Basic information

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

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	DAUL Joseph (PPE-DE)	25/04/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI 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

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		

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

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

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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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

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.