

| Basic information | |
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| 2009/0801(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision | Procedure completed |
| European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS) Subject 7.30.05 Police cooperation | |

| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs | DEPREZ Gérard (ALDE) | 09/02/2009 |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration | Meetings | Date |
| | Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) | 2946 | 2009-06-04 |

| Key events | | | |
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| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
| 16/12/2008 | Legislative proposal published | 16437/2008 | Summary |
| 03/02/2009 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 31/03/2009 | Vote in committee | | Summary |
| 01/04/2009 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A6-0193/2009 | |
| 22/04/2009 | Decision by Parliament | T6-0228/2009 | Summary |
| 22/04/2009 | Results of vote in Parliament |  | |
| 04/06/2009 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 04/06/2009 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 30/10/2009 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Procedure reference | 2009/0801(CNS) |
| Procedure type | CNS - Consultation procedure |
| Procedure subtype | Legislation |

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| Legislative instrument | Decision |
| Amendments and repeals | Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS) |
| Legal basis | Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2c Treaty on European Union (after Amsterdam) M 030-p1 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier | LIBE/6/72375 |

| Documentation gateway | | | | |
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| European Parliament | | | | |
| Document type | Committee | Reference | Date | Summary |
| Committee draft report | | PE420.168 | 26/02/2009 | |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | | A6-0193/2009 | 01/04/2009 | |
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| Final act | |
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| Decision 2009/0796 OJ L 283 30.10.2009, p. 0062 | Summary |

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

2009/0801(CNS) - 04/06/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/796/JHA amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

CONTENT: this Decision, based on a Dutch Initiative, aims to amend [Council Decision 2002/956/JHA](#) setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

It is therefore considered appropriate, with this amendment, to amend the scope of the Decision so that it would also **apply to persons in a non-official position who are deemed to be under threat** because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate.

Decision 2002/956/JHA is hereby amended as follows:

- **Definition:** for the purposes of this Decision, "public figure" shall mean any person, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position to whom a protection service is assigned in accordance with the national legislation of a Member State or pursuant to the regulations of an international or supranational organisation or institution;
- **Extension of the protection of the person concerned:** to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or by means of direct contacts between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall take effect on 19.11.2009.

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

2009/0801(CNS) - 22/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 633 votes to 19, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the initiative by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for adoption of a Council decision amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

2009/0801(CNS) - 16/12/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

PROPOSED ACT: JHA Council Decision (Initiative of the Netherlands).

CONTENT: the aim of this proposal is to amend Council Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

Against this background, the Dutch initiative amends the Decision as follows:

- **definition:** for the purpose of this Decision, the definition of "public figure" shall be extended to, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position, a person who is deemed to be under threat because of his or her contribution to or impact on the public debate, and who, in the view of the Member State concerned, merits protection;
- **extension of the protection of the person concerned:** to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or directly between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points, concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States.