


Basic information	
1998/0117(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
Guarantee Fund for external actions: target amount Amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 1993/1004(CNS) Subject 6.30.04 Loans to third-countries, Guarantee Fund 8.70.01 Financing of the budget, own resources	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		TOMLINSON The Lord John E. (PSE)	19/01/1998
	Former committee responsible		Former rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		TOMLINSON The Lord John E. (PSE)	19/01/1998
	Former committee for opinion		Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs		GARCÍA-MARGALLO Y MARFIL José Manuel (PPE)	25/06/1998
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	RELA External Economic Relations		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	23/07/1998
	REGI Regional Development		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	25/02/1998
	CONT Budgetary Control		The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

	PECH Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meetings	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2143	1998-12-01
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2181	1999-05-25

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
18/03/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0168 	Summary
15/06/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
26/10/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0388/1998	
18/11/1998	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
19/11/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0671/1998	Summary
19/11/1998	Report referred back to committee		
01/12/1998	Debate in Council		
18/03/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
18/03/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0146/1999	
05/05/1999	Debate in Parliament	CRE link	
06/05/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0439/1999	Summary
25/05/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/06/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		



Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0117(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Nature of procedure	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 1993/1004(CNS)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308 Rules of Procedure EP 050
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/4/10563 BUDG/4/10137

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

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Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0388/1998 OJ C 359 23.11.1998, p. 0005	26/10/1998	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0146/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0006	18/03/1999	

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0168  OJ C 032 06.02.1999, p. 0011	18/03/1998	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	COM(1998)0182 	18/03/1998	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Regulation 1999/1149 OJ L 139 02.06.1999, p. 0001	Summary
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Guarantee Fund for external actions: target amount

1998/0117(CNS) - 18/03/1998 - Legislative proposal

OBJECTIVE: In the context of Agenda 2000 (COS0590) and the new Financial Perspective for 2000-2006 (COS695), to amend the target amount of the Guarantee Fund and the rate at which Member States are to contribute to it (the 'provisioning rate'). **SUBSTANCE:** The Guarantee Fund instituted by Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 has two objectives: to provide the Community with an instrument to protect it against budgetary impacts arising from activation of the Community guarantee, and to create an instrument of budgetary discipline with regard to the Community's policy on lending to third countries. In the light of experience gained since 1994, amendments are needed to enable the Fund to operate normally without maintaining a reserve disproportionate to its needs. This is the aim of the present proposal, whose purpose is to: 1) reduce from 10% to 8% the target amount of the Guarantee Fund, giving the Fund access to resources which are adequate but not too much to be financially viable and to cover any defaults on loans guaranteed by the Community budget; 2) set the Fund's provisioning rate at 6% rather than the current 14% in order not to make excessive demands on Member States for funds for the guarantee reserve (corrective measures are provided for if the target amount is not attained following the reduction of the provisioning rate). The reduction in the provisioning rate should be accompanied by a proportional reduction in the reserve to a level of euro 150 m per annum over the period of the next Financial Perspective (with the possibility of establishing a limited reserve of euro 150 m as of 1999). This reserve ceiling should make it possible to guarantee euro 2500 m in loans in 2000-2006. Other amendments are also provided for with regard to management; the Commission is to undertake the financial management of the Fund. The Court of Auditors will monitor its management. The proposal provides for an overall report to be drawn up concerning the Fund's operation before 31.12.2006.

Guarantee Fund for external actions: target amount

1998/0117(CNS) - 25/05/1999 - Final act

PURPOSE: amendment of Council Regulation 2728/94/EC, EURATOM establishing a Guarantee Fund to modify the target amount and its provisioning rate. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Regulation 1149/1999/EC, EURATOM amending Regulation 2728/94/EC, EURATOM establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions. **CONTENT:** In view of the experience accumulated since the creation of the Guarantee Fund in 1994, it was decided to amend Regulation 2728/94/EC, EURATOM as follows: 1) To reduce the target amount of the Funds from 10% to 9% of the Community's total outstanding capital liabilities arising from each operation, increased by unpaid interest due. 2) To set the provisioning rate of the Fund at 9% rather than the current 14% and at 10% if the resources in the Fund stand below 75% of the target amount. Provision is also made for the case of if the Fund were to exceed the target amount, the surplus amounts would be paid back into the general budget of the Community. The

Regulation requires the Commission to draw up comprehensive reports, to be submitted to the Council and the Parliament, on the operation of the Fund by 31.12.2006. This should take account of any eventual modifications following the enlargement of the Community. Appropriate proposals for modification of the parameters of the Fund may be proposed on this occasion. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.01.2000.

Guarantee Fund for external actions: target amount

1998/0117(CNS) - 06/05/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Under consultation procedure, the European Parliament adopted the supplementary report by John Tomlinson (PSE,UK), which approves the Commission proposal for a Council regulation (EC, Euratom) amending Council regulation (EC, Euratom) No 2728/94 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions, in the form on which political agreement has been reached in Council which takes account of the amendments which Parliament adopted on 19/11/98.

Guarantee Fund for external actions: target amount

1998/0117(CNS) - 19/11/1998 - Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading

Following confirmation by the Commissioner, Mr Hans van den BROEK, that the Commission could not accept all the amendments adopted by plenary, the rapporteur, Mr John TOMLINSON (PSE, UK), requested referral back to committee of his report, which was agreed. A more flexible attitude on the part of the Commission with regard to the demands was hoped for. In its amendments Parliament stressed the following aspects: - management of the Fund to be in the hands of the EIB rather than the Commission (as the latter proposed); - greater information on the operation of the Guarantee Fund and its management by means of regular Commission reports; - the budgetary authority to be informed in advance of any approval of specific loans and its implications for the Guarantee Fund.