Basic information

2005/2028(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Republic of Romania: application for accession to the European Union **Subject** 8.20.01 Candidate countries **Geographical area** Romania	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	MOSCOVICI Pierre (PSE)	18/01/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	21/02/2005
CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

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	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	MAAT Albert Jan (PPE-DE)	20/01/2005
PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
PETI Petitions	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/03/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/03/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
01/04/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0077/2005	
12/04/2005	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0119/2005	Summary
13/04/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		

13/04/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2005/2028(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	AFET/6/26434

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE353.654	15/03/2005	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0077/2005	01/04/2005	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0119/2005 OJ C 033 09.02.2006, p. 0323-0410 E	13/04/2005	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)2323	22/07/2005	

Republic of Romania: application for accession to the European Union

2005/2028(INI) - 13/04/2005 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution by 497 in favour, 93 against and 71 abstentions on Romania's application to become a member of the European Union. The rapporteur was Pierre MOSCOVICI (PES, FR). (Please see the summary of 30/03/05.) Parliament praised reforms introduced in Romania and the invaluable role played since 1990 by non-governmental organisations and other civil society actors in the process of democratisation, the fight against corruption, the protection of the freedom of the press and the drive for an independent judiciary. It also commended the substantial improvement in economic performance and the establishment of a functioning market economy thanks to important structural changes.

Parliament felt however, that further consolidation of macroeconomic stability is required if Romania is to be able to cope with competitive pressure and market forces within the Union. It asked the Romanian authorities to continue their efforts to curb the budget deficit and encouraged them to press ahead with the process of privatisation and restructuring, particularly in the steel sector.

Parliament went on to discuss some of the matters of concern identified in the Commission's latest progress report and emphasised the effective implementation of administrative and judicial reforms. It noted that also that, whilst the industrial policy of Romania is stable and to some extent predictable, Romania's administrative capacity is deficient. Equally urgent is the need to eliminate structural obstacles to investment, such as excessive bureaucracy and an unstable legislative environment.

Members expressed concern about the long transition periods agreed in the negotiations regarding the environment chapter and called on the Commission and the Romanian authorities to take measures in order to substantially improve administrative capacity in the environmental field.

Parliament will continue to follow closely the process which will lead to Romania's accession in January 2007 and asked the Commission to keep it regularly informed of the extent to which the Romanian authorities honour the commitments given in the accession treaty, particularly as regards the fight against corruption, the environment, the field of justice and home affairs and competition.

Finally, Parliament stressed that it approved the accession treaty on condition that the Council and the Commission fully involve it in the decision-making in the event that the safeguard clauses contained in the accession treaty were to be used in the context of Romania's accession.