Basic information

2006/2171(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Baltic Sea strategy for the northern dimension **Subject** 6.40.02.02 Relations with northern Europe and the Baltic States **Geographical area** Baltic Sea area	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	STUBB Alexander (PPE-DE)	03/05/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	CHICHESTER Giles (PPE-DE)	13/07/2006
REGI Regional Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
External Relations	FERRERO-WALDNER Benita

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/07/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/10/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
18/10/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0367/2006	
15/11/2006	Debate in Parliament		
16/11/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0494/2006	Summary

16/11/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/11/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/2171(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/6/38395

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE376.577	07/08/2006	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE378.640	26/09/2006	
Committee opinion	ITRE	PE378.716	10/10/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0367/2006	18/10/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0494/2006	16/11/2006	Summary

Baltic Sea strategy for the northern dimension

2006/2171(INI) - 16/11/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on a Baltic Sea Region Strategy for the Northern Dimension, based on the own-initiative report drafted by Alexander **STUBB** (EPP-ED, FI). The resolution was adopted by 519 votes in favour to 9 against with 14 abstentions. (Please see the summary dated 10/10/2006.) On the matter of funding, Parliament called for an own EU budget line for the Baltic Sea Strategy, possibly under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, supplementing the current funding of the Northern Dimension by the EU, Member States, third countries, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, the Nordic Investment Bank and others. Parliament stressed that the Strategy must receive adequate funding from all relevant budget lines in order to be able to fulfil its objectives.

Parliament also recalled the role of the Baltic Sea as a uniting factor in the region. It suggested a new programme, to be entitled "Borderless Baltic Sea", designed to facilitate smooth border crossing in the region, including between the Member States and the Russian Federation. It supported the establishment of a "Baltic Sea motorway" linking the Baltic Sea region with Member States in central and western Europe by 2010.