

Cyprus and Malta: pre-accession strategy, implementation of operations

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The committee adopted a report (under the consultation procedure) by Elmar BROK (EPP/ED, D) approving the Commission proposals seeking to prepare Cyprus and Malta for EU membership subject to a number of amendments. One of these sought to ensure that Parliament was consulted on the priorities and conditions contained in the individual Accession Partnership for each applicant state in order to increase democratic control over the regulation. The committee also adopted an amendment seeking to substitute an advisory committee to assist the Commission, rather than a more powerful management committee (which would give a greater role to the member states). A further amendment set a financial reference point of EURO 130m for the whole five year period of the pre-accession operations.