


Basic information	
2009/0801(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS) Subject 7.30.05 Police cooperation	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		DEPREZ Gérard (ALDE)	09/02/2009
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		2946	2009-06-04

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
16/12/2008	Legislative proposal published	16437/2008	Summary
03/02/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
01/04/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0193/2009	
22/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0228/2009	Summary
22/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
04/06/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/06/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/10/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/0801(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS)

Legal basis	Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2c Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 030-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/6/72375

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE420.168	26/02/2009	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0193/2009	01/04/2009	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0228/2009	22/04/2009	Summary
Council of the EU				
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Legislative proposal	16437/2008	16/12/2008	Summary	

Additional information		
Source	Document	Date
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act
Decision 2009/0796 OJ L 283 30.10.2009, p. 0062 Summary

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

2009/0801(CNS) - 04/06/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to amend Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/796/JHA amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

CONTENT: this Decision, based on a Dutch Initiative, aims to amend [Council Decision 2002/956/JHA](#) setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

It is therefore considered appropriate, with this amendment, to amend the scope of the Decision so that it would also **apply to persons in a non-official position who are deemed to be under threat** because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate.

Decision 2002/956/JHA is hereby amended as follows:

- **Definition:** for the purposes of this Decision, "public figure" shall mean any person, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position to whom a protection service is assigned in accordance with the national legislation of a Member State or pursuant to the regulations of an international or supranational organisation or institution;

- **Extension of the protection of the person concerned:** to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or by means of direct contacts between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall take effect on 19.11.2009.

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2009/0801(CNS) - 22/04/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 633 votes to 19, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the initiative by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for adoption of a Council decision amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

2009/0801(CNS) - 16/12/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

PROPOSED ACT: JHA Council Decision (Initiative of the Netherlands).

CONTENT: the aim of this proposal is to amend Council Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

Against this background, the Dutch initiative amends the Decision as follows:

- **definition:** for the purpose of this Decision, the definition of "public figure" shall be extended to, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position, a person who is deemed to be under threat because of his or her contribution to or impact on the public debate, and who, in the view of the Member State concerned, merits protection;
- **extension of the protection of the person concerned:** to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or directly between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points, concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States.