Basic information

2004/2129(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
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	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	MÉNDEZ DE VIGO Íñigo (PPE-DE) CORBETT Richard (PSE)	27/07/2004 27/07/2004

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

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

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
09/12/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0070/2004	
11/01/2005	Debate in Parliament		
12/01/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0004/2005	Summary
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

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE347.107	26/10/2004	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE347.194	17/11/2004	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE347.080	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE347.178	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	ITRE	PE347.197	23/11/2004	
Committee opinion	PECH	PE347.105	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	ENVI	PE347.227	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	AFET	PE350.097	24/11/2004	
Committee opinion	JURI	PE347.232	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	CONT	PE347.257	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE347.277	25/11/2004	
Committee opinion	REGI	PE347.101	26/11/2004	
Committee opinion	PETI	PE349.787	29/11/2004	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0070/2004	09/12/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0004/2005 OJ C 247 06.10.2005, p. 0028-0088 E	12/01/2005	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)1070	25/04/2005	

Other institutions and bodies

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. Thee 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.