Basic information

2012/2039(INL) INL - Legislative initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Statute for a European mutual society **Subject** 3.45.01 Company law 3.45.07 Social economy, mutual societies, cooperatives, associations 4.15.10 Worker information, participation, trade unions, works councils	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
JURI Legal Affairs	BERLINGUER Luigi (S&D)	21/11/2011
	Shadow rapporteur THEIN Alexandra (ALDE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs (Associated committee)	BASTOS Regina (PPE)	15/12/2011

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	TAJANI Antonio

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
15/03/2012	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/03/2012	Referral to associated committees announced in Parliament		
22/01/2013	Vote in committee		
28/01/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0018/2013	Summary
14/03/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0094/2013	Summary

14/03/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/03/2013	Debate in Parliament		
14/03/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2012/2039(INL)
Procedure type	INL - Legislative initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Request for legislative proposal
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 47
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/7/08491

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE496.679	04/10/2012	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE500.725	29/11/2012	
Committee opinion	EMPL	PE483.860	07/12/2012	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0018/2013	28/01/2013	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T7-0094/2013	14/03/2013	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2013)442	29/07/2013	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Statute for a European mutual society

2012/2039(INL) - 28/01/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the own-initiative report by Luigi BERLINGUER (S&D, IT) and Regina BASTOS (EPP, PT) with recommendations to the Commission on the Statute for a European mutual society.

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs exercised its prerogatives as an associated committee under Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure on this report.

Members recall that Parliament has adopted several resolutions calling for the adoption of a regulation on the statute for a European mutual society, and they consider it regrettable that the Commission, having withdrawn its proposal for a statute for a European mutual society in 2006, has not brought forward any new proposals which would give mutual societies a suitable legal instrument to facilitate their cross-border activities.

The committee **underlined the major role mutual societies play in the Union's economy** by providing health care, social services and affordable insurance services to more than 160 million European citizens, representing more than EUR 180 billion in insurance premiums and employing over 350 000 people.

It insisted, therefore, that mutual societies cannot continue to be forgotten by the single market and **should be given a European statute** to place them on an equal footing with other forms of undertaking in the Union, noting also that diversity in forms of entrepreneurship is an asset that should be fully encouraged.

The statute proposed would create a **voluntary scheme in the form of an optional instrument** allowing mutual societies to act in different Member States, to be introduced even in countries where they do not currently exist.

The committee put forward **four detailed draft Recommendations** for a European mutual society on the following: (i) the objectives of the statute; (ii) the elements of a statute; (iii) the scope and coverage of a statute; and (iv) governance of European mutual societies.

Statute for a European mutual society

2012/2039(INL) - 14/03/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution with recommendations to the Commission on the Statute for a European mutual society. Parliament underlined the major role mutual societies play in the Union's economy by providing health care, social services and affordable insurance services to more than 160 million European citizens, representing more than EUR 180 billion in insurance premiums and employing over 350 000 people.

Parliament states the statute proposed would create a **voluntary scheme in the form of an optional instrument** allowing mutual societies to act in different Member States, to be introduced even in countries where they do not currently exist.

It puts forward **four detailed draft Recommendations** for a European mutual society on the following: (i) the objectives of the statute; (ii) the elements of a statute; (iii) the scope and coverage of a statute; and (iv) governance of European mutual societies.

Members recall that Parliament has adopted several resolutions calling for the adoption of a regulation on the statute for a European mutual society, and they consider it regrettable that the Commission, having withdrawn its proposal for a statute for a European mutual society in 2006, has not brought forward any new proposals which would give mutual societies a suitable legal instrument to facilitate their cross-border activities.

Since mutual societies represent 25% of the insurance market and 70% of the total number of undertakings in the industry, Parliament insisted that mutual societies cannot continue to be forgotten by the single market and should be given a European statute to place them on an equal footing with other forms of undertaking in the Union, noting also that diversity in forms of entrepreneurship is an asset that should be fully encouraged.