Basic information

2018/0205(COD) COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	Procedure completed
Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations Amending Regulation (EC) No 338/97 1991/0370(SYN) Amending Directive 2002/49/EC 2000/0194(COD) Amending Directive 2004/35/EC 2002/0021(COD) Amending Directive 2007/2/EC 2004/0175(COD) Amending Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 2004/0231(COD) Amending Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 2008/0198(COD) Amending Directive 2010/63/EU 2008/0211(COD) Amending Directive 2009/147/EC 2009/0043(COD) **Subject** 3.70 Environmental policy	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	VĂLEAN Adina (PPE)	14/05/2018
	Shadow rapporteur PAOLUCCI Massimo (S&D) PIECHA Bolesław G. (ECR) MATTHEWS Rupert (ECR) FEDERLEY Fredrick (ALDE) ECK Stefan (GUE/NGL) ŠKRLEC Davor (Verts/ALE)	

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	CAPUTO Nicola (S&D)	28/06/2018
JURI Legal Affairs	HAUTALA Heidi (Verts/ALE)	09/07/2018

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date

	General Affairs	3692	2019-05-21

European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
	Environment	VELLA Karmenu

European Economic and Social Committee
European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
31/05/2018	Legislative proposal published	COM(2018)0381	Summary
11/06/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
10/10/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
15/10/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0324/2018	Summary
23/10/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0399/2018	Summary
23/10/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
23/10/2018	Matter referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations		
21/01/2019	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE632.985 GEDA/A/(2019)000610	
26/03/2019	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0235/2019	Summary
26/03/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
21/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
05/06/2019	Final act signed		
05/06/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/06/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0205(COD)
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Amendments and repeals	Amending Regulation (EC) No 338/97 1991/0370(SYN) Amending Directive 2002/49/EC 2000/0194(COD) Amending Directive 2004/35/EC 2002/0021(COD) Amending Directive 2007/2/EC 2004/0175(COD) Amending Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 2004/0231(COD)

	Amending Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 2008/0198(COD) Amending Directive 2010/63/EU 2008/0211(COD) Amending Directive 2009/147/EC 2009/0043(COD)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 61 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 207 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 192-p1 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 114
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/13522

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE625.332	10/07/2018	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE627.599	06/09/2018	
Committee opinion	JURI	PE626.921	27/09/2018	
Committee opinion	AGRI	PE623.917	02/10/2018	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0324/2018	15/10/2018	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading /single reading		T8-0399/2018	23/10/2018	Summary
Text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations		PE632.985	21/01/2019	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0235/2019	26/03/2019	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement	GEDA/A/(2019)000610	18/01/2019	
Draft final act	00008/2019/LEX	05/06/2019	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2018)0381	31/05/2018	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2019)437	30/07/2019	

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
	Economic and Social Committee:			

EESC	opinion, report	CES2960/2018	12/12/2018	

Additional information		
Source	**Document**	**Date**
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2019/1010 OJ L 170 25.06.2019, p. 0115	Summary

Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations

2018/0205(COD) - 23/10/2018 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 606 votes to 27, with 34 abstentions, amendments to the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the alignment of reporting obligations in the field of environment policy and thereby amending Directives 86/278/EEC, 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009/147/EC and 2010/63/EU, Regulations (EC) No 166/2006 and (EU) No 995/2010, and Council Regulations (EC) No 338/97 and (EC) No 2173/2005.

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations.

As a reminder, the proposed Regulation seeks to streamline the alignment of reporting obligations of the environment-related legislation, updating specific provisions of 10 sectoral directives and regulations.

Purpose: Members considered that the Regulation should aim to **modernise information management** and ensure a more consistent approach to the legislative acts within its scope by simplifying reporting so as to reduce the administrative burden (notably for SMEs), enhancing the database for future evaluations, and increasing transparency for the benefit of the public, each time in accordance with the circumstances.

They stressed the need for a process of timely and comprehensive reporting of relevant information by Member States that can be used by decision-makers and the general public.

