

Basic information	
2004/2204(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
The information society	
Subject 3.30.25 International information networks and society, internet	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy		TRAUTMANN Catherine (PSE)
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion
	DEVE Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.
	CULT Culture and Education		BADIA I CUTCHET Maria (PSE)
			25/11/2004

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/11/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/05/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
31/05/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0172/2005	
22/06/2005	Debate in Parliament		
23/06/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0260/2005	Summary
23/06/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/06/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2004/2204(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure

Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/24186

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	CULT	PE353.523	21/04/2005	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE357.832	04/05/2005	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0172/2005	31/05/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0260/2005 OJ C 133 08.06.2006, p. 0031-0140 E	23/06/2005	Summary

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2004/2204(INI) - 23/06/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report by Catherine **TRAUTMANN** (PES, FR) on the World Summit on Information Society. (Please see the document of 24/05/2005.) Parliament also stressed the need to develop entrepreneurial and innovative capacities to enable countries to use ICTs to develop services and systems that directly address their societal needs.

Parliament felt that the development of internet governance is a key to the success of the WSIS and should be pursued to a timetable compatible with the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action. However, an international and independent internet governance system should be maintained. It emphasised that accessibility and investment in ICTs depends on the stability and reliability of the internet. Digital literacy programmes are essential to building up a global area of freedom and security where citizens, who are potential consumers of information, enjoy full rights of citizenship. Education, including education in human rights, is central to an inclusive information society.

Parliament stressed the need to safeguard cultural diversity when planning governance arrangements. Innovation in educational systems, lifelong learning programmes and e-learning initiatives (for both teachers and students) should be fostered. Parliament recommended an explicit focus on education, training and tools for the creation of content that reflects cultural diversity. Globalisation brings in its wake risks in relation to respect for cultural diversity in terms of languages and identities. The information society can also represent an opportunity for the promotion of intercultural dialogue via global networks.