

| Basic information | |
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| 2006/0059(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | Procedure completed |
| Agricultural policy: protocol on mountain farming attached to the Alpine Convention Subject 3.10.01.06 Less-favoured agricultural areas | |

| Key players | | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| |  Agriculture and Rural Development | | DAUL Joseph (PPE-DE) | 25/04/2006 |
| | Committee for opinion | | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| |  Environment, Public Health and Food Safety | | The committee decided not to give an opinion. | |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | | Meetings | Date |
| | Agriculture and Fisheries | | 2739 | 2006-06-19 |
| European Commission | Commission DG | | Commissioner | |
| | Agriculture and Rural Development | | | |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 25/04/2006 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2006)0170  | Summary |
| 15/05/2006 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 30/05/2006 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 01/06/2006 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A6-0199/2006 | |
| 13/06/2006 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0249/2006 | Summary |
| 13/06/2006 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
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| 19/06/2006 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 19/06/2006 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 30/09/2006 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2006/0059(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | International agreement |
| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 036 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | AGRI/6/36025 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE372.202 | 26/04/2006 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0199/2006 | 01/06/2006 | |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading | | T6-0249/2006 | 13/06/2006 | Summary |
| European Commission | | | | |
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| Legislative proposal | COM(2006)0170  | 25/04/2006 | Summary | |

| Additional information | | |
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| Source | Document | Date |
| National parliaments | IPEX | |
| European Commission | EUR-Lex | |

| Final act |
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| Decision 2006/0655 OJ L 271 30.09.2006, p. 0061-0070 |
| Summary |

Agricultural policy: protocol on mountain farming attached to the Alpine Convention

2006/0059(CNS) - 25/04/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol on Mountain Farming attached to the Alpine Convention.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: in 1991 the European Community signed the Convention on the Protection of the Alps. The Contracting Parties to the Convention are Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia and Switzerland. The objective of the Convention is include the EU in international activities relating to the protection of the environment. The protection of the Alps is of significant importance to all of the EU Member States given their cross-frontier nature.

One of the key features of the Alpine region is its abundance of natural resources such as water and unique agricultural produce. The region is also famed for its historical and cultural heritage as well as its tourism. At the same time, however, the Alpine climate and topography render farming activities difficult. Hence the need for a Protocol unique to Mountain Farming. The Protocol acts as an instrument which allows the European Community to help support environmentally sound agricultural activities. It offers a single framework in which to formulate a cross-border policy which is capable of integrating shared objectives.

The objectives of the Convention are implemented through various Protocols. This Protocol is being presented with the specific aim of boosting Mountain Farming in the Alps. Based on the principle of "sustainable development" the objectives of the Protocol, as outlined in Article 1, include:

- the promotion of environmentally friendly agriculture in the Alps;
- the continued production of high quality products typical to the region;
- safeguarding the natural environment;
- the introduction of measures protecting mountain farmers from natural risks; and
- the conservation of the Alpine landscape.

In addition, the Protocol specifies that the Contracting Parties to the Alpine Convention must optimise the multifunctional role of mountain farming.

As the Commission points out, the pursuit of the objectives outlined above are fully in line the EU's agricultural policy. Ratification of the Protocol would confirm the EU's commitment to the Alpine region. The Commission, therefore, invited the Council and Parliament to conclude the Protocol.

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2006/0059(CNS) - 19/06/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE: the approval of the 1991 Alpine Convention on mountain farming.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2006/655/EC on the approval, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on the implementation of the 1991 Alpine Convention in the field of mountain farming.

CONTENT: the Community has approved the Protocol on the implementation of the 1991 Alpine Convention in the field of Mountain Farming, otherwise referred to as the Mountain Farming Protocol.

The aim of the Mountain Farming Protocol is to ensure and promote a form of agriculture in the Alpine region which suits local conditions, is environmentally compatible and makes an essential contribution to the maintenance of populated sites and sustainable economic activities. This includes producing typical high-quality produce, safeguarding the natural environment, protecting against natural risks and conserving the beauty and the value of the traditional countryside.

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2006/0059(CNS) - 13/06/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joseph DAUL (EPP-ED, FR), approving the conclusion of the Protocol on Mountain Farming attached to the Alpine Convention.

