Basic information

2009/0091(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Decision	Procedure completed
Employment and Social Solidarity: Progress Programme 2007-2013 Amending Decision No 1672/2006/EC 2004/0158(COD) **Subject** 4.10.04 Gender equality 4.10.05 Social inclusion, poverty, minimum income 4.15.02 Employment: guidelines, actions, Funds	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	GÖNCZ Kinga (S&D)	02/09/2009

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	LAMASSOURE Alain (PPE)	21/10/2009
FEMM Women's Rights and Gender Equality	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs	3000	2010-03-08

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	ANDOR László

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/07/2009	Legislative proposal published	COM(2009)0340	Summary
14/07/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
05/11/2009	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

10/11/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A7-0049/2009	
11/02/2010	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T7-0028/2010	Summary
11/02/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
08/03/2010	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
25/03/2010	Final act signed		
25/03/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		
07/04/2010	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2009/0091(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Amendments and repeals	Amending Decision No 1672/2006/EC 2004/0158(COD)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 149 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 153-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 019-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/7/00380

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE427.994	09/09/2009	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE430.262	13/10/2009	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE430.467	05/11/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0049/2009	10/11/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0028/2010	11/02/2010	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Draft final act	00003/2010	25/03/2010	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary

Legislative proposal	COM(2009)0340	02/07/2009	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2010)1339	17/03/2010	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES1458/2009	30/09/2009	
CofR	Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0224/2009	07/10/2009	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2010/0284
OJ L 087 07.04.2010, p. 0006 Summary

Employment and Social Solidarity: Progress Programme 2007-2013

2009/0091(COD) - 25/03/2010 - Final act

PURPOSE: to reallocate EUR 60 million from the Progress Programme to the new European Microfinance Facility for employment and social inclusion.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Decision No 284/2010/EU of the European Union and of the Council amending Decision No 1672/2006/EC establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity — Progress.

CONTENT: to give unemployed people the chance of a new start and to open the way to entrepreneurship for some of Europe's most disadvantaged groups, including women and the young, Parliament and the Council have adopted a new **European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion**to develop micro-enterprises and the social economy. This Decision reallocates the amount of EUR 60 million from the **Progress programme** 2007-2013, to the new European progress microfinance facility.

The financial envelope for the Progress programme for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 is set at EUR 683 250 000.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 08/04/2010.

Employment and Social Solidarity: Progress Programme 2007-2013

2009/0091(COD) - 02/07/2009 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to reallocate EUR 100 million from the Progress Programme to the new European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion – Progress.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Europe Parliament and of the Council.

BACKGROUND: the Commission recently proposed the creation of a new European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion - Progress, designed to give the unemployed the chance of a new start and to open the way to entrepreneurship for some of Europe's most disadvantaged groups, including the young, in the broader context of the Economic Recovery Plan.

The aim of the present proposal is to provide adequate financial assistance for this new instrument by reallocating financial resources from the 2007-2013 Progress Programme. The proposal to reallocate part of the budget will not compromise the objectives of the Progress programme.

CONTENT: in line with the Inter-institutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management, this proposal aims to reallocate EUR 100 million needs to be reallocated from the existing budget of the Progress Programme, set up by Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, to the new European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion – Progress.

Decision No 1672/2006/EC should be amended accordingly and provides for EUR 643 250 000 from 2007-2013.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: not applicable.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: an additional amount of EUR 114 million (current prices) was allocated to the Progress programme. The total budget for 2007-2013 was therefore increased from EUR 628 800 000 (current prices) in the Commission's initial proposal to EUR 743 250 000 (current prices). After examining all possible options, the Commission proposes to reallocate EUR 100 million from the Progress Programme to the new European microfinance facility for employment and social inclusion – Progress. This will also require further promoting cross-cutting across policy sections and linkages with other EU instruments, such as transnational cooperation under the European Social Fund or support for social dialogue. Lastly, it will increase the efficiency and consistency of EU action in support of EU objectives and priorities in the areas of employment and social solidarity.

Employment and Social Solidarity: Progress Programme 2007-2013

2009/0091(COD) - 11/02/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 511 votes to 95, with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving, under the first reading of the ordinary legislative procedure, the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1672/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – Progress.

To recall, this proposal aims to finance the "European Microfinance Facility – Progress" which was adopted in parallel in December 2009 by the European Parliament. This instrument shall provide Community resources with a view to facilitating access to microcredit for persons who have lost or are at risk of losing their job.

Although the Commission had proposed that the facility be financed by the Progress Programme, Members of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee preferred to opt for a new budget line. They refused to approve the present amending proposal of the Progress financial envelope.

The compromise reached in plenary provides, on the contrary, for the reallocation of EUR 60 million from the Progress Programme and EUR 40 million from unallocated margins of the EU budget. This would result in EUR 100 million for the new European microfinance facility over a period of four years.

The main amendments adopted in Plenary, following the Commission statement on the Financing of the European Microfinance Facility which is annexed to this resolution, can be summarised as follows:

- the amount of EUR 60 million should be reallocated from the Progress Programme in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 on budgetary discipline and sound financial management;
- as a consequence, the financial envelope for implementing the Community activities referred to in this Decision for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 is amended and is hereby set at **EUR 683 250 000**.