

Procedure file

Basic information		
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European Centre for Industrial Relations, CERI		
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Key players			
European Parliament			
	Committee for opinion BUDG Budgets	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed 31/10/1995
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	PSE TAPPIN Michael The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
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23/05/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Documentation gateway					
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OBJECTIVE: to create a European Centre for Industrial Relations in order to introduce European training for employer and trade union representatives appointed by their confederations of industry and trades union congresses. The purpose of this joint initiative by the social partners (ETUC, UNICE and ECPE) is to familiarize trade union and employer representatives with the problems connected with social dialogue at national and European level. **CONTENT:** the Commission informs the Council and the European Parliament that it hopes to create the Centre quickly and intends to finance its work. The training courses provided by the Centre should enable the management and workers' representatives designated by their organizations to: - acquire general knowledge about the structure of Europe and how the institutions work; - evaluate and extrapolate the data from socio-economic scenarios in their various dimensions; - compare industrial relation models and structures in Europe in order to identify the instruments and subjects of collective bargaining and the forms of economic and social regulation which promote social dialogue. Training will be provided in the form of long courses and short courses. The Centre will also enable participants to exchange information on the system of professional relations in the Member States, the respective roles of the state and the social partners and the structures and modus operandi of employer and trade union organizations and Community policies. The Centre will comprise a board of directors, a scientific council, an honorary committee and an executive secretariat. Relations between the Commission and the European Centre for Industrial Relations will be governed by an agreement.?

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Adopting the report by Mr David MORRIS (PSE, UK) on the establishment of a European Centre for Industrial Relations, Parliament recognized the establishment of such a Centre as potentially playing a valuable role in this policy. It considered it essential, however, that the Commission should inform it about: - what activities the European Union is financing in the social sphere, specifying their purpose and contents, and - what system of control it intends to set up to guarantee the quality of these activities and prevent duplication. Wishing to ensure that the Centre has an adequate multiplier effect and that its activities are open to the widest possible range of beneficiaries, the report advocated more flexible arrangements (e.g. a modular approach) and a reduction in the length of the "long courses". The training offered by the Centre should genuinely enable representatives of management and trade unions to act as "tutors in European industrial relations" at workplace level. The report supported the idea of providing training opportunities for social partners represented on the Advisory Committees assisting the European Commission. Concerned that the training role of the Centre might be undermined by the development of research-orientated activities, Parliament was not convinced of the value of establishing a Chair in European industrial relations to be funded out of the Centre's budget. It did, however, welcome the creation of a position for a research coordinator in order to maximize the benefits of research carried out by other bodies. Finally, it stressed that, in order to safeguard the "added value" of the Centre, well-balanced participation of all social partners must be achieved at all times.?