## Basic information

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| **2003/0334(CNS)**<br><br>CNS - Consultation procedure<br>Regulation | Procedure completed |
| European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ECDVT (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 337/75)<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>4.40.15 Vocational education and training<br>8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU | |

## Key players

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| European Parliament | **Committee responsible** | **Rapporteur** | **Appointed** |
| | EMPL Employment and Social Affairs | SBARBATI Luciana (ELDR) | 22/01/2004 |
| Council of the European Union | **Council configuration** | **Meetings** | **Date** |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2613 | 2004-10-25 |
| | Education, Youth, Culture and Sport | 2585 | 2004-05-27 |
| European Commission | **Commission DG** | **Commissioner** | |
| | Education, Youth, Sport and Culture | | |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 08/01/2004 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0854 | Summary |
| 25/02/2004 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 18/03/2004 | Vote in committee | | |
| 18/03/2004 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A5-0208/2004 | |
| 31/03/2004 | Decision by Parliament | T5-0244/2004 | Summary |
| 31/03/2004 | Results of vote in Parliament | | |
| 25/10/2004 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 25/10/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 01/12/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **Procedure type** | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Legislation |
| **Legislative instrument** | Regulation |
| **Legal basis** | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 |
| **Stage reached in procedure** | Procedure completed |
| **Committee dossier** | EMPL/5/20580 |

## Documentation gateway

**European Parliament**

| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
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**European Commission**

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**Other institutions and bodies**

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## Additional information

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## Final act

Regulation 2004/2051
OJ L 355 01.12.2004, p. 0001-0003 Summary

# European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ECDVT (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 337/75)

2003/0334(CNS) - 31/03/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the report by Luciana SBARBATI (ELDR, I) on establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop). In addition, the Parliament wished to strengthen certain organisation elements of the Regulation in particular strengthening the power and the competences of Cedefop's Bureau. The Parliament also requests that the director and deputy director shall be appointed by the Commission from a list of candidates submitted by the Governing Board. The director and the deputy director shall be chosen on the grounds of their competence and their independence shall be beyond doubt. The director and the deputy director shall be appointed for a period of five years. Their term of office shall be renewable. The Member States, the organisations, the Council, the Commission and the Governing Board shall endeavour, each according to their powers, to ensure a balanced representation of men and women in the candidacies, appointments and the elections. The list of members of the Governing Board and the Bureau shall be published by the Council in the Official Journal of the European Union and on the Centre's Internet site.

# European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ECDVT (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 337/75)

2003/0334(CNS) - 08/01/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 337/75/EEC on the European Centre for the development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), with particular reference to the management and functioning of the Board and the Bureau. PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation. CONTENT : Cedefop is an Agency of the EU. It has a tripartite Management Board and a Bureau. It provides services for the European Commission, the EU Member States and the social partners as well as for the associated countries of Norway and Iceland. The candidate countries also participate in selected activities. Cedefop provides policy makers, researchers and practitioners with information to promote a clearer understanding of developments in vocational training and so enable them to take informed decisions for future action. Cedefop assists the European Commission in encouraging, at Community level, the promotion and development of vocational education and training. An external evaluation of Cedefop was carried out in 2001. This advised certain changes in order to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of Cedefop and of its management structures. The European Parliament has also called upon the Commission to review the composition and working methods of agencies' boards and to put forward appropriate proposals. The Commission, therefore, proposes changes to the basic Regulation of Cedefop, with a view to increasing effectiveness and cost efficiency. Similar changes are proposed for Eurofound and EU-OSHA. The proposed changes concern mainly co-operation with the European Training Foundation (ETF), the inclusion of provision for adoption by the Board of medium-term priorities for the Cedefop and the governance and functioning of the Board. For the latter, the Commission proposes to maintain the national tripartite representation in the Board, acknowledging that this is a key element of success. The main changes are as follows: - the proposal formalises the existence of the three groups, namely government, employers and employees representatives and of the function of a co-coordinator within each group; - the Board will meet in principle once every year and take all strategic decisions such as the medium-term priorities, the annual work programme and the budget. This shift from administrative to strategic tasks is reflected in the modification of the denomination of the Board from Management Board to Governing Board; - the proposal gives formal recognition to the existing Bureau and formalises the relationship between the Board and the Bureau; - the Bureau will be composed of eight members, namely the chairman, the three vice-chairmen of the Board, the three co-coordinators, and one more representative of the Commission. It will have powers to supervise the work of Cedefop, monitor the preparation and execution of the medium-term priorities and of the annual work programme, prepare the Board meetings and Board decisions and, upon delegation by the Board, take certain decisions on its behalf. The proposed size and composition of the Bureau will ensure efficiency while reflecting the interests of the different groups represented on the Board. The Bureau would not vote but have a consensus-based decision-making process; - in addition, in accordance with Article 3 of the Treaty, provisions are added to encourage a balanced representation of men and women in the Board of Cedefop.

# European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training ECDVT (amend. Regulation (EEC) No 337/75)

2003/0334(CNS) - 25/10/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend Regulation 337/75/EEC on the European Centre for the development of Vocational Training with particular reference to the management and functioning of the Board and the Bureau.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2051/2004/EC amending Regulation 337/75/EC establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training.

CONTENT : the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training is an Agency of the EU. It has a tripartite Management Board and a Bureau. An external evaluation was carried out in 2001. This advised certain changes in order to maintain the efficiency and effectiveness of the Centre and of its management structures. The European Parliament has also called upon the Commission to review the composition and working methods of agencies' boards. Accordingly, this Regulation makes the following principal amendments:

- it formalises the existence of three groups, namely government, employers and employees representatives and of the function of a co-coordinator within each group;

- the Board will meet in principle once every year and take all strategic decisions such as the medium-term priorities and the annual work programme. This shift from administrative to strategic tasks is reflected in the modification of the denomination of the Board from Management Board to Governing Board;

- the Centre will comprise a Governing Board, a Bureau and a Director;

- the term of office of members of the Governing Board shall be three years, renewable;

- within the Governing Board, the representatives of governments, employees' organisations and employers' organisations each form a group. Each group shall designate a coordinator. The coordinators of the employees' and the employers' groups will be representatives of their respective

organisations at European level and attend the Board meetings without the right to vote.

- the Governing Board will establish a Bureau made up of the chairman and the three vice-chairmen of the Governing Board, one coordinator per group and one more representative of the Commission services.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 21/12/2004.