



Basic information	
2007/2138(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure Programming implementation of the 10th European Development Fund Subject 6.30.03 European Development Fund (EDF)	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	DEVE Development		CARLOTTI Marie-Arlette (PSE)	06/11/2006
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		BEER Angelika (Verts /ALE)	05/06/2007
	BUDG Budgets		BÖGE Reimer (PPE-DE)	17/07/2007
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	General Affairs		2850	2008-02-18
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Development		MICHEL Louis	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
21/06/2007	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/01/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
21/02/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0042/2008	
22/04/2008	Debate in Parliament		
23/04/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0171/2008	Summary

23/04/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/04/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/2138(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
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Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	AFET	PE390.723	28/11/2007	
Committee draft report		PE398.480	07/12/2007	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE400.388	11/01/2008	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE402.509	07/02/2008	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0042/2008	21/02/2008	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0171/2008	23/04/2008	Summary

Programming implementation of the 10th European Development Fund

2007/2138(INI) - 23/04/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 637 votes to 23, with 14 abstentions a resolution on the programming of the 10th European Development Fund (EDF). The own-initiative report was tabled for consideration in plenary by Marie-Arlette **CARLOTTI** (PES, FR) on behalf of the Committee on Development.

Parliament is in favour of incorporating the EDF into the EU budget in order to increase the consistency, transparency and effectiveness of development cooperation and guarantee democratic scrutiny. It calls on the Council to provide for the budgetisation of the EDF in the context of the mid-term review of the financial perspectives in 2009.

Challenges and objectives: Parliament fully endorses the primary objective of co-operation laid down in Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 617/2007, namely the eradication of poverty and the realisation of the Millennium Development Goals. It attaches the utmost importance to ensuring that these priority objectives are put into practice by means of all the implementing instruments provided for in the regulation and deplores the fact that the provisions relating to Country Strategy Papers and Regional Strategy Papers are based on a restrictive interpretation of these objectives. The EDF must be implemented in accordance with the UNDP recommendations on the use of official development assistance (ODA) and that, at the very least, any measure should be excluded from the programming if it does not satisfy the criteria for ODA laid down by the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD. Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 must be amended accordingly.

Timeframe: since all the 9th EDF funds must be committed before 31 December 2007 at the latest, Members call on the Commission to take all appropriate measures to ensure that no appropriation is affected by the sunset clause and that continuity of funding is guaranteed.

Strategy papers and priority action areas: Parliament stresses that the undertaking given in the context of the DCI to devote 20% of funds to health and basic education by 2009 should apply to all European development policy spending including the EDF in order to be coherent. It notes the

Commission's intention to attain this objective through budgetary support, but regrets that no global strategy has been drawn up jointly with the beneficiary countries to include the health and education sectors in the priorities in the national strategy papers. This issue must be reassessed to attain the 20% objective. Parliament deplores the fact that Regulation (EC) No 617/2007 makes no provision for any explicit procedure to involve or consult the European Parliament, the national parliaments, local authorities and non-state actors (NSAs) in the drafting, monitoring and assessment of national strategy papers, and calls on the Council and the Commission to include such consultations in the programming.

Budgetary support: recalling that the legitimacy of budgetary support is conditional upon strict respect for a number of prior conditions including good governance and a system for the management of public finances scrutinised by a democratically elected parliament in the beneficiary countries, Parliament calls on the Commission to ensure that these prior conditions are rigorously complied with before initiating any budgetary support programme.

Incentive tranche: Parliament voices its concern at the interpretation of criteria relating to economic and social governance; protests against the imposition of economic and social 'hidden criteria' and considers that the analysis of legislation and public policy in this area should not lead to liberalisation and deregulation requirements. It recommends that criteria relating to the existence and quality of public services should be added to governance profiles, pointing out that the stance of ACP states or regions on the final choice of whether or not to take part in the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) should not constitute a criterion.

EPAs: Parliament insists that funding from integrated regional programmes should benefit all ACP countries or regions equitably, irrespective of the states' final decision on whether or not to take part in the EPAs. It protests against all forms of conditionality linked to participation in an EPA in the allocation of integrated regional programme funds.

Participation and evaluation of EDF: Parliament stresses that *a posteriori* examination of the EDF discharge by the European Parliament is an inadequate means of democratic scrutiny and calls on the Council to confer on it an institutional role relating to the entire process of monitoring and assessing the programming. It deplores the particularly vague and ambiguous wording of the rules laying down the role of the players in the programming of Community aid (Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 617/2007). It calls for the European Parliament, the national parliaments, local authorities and representative NSAs to be involved in the programming process and in the monitoring and supervision of EDF implementation.

Co-financing and consistency with other instruments: Parliament approves the possibility, created by the programming of the 10th EDF, to co-finance development projects with Member States or other financial backers. It recommends that this possibility be made available to other EU financial instruments and repeats its call for a new programmable and predictable pan-African financial package to be established, to be funded by the EDF, the specific DCI instruments, and the European neighbourhood policy instrument with a view to financing the new EU-Africa Joint Strategy.