




# Procedure file

| Basic information   |                |                     |
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| COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)                                | 1994/2123(COS) | Procedure completed |
| Development problems and Objective 1 structural assistance in Germany. Report |                |                     |
| Subject<br>4.70.03 Community initiatives, Community support frameworks        |                |                     |
| Geographical area<br>Germany FR   |                |                     |

| Key players                   |   |                                  |            |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------|
| European Parliament           | Committee responsible   | Rapporteur                       | Appointed  |
|                               |  Regional Policy                     |                                  | 18/01/1995 |
|                               |   | PSE <a href="#">BOTZ Gerhard</a> |            |
|                               | Committee for opinion   | Rapporteur for opinion           | Appointed  |
|                               |  Agriculture and Rural Development |                                  |            |
| Council of the European Union |   |                                  |            |

| Key events |  |   |         |
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| 29/07/1994 | Non-legislative basic document published   | <a href="#">31994D0628</a>  |         |
| 31/01/1996 | Committee referral announced in Parliament |   |         |
| 17/12/1996 | Vote in committee                          |   | Summary |
| 17/12/1996 | Committee report tabled for plenary        | <a href="#">A4-0002/1997</a>  |         |
| 17/02/1997 | Debate in Parliament                       |  |         |
| 18/02/1997 | Decision by Parliament                     | T4-0040/1997  | Summary |
| 18/02/1997 | End of procedure in Parliament             |   |         |
| 17/03/1997 | Final act published in Official Journal    |   |         |

| Technical information |  |
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| Procedure reference   | 1994/2123(COS)                                 |
| Procedure type        | COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) |
| Procedure subtype     | Commission strategy paper                      |
| Legal basis           | Rules of Procedure EP 142                      |

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| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |
| Committee dossier          | REGI/4/05929        |

## Documentation gateway

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| Document attached to the procedure                  |  | <a href="#">34349/1994</a>   | 01/04/1994 | CSL |         |
| Non-legislative basic document                      |  | <a href="#">31994D0628</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 250 26.09.1994, p. 0018</a>   | 29/07/1994 | EU  |         |
| Document attached to the procedure                  |  | <a href="#">31994D1043</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 384 31.12.1994, p. 0026</a>   | 14/12/1994 | EU  |         |
| Document attached to the procedure                  |  | <a href="#">31994D1044</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 384 31.12.1994, p. 0030</a>   | 14/12/1994 | EU  |         |
| Document attached to the procedure                  |  | N4-0674/1996   | 23/12/1994 | EC  |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading |  | <a href="#">A4-0002/1997</a><br><a href="#">OJ C 055 24.02.1997, p. 0003</a> | 17/12/1996 | EP  |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, single reading          |  | T4-0040/1997<br><a href="#">OJ C 085 17.03.1997, p. 0020-0039</a>            | 18/02/1997 | EP  | Summary |

## Development problems and Objective 1 structural assistance in Germany. Report

The rate of unemployment in the new German Länder was a particular cause for concern to the Committee on Regional Policy (chairman: Mr Roberto SPECIALE (PSE, I)) which adopted the report by Mr Gerhard BOTZ (PSE, D) on development problems linked to European structural measures introduced in Germany. In view of this situation, the report calls for greater effort to create and preserve jobs. The lack of an adequate capital base for SMEs was hampering the creation of jobs throughout Germany. In order to support SMEs in their key role, the report advocates use of the structural funds, which could help to supply risk capital. It also called for better management of Community assistance, in particular closer coordination of the different funds, and for the Commission's administrative procedures to be simplified. Finally, the report emphasized the importance, in accordance with the principle of partnership, of involving the economic and social partners in the implementation of Community aid.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Gerhard BOTZ (PSE, D) Parliament, noting the considerable increase in unemployment in the new German Länder (16% unemployment as opposed to 9.7% in the old Länder) calls for greater effort to create and preserve jobs in these regions. While acknowledging the efforts made by Germany and the EU in the economic renewal of German Objective 1 regions (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Saxony, Thuringia and Berlin (East)) it considers that the creation of jobs is an essential task for the renewal of these new Länder. It considers that the lack of an adequate capital base for the SMUs is hampering the creation of jobs throughout Germany and advocates use of the Structural Funds which could help to supply risk capital for the SMU. It also calls for better management of Community assistance, in particular closer coordination of the different funds and a simplification of administrative procedures. It points out once again to the Commission and the Council that it regards the support period of three years for Objective 2 regions as too short to resolve the problems of regions suffering from industrial decline and calls for a more rapid definition of evaluation criteria to contribute to an improvement in financing. Lastly, it calls for more active participation by the social partners and the regional authorities in the drawing up and implementation of planning documents. ?