Basic information

2005/2244(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Development and Migration **Subject** 6.30 Development cooperation 7.10.08 Migration policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
DEVE Development	CARLOTTI Marie-Arlette (PSE)	05/10/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	KASOULIDES Ioannis (PPE-DE)	25/01/2006
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	RAINYTÉ-BODARD Ona (ALDE)	14/09/2005
CULT Culture and Education	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	BAUER Edit (PPE-DE)	04/10/2005
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	UCA Feleknas (GUE/NGL)	28/11/2005

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	2743	2006-07-17

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
01/09/2005	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2005)0390	Summary
15/12/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/05/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
14/06/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0210/2006	
06/07/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0319/2006	Summary
06/07/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
06/07/2006	Debate in Parliament		
06/07/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
17/07/2006	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary

Technical information

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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE367.806	21/03/2006	
Committee draft report		PE371.990	05/04/2006	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE370.156	02/05/2006	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE370.288	04/05/2006	
Committee opinion	AFET	PE371.828	08/05/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE374.118	12/05/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0210/2006	14/06/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0319/2006	06/07/2006	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

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2005/2244(INI) - 01/09/2005 - Non-legislative basic document

PURPOSE : to put forward a set of concrete policy orientations that will help maximise the benefits of migration for the development of migrants' countries of origin.

CONTENT : the Commission believes that the links between migration and development offer a significant potential for furthering development goals, without constituting a substitute to enhanced Official Development Assistance (ODA) and improved policies that remain as necessary as ever to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) within the agreed timeframe.

This document builds on the December 2002 Communication, which continues to set the framework for integrating migration issues into the EU's external relations and development policies. As underlined in that Communication and confirmed by the Council Conclusions of May 2003, the integration of migration aspects should respect the overall coherence of EU external policies and actions, and be consistent with the objectives and priorities of the Joint Council/Commission Statement on EC development policy.

Neither does this Communication cover the full spectrum of the 2002 Communication. It focuses on a number of specific topics that are associated primarily with South-North migration, and in particular on possible actions that could be carried out at EU level, in partnership with developing countries of origin.

More specifically, in this communication on migration and development, the Commission aims to link migration and development cooperation with a view to contributing to poverty alleviation in these countries. It sets out a set of policy orientations that will help maximise the benefits of migration for the development of migrants' countries of origin. Migrants and diaspora members can make an important contribution to their countries of origin through remittances and their skills and expertise – whether by returning permanently, investing or by sharing their expertise with their compatriots back home. The communication proposes concrete orientations for enhancing this contribution. At the same time, it also looks at how to limit the negative effects of brain drain, i.e. the exodus of skilled professionals from the developing world. With this Communication, the Commission hopes to make a first contribution to the global debate on the links between migration and development, in particular in view of the 2006 High Level Dialogue within the framework of the United Nations General Assembly. The policy presented in this Communication, elaborated and implemented in close partnership with source and transit countries and tailored to their needs, will contribute to enhancing the coherence of the external dimension of the EU' s immigration policy with development policy.

Reflecting the main issues in the global debate on migration and development, and in line with the Council Conclusions of May 2003, the Commission has identified concrete orientations for improving the impact of migration on development, with a focus on south-north migration. For each of these areas, an annex provides a brief presentation of the issues at stake and details of the initiatives the Commission is planning or considering and/or contains recommendations to Member States in the latter's areas of responsibility.

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In recognition of the growing importance of migration related issues as an integral part of the external relations of the EU in the framework of a balanced and comprehensive approach to migration and development, the Council adopted a series of Conclusions.

Developing the Global Approach to Migration – a series of priority actions focusing on Africa and the Mediterranean, agreed in December 2005, is a fundamental priority for the Union.

The Council also recognises the importance of other migratory routes, in particular the eastern and south eastern regions neighbouring the Union. It also welcomes the outcome of the Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development held in Rabat on 10-11 July 2006, and reaffirms the Council's commitment to a close partnership between Europe and Africa and an effective follow-up.

The Council also notes the existence of migratory routes and the interrelationship between them, and invites further work, including on Eastern Africa migratory routes.

Migratory flows: The Council expresses its concern regarding the increasing illegal migratory flows in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and underlines the need to address all aspects affecting this serious situation, particularly on the sea borders, through short-, medium-, and long-term

concrete measures, including maritime operational cooperation with a view to developing adequate surveillance capacities at the sea borders. It also stresses the importance of effective preparations for the EU-Africa Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, which Libya has offered to host in Tripoli, as a contribution towards a Joint Strategy and to the second EU/Africa Summit in Lisbon as soon as possible.

Lastly, the Council reiterates the need for a balanced and comprehensive approach on migration and development in its relations with third countries. It welcomes the organisation by the United Nations of the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. It welcomes the Commission' s Communication which provides a useful contribution to the EU position to the High Level dialogue. The EU will participate actively in the High Level dialogue and will present to the UNSG the EU's position as a contribution to its preparation.

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2005/2244(INI) - 06/07/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Marie-Arlette **CARLOTTI** (PES, FR) on development and migration. (Please see the summary of 30/05/2006.) The resolution was adopted by 472 votes in favour to 24 against with 30 abstentions.