Basic information

2004/2214(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Revised European Union anti-terrorism action plan, work programme **Subject** 7.30.20 Action to combat terrorism	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	DÍEZ GONZÁLEZ Rosa (PSE)	13/09/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MAYOR OREJA Jaime (PPE-DE)	10/11/2004

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2667	2005-06-13
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2664	2005-06-02
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2613	2004-10-25

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
29/09/2004	Non-legislative basic document published	B6-0071/2004	
25/10/2004	Debate in Council		Summary
28/10/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/05/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
26/05/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0164/2005	
02/06/2005	Debate in Council		
07/06/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0219/2005	Summary
07/06/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
07/06/2005	Debate in Parliament		

07/06/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/06/2005	Debate in Council		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/6/24507

Documentation gateway

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Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Non-legislative basic document		B6-0071/2004	29/09/2004	
Committee opinion	AFET	PE355.374	21/04/2005	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE357.897	17/05/2005	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0164/2005	26/05/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0219/2005 OJ C 124 25.05.2006, p. 0022-0241 E	07/06/2005	Summary

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2004/2214(INI) - 07/06/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Rosa DÍEZ GONZÁLEZ (PES, ES), and made several recommendations to the Council on a revised EU Action Plan/Roadmap to combat the terrorist threat. (Please see the document of 24/05/2005.)

It rejected, however, the proposal from the rapporteur to create a European forum to give the victims of terrorism a voice. Instead it called for a unit to be set up, operating under the EU Counter-Terrorism Co-ordinator, to assist the victims. This unit will be a reference point for European policy in this field and its purpose will be to take in, listen to, inform and assist victims and to promote implementation of the measures which are necessary if it is to operate successfully.

Parliament also rejected the rapporteur's suggestion that thought be given to including terrorism within the International Criminal Court's remit. The resolution states nevertheless that these crimes should not be time-barred, thereby reflecting the reprobation of the international community, which considers them to be some of the most serious and inadmissible crimes against humanity.

Other recommendations include the following:

- promote the transformation of Europol into a EU body under the democratic control of the European Parliament and the Council and under the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice;

- adopt a decision, proposed by the Commission, to provide for the transfer of the European anti-terrorist coordinator to the Commission, and also for effective parliamentary control of the European coordinator's activities;

- request the Commission to identify and study best practice in the Member States and third countries in the area of anti-terrorist policies and the prevention of radicalisation, which could form the basis for the Commission's strategy.

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2004/2214(INI) - 25/10/2004

The Council heard an oral report by the Counter-Terrorism Coordinator, Mr Gijs DE VRIES, on the process of peer evaluation of national arrangements in the fight against terrorism.

The Commission also presented a package of four Communications on the fight against terrorism, to enhance prevention, preparedness and response to terrorist attacks. The Communications respond to requests made by the European Council in March and June and, together with reports/input from the High Representative and the Council, aim to contribute to the preparation of the European Council meeting of 17 December 2004. Dealing respectively with terrorist financing prevention, consequence management and critical infrastructure protection, the documents put forward suggestions on how to enhance European prevention, preparedness and response to terrorist attacks.

It should be noted that in the wake of the terrorist outrage which struck Madrid and the European Union as a whole on 11 March, the European Council agreed a set of strategic objectives which, since then, have directed the Union's fight against terrorism. The prevention, preparedness and response to terrorist attacks is at the core of these strategic objectives, which specifically include: the reduction of access by terrorists to financial and other economic resources; maximising the capacity within EU bodies and Member States to detect investigate and prosecute terrorists and prevent terrorist attacks; and enhancing the capability of Member States to deal with the consequences of a terrorist attack.

At its meeting of 18 June 2004 the European Council endorsed the revised EU Plan of Action on Combating Terrorism. The effective prevention, preparedness and response of the Union to terrorist attacks are overarching objectives reflected in many of the far-reaching measures and actions identified in the Plan of Action.

The first of the four Communications is entitled Prevention, Preparedness and Response to terrorist attacks. The other three concern the fight against terrorism financing, preparedness and consequence management in the fight against terrorism and protection of critical infrastructures.