The proposed amendments aim in particular to:

- offer a **more transparent access to clear environmental information** for various stakeholders, including the public, and contribute inter alia to priority objective 4 of the 7th Environment Action Programme. For example, the Commission shall continue to carry out at regular intervals the evaluation of Directive 2007/2/EC establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) and make this evaluation available to the public. Comprehensive, accurate and comparable information shall be made public with regard to the assessment of Directive 2002/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise;
- clarify the **definitions** of various terms in the basic acts covered by the proposal or detailing certain terms, for example by introducing the new definition of 'spatial data services';
- **strengthen the role of co-legislators**, including the European Parliament, and clarify the role of the European Environment Agency in the overall reporting and monitoring exercise;
- introduce in Directive 2010/63/EC (animals used for scientific purposes) a requirement for the Commission not only to publish but also to regularly provide update on a Union overview based on the data submitted by the Member States;
- impose a clear deadline on Member States (by 31 March each year) for the communication to the Commission, by electronic transfer, of all the required data specified in Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 (European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register);
- reduce the reference period for Commission reports from six to five years for Regulation (EC) No 995/2010 (the Timber Regulation) so as to allow Parliament to examine Commission reports and possible legislative proposals during each parliamentary term.

Delegated acts: according to the amended text, the Commission may:

- adopt a delegated act to amend Annex VI to Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability (ERD) as regards the detailed criteria to be applied for the classification of the **scale and type of environmental damage**;
- adopt delegated acts to complement Directive 2002/49/EC as regards the setting up of the mandatory data repository and the detailed rules of the digital information exchange mechanism to share the information from the **strategic noise maps** and summaries of action plans. The delegation of power shall be granted to the Commission for a period of five years from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations

2018/0205(COD) - 15/10/2018 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Adina-Ioana VĂLEAN (EPP, RO) on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the alignment of reporting obligations in the field of environment policy and thereby amending Directives 86/278/EEC, 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009/147/EC and 2010/63/EU, Regulations (EC) No 166/2006 and (EU) No 995/2010, and Council Regulations (EC) No 338/97 and (EC) No 2173/2005.

As a reminder, the proposed Regulation seeks to streamline the alignment of reporting obligations of the environment-related legislation, updating specific provisions of 10 sectoral directives and regulations.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament's position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission's proposal as follows.

Purpose: Members considered that the Regulation should aim to **modernise information management** and ensure a more consistent approach to the legislative acts within its scope by simplifying reporting so as to reduce the administrative burden (notably for SMEs), enhancing the database for future evaluations, and increasing transparency for the benefit of the public, each time in accordance with the circumstances.

The proposed amendments aim in particular to:

- offer a **more transparent access to clear environmental information** for various stakeholders, including the public, and contribute inter alia to priority objective 4 of the 7th Environment Action Programme. For example, the Commission shall continue to carry out at regular intervals the evaluation of Directive 2007/2/EC establishing an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE) and make this evaluation available to the public. Comprehensive, accurate and comparable information shall be made public with regard to the assessment of Directive 2002/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the assessment and management of environmental noise;
- clarify the **definitions** of various terms in the basic acts covered by the proposal or detailing certain terms, for example by introducing the new definition of 'spatial data services';
- **strengthen the role of co-legislators**, including the European Parliament, and clarify the role of the European Environment Agency in the overall reporting and monitoring exercise;
- provide that the Commission shall adopt a delegated act to amend Annex VI to Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability as regards the detailed criteria to be applied for the classification of the scale and type of environmental damage;
- introduce in Directive 2010/63/EC (animals used for scientific purposes) a requirement for the Commission not only to publish but also to regularly provide update on a Union overview based on the data submitted by the Member States;
- impose a clear deadline on Member States (by 31 March each year) for the communication to the Commission, by electronic transfer, of all the required data specified in Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 (European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register);
- reduce the reference period for Commission reports from six to five years for Regulation (EC) No 995/2010 (the Timber Regulation) so as to allow Parliament to examine Commission reports and possible legislative proposals during each parliamentary term.

Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations

2018/0205(COD) - 25/06/2019 - Final act

PURPOSE: to simplify reporting obligations in environmental legislation.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2019/1010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the alignment of reporting obligations in the field of legislation related to the environment, and amending Regulations (EC) No 166/2006 and (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Directives 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009/147/EC and 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, Council Regulations (EC) No 338/97 and (EC) No 2173/2005, and Council Directive 86/278/EEC.

