1 April 1987 the Commission therefore decided to instruct its staff that all legislative acts should be codified after no more than ten amendments, stressing that this was a minimum requirement and that departments should endeavour to codify at even shorter intervals the texts for which they are responsible, to ensure that the Community rules were clear and readily understandable. Given that no changes of substance may be made to the instruments affected by codification, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission have agreed, by an interinstitutional agreement dated 20 December 1994, that an accelerated procedure may be used for the fast-track adoption of codification instruments. The purpose of this proposal is to undertake the codification of Council Regulation 1164/94/EC establishing a Cohesion Fund. The new Regulation will supersede the various acts incorporated in it. This proposal fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bring them together with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself. Where the Articles have been given new numbers, the correlation between the old and the new numbers is shown in a table contained in Annex IV to the codified Regulation.

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2003/0129(AVC) - 16/12/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Giuseppe GARGANI (EPP-ED, Italy) and gave its assent to the proposal.

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2003/0129(AVC) - 16/01/2006 - Modified legislative proposal

The Commission, in amending this proposal for codifying Regulation 1164/04/EC on the Cohesion Fund, has taken full account of the purely formal or editorial changes proposed by the *“Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services”*. In addition, the amended proposal includes Corrigenda to Regulation 1264/1999/EC.

The amendments are as follows:

- The addition of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia to the Regulation thereby making them eligible for assistance from the Fund.

- For the purpose of applying the Regulation, GNP will mean GNI for the year at market prices as provided by the Commission’s ESA 95.

- From 1 January 2000, total resources available for commitments for Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland in the period 2000 to 2006 will be EUR 18 billion at 1999 prices.

- The total available for commitment for the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia from the date of accession until 2006 will be EUR 7 5905 billion at 1999 prices. The annual commitment appropriations for that period will be EUR 2 6168 billion for 2004; EUR 2 1517 billion for 2005; and EUR 2 8220 billion for 2006.

- For the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia, the Funds expenditure will only be deemed eligible after 1 January 2004 – provided that all requirements of the Regulation have been fulfilled.

- The introduction of special provisions for a new Member States who has benefited from IPSA have been included in the Regulation. For example, public procurement matters, which have been the subject of an invitation to tender on the date of accession will be implemented in accordance with rules laid down in that invitation to tender. The provisions of Article 165 of the Financial Regulation (1605/2002) applicable to the general budget of the European Communities, however will not apply.

- Changes to the indicative allocation among the beneficiary Member States of the total resources of the Cohesion Fund have been made in Annex I. They now read:

- Greece: 16% to 18% of the total;

- Spain 61% to 63.5% of the total;

- Ireland 2% to 6% of the total;

- Portugal 16% to 18% of the total

- For the new Member States, the total resources of the Cohesion Fund will be allocated according to the following schema:

- Czech Republic: 9.76 to 12.28% of the total;

- Estonia: 2.88% to 4.39% of the total;

- Cyprus: 0.43% to 0.84% of the total;

- Latvia: 5.07% to 7.08% of the total;

- Lithuania: 6.15% to 8.17% of the total;

- Hungary: 11.58% to 14.61% of the total

- Malta: 0.16% to 0.36% of the total;

- Poland: 45.65% to 52.72% of the total;

- Slovenia: 1.72% to 2.73% of the total;

- Slovakia: 5.71% to 7.72% of the total.