Basic information

2004/0207(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
Bosnia and Herzegovina: additional macro-financial assistance Amending Decision 2002/883/EC 2002/0193(CNS) **Subject** 6.20.07 Macro-financial assistance to third countries **Geographical area** Bosnia and Herzegovina	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
INTA International Trade	BARÓN CRESPO Enrique (PSE)	25/10/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2628	2004-12-07

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Economic and Financial Affairs	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/09/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0604	Summary

25/10/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/10/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
25/10/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0026/2004	
28/10/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0040/2004	Summary
28/10/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/12/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
07/12/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0207(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision 2002/883/EC 2002/0193(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 170
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INTA/6/24179

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0026/2004	25/10/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0040/2004 OJ C 174 14.07.2005, p. 0062-0176 E	28/10/2004	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0604	21/09/2004	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2004/0861
OJ L 370 17.12.2004, p. 0080-0080 Summary

Bosnia and Herzegovina: additional macro-financial assistance

2004/0207(CNS) - 07/12/2004 - Final act

PURPOSE : to revise the expiry date for the release of the third tranche of

funding under Council Decision 2002/883/EC.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/861/EC amending Council Decision 2002/883/EC providing further macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CONTENT : Council Decision 2002/883 provides Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) with macro-financial assistance totaling EUR 60 million; EUR 20 million of which is a loan facility and EUR 40 million a grant facility. The main objective of the funding provided for under this Council Decision is to support the balance of payments and help ease the country's external financial constraints.

Council Decision 2002/883 stipulates that it shall apply two years after the date of its publication in the Official Journal in this case 9 November 2004. The dates determined by the Council Decision are based on the expectation that the economic stabilisation and reform programme would be implemented in 2002/03 and last for 15 months until November 2003. However, the IMF has foreseen the release of the EC third and final tranche as a means to finance balance-of-payments financing needs for 2004.

Therefore, this Decision has been adopted to in order to release the final tranche of funding provided for in Council Decision 2002/883/EC. EUR 10 million of the final tranche will act as a loan element and EUR 15 million will act as a grant element.

More specifically, this Decision amends the original Decision in order to allow the continued implementation of this assistance through to the end of 2004 and possibly the first semester of 2005. In line with budgetary requirements, the amended Council Decision stipulates a revised expiry date of the Decision as 30 June 2005 as opposed to 9 November 2004.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 07/12/2004.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: additional macro-financial assistance

2004/0207(CNS) - 28/10/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

In adopting the report, using the urgent procedure, by Mr Enrique BARON CRESPO (PES, ES), the European Parliament approved the proposal without amendment.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: additional macro-financial assistance

2004/0207(CNS) - 21/09/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to revise the expiry date for the release of the third tranche of funding under Council Decision 2002/883/EC.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : Council Decision 2002/883 provides Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) with macro-financial assistance totaling EUR 60 million; EUR 20 million of which is a loan facility and EUR 40 million a grant facility. The main objective of the funding provided for under this Council Decision is to support the balance of payments and help ease the country's external financial constraints. Other purposes are to support the country's reform efforts in line with the Dayton agreement. Assistance is conditional upon a satisfactory reform track record in line with an IMF Stand-by Arrangement. A decision now needs to be made on when to release the final tranche of funding provided for in Council Decision 2002/883. EUR 10 million of the final tranche will act as a loan element and EUR 15 million will act as a grant element. Council Decision 2002/883 stipulates that it shall apply two years after the date of its publication in the Official Journal – in this case 9 November 2004. The dates determined by the Council Decision are based on the expectation that the economic stabilisation and reform programme would be implemented in 2002/03 and last for 15 months until November 2003. However, the IMF has foreseen the release of the EC third and final tranche as a means to finance balance-of-payments financing needs for 2004.

Against this background, the European Commission would like to amend the original Decision in order to allow the continued implementation of this assistance through to the end of 2004 and possibly the first semester of 2005. In line with budgetary requirements, the amended Council Decision stipulates a revised expiry date of the Decision as 30 June 2005 as opposed to 9 November 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS :

- Budget lines and headings: 01 03 02 02: "Macro-financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina" (Grant component of the assistance). 01 04 01 07 – "EC guarantee for the borrowing programmes contracted by the Community to provide assistance to the countries of the Western Balkans".

- The following updated schedule of appropriations to be financed within the limits of Category 4 of the present Financial Perspective is proposed: 2004 Commitment appropriations : 0 and EUR 15 million in payment appropriations.

- Period of application: 2004.

This action is exceptional by nature and will not involve an increase in the number of Commission staff.