Basic information

2013/2089(INL) INL - Legislative initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Parliament's rights in the appointment procedure of future Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency - amendment of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network See also Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 2007/0235(COD) **Subject** 3.70 Environmental policy 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	GROOTE Matthias (S&D)	26/03/2013
	Shadow rapporteur GUTIÉRREZ-CORTINES Cristina (PPE) DAVIES Chris (ALDE) YANNAKOUDAKIS Marina (ECR) LIOTARD Kartika Tamara (GUE/NGL)	

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Environment	POTOČNIK Janez

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
10/06/2013	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/07/2013	Vote in committee		
16/07/2013	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0264/2013	Summary
11/09/2013	Decision by Parliament	T7-0351/2013	Summary
11/09/2013	Results of vote in Parliament		

11/09/2013	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	INL - Legislative initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Request for legislative proposal
Amendments and repeals	See also Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 2007/0235(COD)
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Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/7/12255

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee draft report		PE510.522	31/05/2013	
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Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A7-0264/2013	16/07/2013	Summary
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European Commission

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Parliament's rights in the appointment procedure of future Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency - amendment of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network

2013/2089(INL) - 16/07/2013 - Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety unanimously adopted the own-initiative report by Matthias GROOTE (S&D, DE) with recommendations to the Commission on Parliament's rights in the appointment procedure of future Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency – amendment of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network.

The initiative report is presented in accordance with Rule 42 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure in which the Parliament may request the Commission, pursuant to Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to submit to it any appropriate proposal for the adoption of a new act or the amendment of an existing act, by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report drawn up by the committee responsible.

To recall, the first subparagraph of Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network includes no provision granting the European Parliament a formal right to hear the candidate selected to be appointed Executive Director of the European Environment Agency prior to his or her appointment. This requirement is present in the regulations establishing other agencies of the same kind but does not appear in this Regulation due to the fact that the Regulation establishing the EEA is older than the other regulations, dating back (in its original version) to 1990.

It is therefore necessary to **update and align the EEA Regulation to more recent practice** as regards the appointment of the Executive Director in order to grant the European Parliament the formal right to hear the candidate selected to be appointed Executive Director of the European Environment Agency.

The motion for a resolution requests the Commission to submit as soon as possible, a proposal for an act amending Regulation (EC) No 401/2009, following the detailed recommendations set out in the Annex hereto:

Amendment to Article 9(1) of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009, the first subparagraph: the text states that the Agency shall be headed by an Executive Director appointed by the Management Board on the basis of a list of candidates proposed by the Commission following a **call for expressions of interest** published in the Official Journal of the European Union and in other periodicals or on internet sites.

Before being appointed, the candidate selected by the Management Board shall be invited as soon as possible to make a statement before the European Parliament and to answer questions from its Members.

In advance of that hearing, which is to take place in the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety committee, the candidate shall provide a written roadmap that encompasses his or her strategy for their five-year term of office.

Parliament's rights in the appointment procedure of future Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency - amendment of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network

2013/2089(INL) - 11/09/2013 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution with recommendations to the Commission on Parliament's rights in the appointment procedure of future Executive Directors of the European Environment Agency – amendment of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No 401/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Environment Agency and the European Environment Information and Observation Network.

The initiative report is presented in accordance with Rules 42 and 48 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure in which the Parliament may request the Commission, pursuant to Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to submit to it any appropriate proposal for the adoption of a new act or the amendment of an existing act, by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report drawn up by the committee responsible.

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It is therefore necessary to **update and align the EEA Regulation to more recent practice** as regards the appointment of the Executive Director in order to grant the European Parliament the formal right to hear the candidate selected to be appointed Executive Director of the European Environment Agency.

Consequently, this resolution requests the Commission to submit as soon as possible, a proposal for an act amending Regulation (EC) No 401/2009, following the detailed recommendations as follows:

Principles: the aim of this proposal is to align the procedure for appointment of the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency with the procedures in use for the Executive Directors of other agencies, such as the European Chemicals Agency, the European Medicines Agency and the

European Food Safety Authority, in particular in order to **grant the European Parliament the formal right to hear the candidate selected by the Management Board** of the European Environment Agency for the post prior to his or her appointment

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