CONTENT: in order to meet the need for information on implementation and compliance, this Regulation aims to align and streamline the reporting requirements in environmental legislation by updating specific provisions in 10 sectoral directives and regulations.

This Regulation seeks to modernise information management and ensure a more consistent approach to the legislative acts within its scope by simplifying reporting so as to reduce the administrative burden, enhancing the database for future evaluations and increasing transparency for the benefit of the public, each time in accordance with the circumstances.

The amendments concern 10 legislative acts in the field of the environment:

- Directive 86/278/EEC on the implementation of the directive;

- Directive 2002/49/EC on the environment;

- Directive 2007/2/EC establishes an Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE);

- Directive 2009/147/EC concerns the conservation of wild birds;

- Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 concerning the establishment of a European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register;

- Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes;

- Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 on timber;

- Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 on the establishment of a FLEGT licensing scheme for imports of timber into the European Community;

- Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora (CITES);

- Directive 2004/35/EC on environmental liability.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 26.6.2019.

Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations

2018/0205(COD) - 31/05/2018 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to align the EU reporting obligations in the field of environment policy.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: in June 2017, the Commission published a comprehensive fitness check evaluation on reporting and monitoring of EU environment policy and drew up an action plan. This evaluation covered 181 reporting obligations found in 58 pieces of EU environmental legislation.

It was found that there is **room for improvement** on some cross-cutting issues (such as streamlining for a process that is more similar in all Member States) and for specific pieces of legislation:

- Directive 2002/49/EC (Environment Noise Directive);
- Directive 2004/35/EC (Environment Liability Directive - ELD);
- Directive 2007/2/EC (INSPIRE Directive) - Infrastructure for spatial information;
- Directives 2009/147/EC and 92/43/EEC (i.e. Birds and Habitats Directive);
- Directive 2010/63/EC (Animal Testing Directive);
- Regulation (EC) No 166/2006 (European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register Regulation (E-PRTR));
- Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 (Timber Regulation);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 (CITES);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2173/2005 (FLEGT Regulation).

Issues addressed in the proposal are as follows:

- the relevance and need for certain reporting obligations is no longer clear;
- the timing and frequency for reporting obligations does not meet major policy cycle needs;
- the extending of access to information and the sharing with the public;
- the roles of the Commission and European agencies are not always clear and explicit;
- aligning the content, timing and procedures with the evaluation cycle under the Better Regulation agenda. The proposal is therefore designed for the purpose of regulatory fitness and simplification.

CONTENT: this proposal for **revision of several existing legislative acts** falls under the Commission's Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT). The objectives of this 'alignment' proposal are: (i) to improve the evidence base for the implementation of EU environmental policy; (ii) to increase transparency for the public and; (iii) to simplify reporting in order to reduce the administrative burden.

The proposal has been developed with a view to ensuring a coherent approach across the different legislative acts, as appropriate:

- improving **transparency** and subsidiarity (in 8 legal acts);
- aligning the **timing** of reporting (in 3 legal acts);
- clarifying the role that the Commission and, in some cases, the European Environment Agency plays in the **reporting processes** (in 8 legal acts);
- providing factual data for **future evaluations** (in 5 legal acts).

Environment policy: alignment of reporting obligations

2018/0205(COD) - 26/03/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 619 votes to 19, with 26 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the alignment of reporting obligations in the field of environment policy and thereby amending Directives 86/278/EEC, 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009/147/EC and 2010/63/EU, Regulations (EC) No 166/2006 and (EU) No 995/2010 and Council Regulations (EC) Nos 338/97 and 2173/2005.

The position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure.

The regulation would aim to modernise information management and ensure a more coherent approach to the legislative acts falling within its scope by simplifying the communication of environmental information in order to reduce the administrative burden, improving the database for future assessments and increasing transparency in the public interest, taking into account circumstances in each case.

The data and the process of their rapid and complete communication by Member States are essential to enable the Commission to monitor, review and evaluate the performance of the legislation in the light of its objectives, which will serve as a basis for future assessments of environmental legislation.

Regulations (EC) No 166/2006, (EU) No 995/2010, (EC) No 338/97 and (EC) No 2173/2005, and Directives 2002/49/EC, 2004/35/EC, 2007/2/EC, 2009 /147/EC, 2010/63/EU and 86/278/EEC would be amended accordingly.