Basic information

2005/2214(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Outcome of the screening of legislative proposals pending before the Legislator **Subject** 8.50.02 Legislative simplification, coordination, codification	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	KAUFMANN Sylvia-Yvonne (GUE/NGL)	17/11/2005

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
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.	
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	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
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	BERGER Maria (PSE)	12/12/2005
LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home 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.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Legal Service	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
27/09/2005	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2005)0462	Summary
17/11/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

25/04/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
27/04/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0143/2006	
15/05/2006	Debate in Parliament		
16/05/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0206/2006	Summary
16/05/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/05/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2005/2214(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	AFCO/6/31691

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE370.018	09/02/2006	
Committee opinion	JURI	PE369.916	22/03/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE371.801	24/03/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE372.122	12/04/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0143/2006	27/04/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0206/2006	16/05/2006	Summary

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Non-legislative basic document	COM(2005)0462	27/09/2005	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2006)3065	01/08/2006	

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2005/2214(INI) - 27/09/2005 - Non-legislative basic document

The Commission has previously announced its intention to screen proposals that are pending before the Council/Parliament with regard to their general relevance, their impact on competitiveness and other effects. The objectives, process and outcomes of this screening exercise, which is the first of its kind, are presented in this Communication.

Objectives of the screening of pending proposals: The screening exercise aimed at enabling the Commission to ensure that all pending legislative proposals are fully consistent with the political priorities of the Commission and to check whether changed circumstances justify a review of the initial approach followed. More specifically, the screening exercise aimed at testing pending proposals on three accounts:

-pending proposals were examined for their consistency with the EU Lisbon objectives and in particular the goal of promoting competitiveness. The criteria used for evaluating proposals in this respect were those specified in the 'competitiveness test' that forms part of the recently revised impact assessment guidelines;

-pending proposals were checked for possible lack of substantial progress in the legislative process for a significant period of time.

-pending proposals were examined to determine whether they meet current better regulation requirements, notably with regard to appropriate impact assessments. This criterion affects in particular those proposals presented at a time when impact assessments were not a formal requirement.

Process of the screening exercise: The scope of the exercise was limited to pending proposals dated before 1 January 2004. This amounted to 183 proposals. The Commission then identified about 100 proposals that constitute truly new legislative initiatives. The proposals were further evaluated for possible adverse effects on competitiveness and broader economic effects. The rest consist of proposals that are likely to have limited or no impact on competitiveness. These relate mainly to proposals resulting from international obligations or constituting adaptations of the acquis to scientific and technical progress. Some of these proposals also directly contribute to "better regulation" as they codify or simplify the acquis.

Outcomes of the screening exercise: The Commission envisages two broad types of action:

-The Commission intends to withdraw in total 68 proposals. These are considered not to be consistent with the Lisbon objectives or Better Regulation principles, or they are making insufficient progress in the legislative process or are no longer topical.

-Proposals to be maintained in the legislative process but with economic analysis to be presented to the assessment of the legislative authority .This concerns 5 proposals where additional presentation of the analysis of their impact is likely to facilitate decision making by the Legislative Authority. Thus, in total some 73 pending proposals will be subject to some form of intervention.

The withdrawals represent some 31% of all pending proposals from before 1 January 2004. All interventions including proposals singled out for further economic analysis actually represent 33 %8 of those pending proposals.

Moreover, for at least 2 proposals, the screening exercise has produced results that do not fall directly into the above categories. First, concerning the proposal for a Council Directive on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents – optical radiations, 1992/0449/COD, for which the screening exercise has led the Commission to conclude that the aspects dealing with exposure of workers to natural optical radiation should be deleted, as proposed also by the European Parliament.

Secondly, concerning the proposal on Temporary Workers (2002/0072/COD), the Commission reserves its position to reconsider the proposal in light of future discussions on other proposals.

The Annex to the communication summarises the situation and gives details of the proposals concerned.

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2005/2214(INI) - 16/05/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Sylvia-Yvonne **KAUFMANN (GUE/NGL, DE)** in response to the Commission communication on the outcome of the screening of legislative proposals pending before the Legislator. (Please see the summary dated 25/04/2006.)