## Basic information

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| **2004/2129(INI)**<br><br>INI - Own-initiative procedure | Procedure completed |
| Parliament's opinion concerning the draft treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe<br><br>**Subject**<br><br>8.10 Revision of the Treaties, intergovernmental conferences<br>8.40.01 European Parliament | |

## Key players

European Parliament

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

| Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
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| 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 |

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| 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

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| **Procedure reference** | 2004/2129(INI) |
| **Procedure type** | INI - Own-initiative procedure |
| **Procedure subtype** | Initiative |
| **Legal basis** | Rules of Procedure EP 151<br>Rules of Procedure EP 55<br>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<br>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<br>OJ C 120 20.05.2005, p. 0123-0128 | 28/10/2004 | |
| CofR | Committee of the Regions: opinion | CDR0354/2003<br>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.