

## Basic information

2004/2129(INI)

INI - Own-initiative procedure

Parliament's opinion concerning the draft treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

### Subject

8.10 Revision of the Treaties, intergovernmental conferences  
8.40.01 European Parliament

Procedure completed

## Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFCO</b>	Constitutional Affairs	MÉNDEZ DE VIGO Íñigo (PPE-DE) CORBETT Richard (PSE)	27/07/2004 27/07/2004
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b>	Foreign Affairs	BROK Elmar (PPE-DE)	13/09/2004
	<b>DEVE</b>	Development	MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ Miguel Angel (PSE)	06/10/2004
	<b>INTA</b>	International Trade	CHATZIMARKAKIS Jorgo (ALDE)	14/09/2004
	<b>BUDG</b>	Budgets	VIRRANKOSKI Kyösti (ALDE)	21/09/2004
	<b>CONT</b>	Budgetary Control	POMÉS RUIZ José Javier (PPE-DE)	22/09/2004
	<b>ECON</b>	Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>EMPL</b>	Employment and Social Affairs	ANDERSSON Jan (PSE)	20/09/2004
	<b>ENVI</b>	Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	GRAÇA MOURA Vasco (PPE-DE)	20/09/2004
	<b>ITRE</b>	Industry, Research and Energy	SWOBODA Hannes (PSE)	13/09/2004

<b>IMCO</b>	Internal Market and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
<b>TRAN</b>	Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
<b>REGI</b>	Regional Development	<a href="#">ITURGAIZ Carlos (PPE-DE)</a>	31/08/2004
<b>AGRI</b>	Agriculture and Rural Development	<a href="#">GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF Friedrich-Wilhelm (Verts/ALE)</a>	26/07/2004
<b>PECH</b>	Fisheries	<a href="#">HUDGHTON Ian (Verts/ALE)</a>	22/09/2004
<b>CULT</b>	Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
<b>JURI</b>	Legal Affairs	<a href="#">BERGER Maria (PSE)</a>	14/09/2004
<b>LIBE</b>	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	<a href="#">ZAPPALA' Stefano (PPE-DE)</a>	13/09/2004
<b>FEMM</b>	Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
<b>PETI</b>	Petitions	<a href="#">LIBICKI Marcin (UEN)</a>	29/09/2004

#### Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/11/2004	Vote in committee		<a href="#">Summary</a>
09/12/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A6-0070/2004</a>	
11/01/2005	Debate in Parliament		
12/01/2005	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T6-0004/2005</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
12/01/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/01/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/2129(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 151 Rules of Procedure EP 55 Rules of Procedure EP 152
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/6/22572

Documentation gateway				
<b>European Parliament</b>				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	<a href="#">LIBE</a>	<a href="#">PE347.107</a>	26/10/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">DEVE</a>	<a href="#">PE347.194</a>	17/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">AGRI</a>	<a href="#">PE347.080</a>	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">EMPL</a>	<a href="#">PE347.178</a>	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">ITRE</a>	<a href="#">PE347.197</a>	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">PECH</a>	<a href="#">PE347.105</a>	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">ENVI</a>	<a href="#">PE347.227</a>	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">AFET</a>	<a href="#">PE350.097</a>	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">JURI</a>	<a href="#">PE347.232</a>	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">CONT</a>	<a href="#">PE347.257</a>	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">BUDG</a>	<a href="#">PE347.277</a>	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">REGI</a>	<a href="#">PE347.101</a>	26/11/2004	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">PETI</a>	<a href="#">PE349.787</a>	29/11/2004	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A6-0070/2004</a>	09/12/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T6-0004/2005</a> OJ C 247 06.10.2005, p. 0028-0088 E	12/01/2005	<a href="#">Summary</a>
<b>European Commission</b>				
Document type	Reference	Date	Summary	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	<a href="#">SP(2005)1070</a>	25/04/2005		
<b>Other institutions and bodies</b>				

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1445/2004 OJ C 120 20.05.2005, p. 0123-0128	28/10/2004	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0354/2003 OJ C 071 22.03.2005, p. 0001-0006	17/11/2004	

## Parliament's opinion concerning the draft treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe

2004/2129(INI) - 12/01/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution endorsing the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe and said it "wholeheartedly supports its ratification." The report by Richard CORBETT (PES, UK) and Inigo MENDEZ DE VIGO(EPP-ED, ES) was adopted by 500 votes in favour to 137 votes against, with 40 abstentions. (Please see the summary of 30/11/2004).

Parliament adopted an amendment announces its intention of using the new right of initiative conferred upon it by the Constitution to propose improvements to the Constitution.

It hoped that all Member States of the European Union will be in a position to achieve ratification by mid-2006.

Parliament went on to reiterates its request that all possible efforts be deployed in order to inform European citizens clearly and objectively about the content of the Constitution. These European institutions and the Member States are invited, when distributing the text of the constitutional Treaty to citizens (in unabridged or summary versions), to make a clear distinction between the elements already in force in the existing treaties and new provisions introduced by the Constitution, with a view to educating the public and informing the debate. Parliament invited them also to recognise the role of civil society organisations within the ratification debates and to make available sufficient support to enable such organisations to engage their constituencies in these debates across the EU in order to promote the active involvement of citizens in the discussions on ratification.