Basic information

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EP Rules of Procedure: adaptation of the Rules to the Treaty of Lisbon **Subject** 8.10 Revision of the Treaties, intergovernmental conferences 8.40.01 European Parliament 8.40.01.08 Business of Parliament, procedure, sittings, rules of procedure	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFCO Constitutional Affairs	MARTIN David (S&D)	21/07/2009

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Secretariat-General	BARROSO José Manuel

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
19/10/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/11/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
06/11/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0043/2009	
23/11/2009	Debate in Parliament		
25/11/2009	Decision by Parliament	T7-0088/2009	Summary
25/11/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/06/2010	Decision by Parliament	T7-0204/2010	Summary
15/06/2010	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/06/2010	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2062(REG)
Procedure type	REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Procedure subtype	Rules
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFCO/7/00437

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE427.153	28/07/2009	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE428.234	29/09/2009	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE430.308	15/10/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0043/2009	06/11/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0088/2009	25/11/2009	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE439.926	08/04/2010	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0204/2010	15/06/2010	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
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EP Rules of Procedure: adaptation of the Rules to the Treaty of Lisbon

2009/2062(REG) - 15/06/2010 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament decided to amend its Rules of Procedure to the Treaty of Lisbon.

The main amendments are as follows:

Members' Statute: Parliament will adopt the Members' Statute and any amendment of this will be on the basis of a proposal from the competent committee.

Bureau: it is stated that the Bureau shall take financial, organisational and administrative decisions on matters concerning Members on a proposal of the Secretary-General or a political group. The Bureau shall nominate two Vice-Presidents who shall be entrusted with the implementation of relations with national parliaments. They shall report back regularly to the Conference of Presidents on their activities in this regard.

Delegation of legislative powers: when scrutinising a proposal for a legislative act which delegates powers to the Commission as provided for in Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Parliament shall pay particular attention to the objectives, content, scope and duration of the delegation, and to the conditions to which it is subject. The committee responsible for the subject-matter may at any time request the opinion of the committee responsible for the interpretation and application of Union law.

The committee responsible for the interpretation and application of Union law may also, on its own initiative, take up questions concerning the delegation of legislative powers. In such cases it shall duly inform the committee responsible for the subject-matter.

Amendments to the Treaties: where Parliament is consulted, in accordance with Article 48(3) of the Treaty on European Union, on a proposal for a decision of the European Council in favour of examining amendments to the Treaties, the matter shall be referred to the committee responsible. The committee shall draw up a report comprising i) a motion for a resolution which states whether Parliament approves or rejects the proposed decision and which may contain proposals for the attention of the Convention or of the conference of representatives of the governments of the Member States; ii) if appropriate, an explanatory statement.

Parliamentary Questions: in accordance with guidelines established by the Conference of Presidents, specific question hours may be held with the President of the Commission, with the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and with the President of the Eurogroup.

The organisation and promotion of effective and regular interparliamentary cooperation within the Union shall be negotiated on the basis of a mandate given by the Conference of Presidents, after consulting the Conference of Committee Chairs. Parliament shall approve any agreements on such matters.

A committee may directly engage in a dialogue with national parliaments at committee level within the limits of budgetary appropriations set aside for this purpose. This may include appropriate forms of pre-legislative and post-legislative cooperation.

Any document concerning a legislative procedure at Union level which is officially transmitted by a national parliament to the European Parliament shall be forwarded to the committee responsible for the subject-matter dealt with in that document.

These amendments will enter into force the first day of the next session period.

EP Rules of Procedure: adaptation of the Rules to the Treaty of Lisbon

2009/2062(REG) - 25/11/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a decision on the adaptation of Parliament's Rules of Procedure to the Treaty of Lisbon. The amendments adopted in Plenary will enter into force on 1 December 2009.

It should be noted that at the Constitutional Affairs meeting on 24 November 2009, the vote only concerned amendments relating to the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty. The other amendments were debated and put to the vote at a later stage, at the same time as other additional compromise amendments.

MEPs adopted changes to the EP's internal rules to reflect the arrival of 18 new MEPs, the increase in its legislative powers and a new budget procedure that puts Parliament on an equal footing with the Council.

Altogether, 18 new MEPs from 12 Member States will take their seats in Parliament after the new Treaty enters into force and a protocol confirming the addition of MEPs has been ratified by all Member States. Until then, the MEPs-designate will not enjoy voting rights but can have observer status, a possibility now added to the European Parliament' Rules of Procedure.

The rule changes also reflect the significant increase in Parliament's legislative powers. With the Lisbon Treaty, almost all issues fall under the "ordinary legislative procedure", in which Parliament and Council are equal as lawmakers.

Budget rules were also revised as Parliament will enjoy full parity with Council in deciding the EU budget. In this respect, MEPs introduced a number of amendments concerning: the multi-annual financial Framework (which has become a legislative act soliciting Parliament’s consent); working documents available to members; consideration of the draft budget (first stage); budgetary conciliation; financial trilogue; definitive adoption of the budget; provisional twelfths system; procedure to be applied when drawing up Parliament's estimates.

Further changes to the EP's Rules of Procedure concern, inter alia:

- respect for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
- examination of respect for the principle of subsidiarity;
- Parliament's right to propose treaty changes and the increased influence of national parliaments;
- the procedure for appointing the Commission President was modified as Parliament will have more power in this matter;
- the suppression of specific measures concerning the appointment of the High Representative for the common foreign and security policy;
- withdrawal from the Union;

- breach by a Member State of fundamental principles.