

Basic information	
<b>2002/2119(INI)</b> INI - Own-initiative procedure  Disadvantaged regions in the context of the cohesion policy and its institutional perspectives  <b>Subject</b>  4.70.06 Outlying and outermost regions, overseas countries and territories	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	RETT	Regional Policy, Transport and Tourism	POMÉS RUIZ José Javier (PPE-DE)	20/01/2003

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/07/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/05/2003	Vote in committee		Summary
21/05/2003	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0188/2003</a>	
02/09/2003	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0360/2003</a>	Summary
02/09/2003	Debate in Parliament	<a href="#">CRE link</a>	
02/09/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
<b>Procedure reference</b>	2002/2119(INI)
<b>Procedure type</b>	INI - Own-initiative procedure
<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Initiative
<b>Legal basis</b>	Rules of Procedure EP 55
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	RETT/5/16343

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0188/2003</a>	21/05/2003	
		<a href="#">T5-0360/2003</a>		

## Disadvantaged regions in the context of the cohesion policy and its institutional perspectives

2002/2119(INI) - 02/09/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted the own-initiative report drafted by José Javier POMES RUIZ (EPP-ED, Spain) on structurally disadvantaged regions. (Please see the summary dated 21/05/03.) The resolution was adopted by 443 votes in favour, 42 against and 30 abstentions. Parliament proposed additional Treaty changes: - current provisions governing state aid, and specifically Article 87, should be amended so that aid to promote the economic development of areas where the standard of living is abnormally low or which suffer from permanent demographic handicaps might be compatible with the common market; - Article 158 of the Treaty should be amended to acknowledge that the Community takes account of the permanent structural handicaps linked to island status, mountainous geography and low population density, and will implement, where justified, specific measures in proportion to the severity of the constraints suffered.