

# Procedure file

Basic information		
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	<a href="#">1995/2327(COS)</a>	Procedure completed
Cohesion Fund: information and publicity measures		
Subject 4.70.02 Cohesion policy, Cohesion Fund (CF)		

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>REGI</b>	Regional Policy		27/02/1996
			GUE/NGL <a href="#">SORNOSA MARTÍNEZ María</a>	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b>	Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ENER</b>	Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>TRAN</b>	Transport and Tourism	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>ENVI</b>	Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union				

Key events			
18/12/1995	Non-legislative basic document published	N4-0014/1996	Summary
16/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0114/1996</a>	
24/05/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0295/1996	Summary
24/05/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
10/06/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/2327(COS)
Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)

Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 142
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	REGI/4/07413

#### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		N4-0014/1996	18/12/1995	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A4-0114/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 152 27.05.1996, p. 0003</a>	16/04/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0295/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 166 10.06.1996, p. 0233-0240</a>	24/05/1996	EP	Summary

## Cohesion Fund: information and publicity measures

OBJECTIVE: to ensure that Member States responsible for implementing projects in receipt of aid from the Fund publicize projects adequately in order to increase public awareness of the role of the EC and ensure that potential beneficiaries and professional organizations are aware of the possibilities offered by a particular action. CONTENT: the draft Commission decision sets out the information and publicity procedures applicable to activities under the Cohesion Fund. The national, regional or local authorities in charge of implementing Cohesion Fund projects must take responsibility for all publicity measures to be taken locally and throughout the Member State in which the project is implemented. Publicity must be implemented in cooperation with the Commission services, which must be notified of the measures taken. Information and publicity measures must be implemented in good time, i.e. as soon as intervention by the Cohesion Fund has been decided. The Commission reserves the right to institute proceedings under Article H of Regulation (EC) No 94/1164 (reduction, suspension or cancellation of assistance) if a Member State fails to honour its obligations.?

## Cohesion Fund: information and publicity measures

The committee approved a proposal for a resolution to supplement the Commission proposal on prior information on the Cohesion Fund. The resolution highlighted certain shortcomings in the information provided by the Commission to the national, regional and local authorities and recommended the creation of an information network on the Union's policy of economic and social cohesion. It also stated that universities should receive information, as should authorities, especially those responsible for transport infrastructures and the environment; in addition, transparency in information management should be extended to regions other than those hosting joint projects for the purposes of healthy emulation. Finally, the draft resolution emphasized the need to make optimum use of monitoring committees to transmit information and, with regard to the environment, asked the Commission to ensure that Directive 90/313 on freedom of access to information on the environment was respected in the implementation of assistance under the Cohesion Fund.?

## Cohesion Fund: information and publicity measures

Parliament adopted the report by Mrs María SORNOSA MARTINEZ (GUE/NGL, E) on the draft concerning information and publicity measures to be carried out by the Member States and the Commission concerning the activities of the Cohesion Fund. It considered the notion of information adopted by the Commission to be insufficient (since it refers solely to publicity for the measures financed) and considered it necessary to guarantee general prior information on the Cohesion Fund and conditions governing access to assistance to be directed at regional and local authorities. The European Parliament considered it essential for information measures to facilitate public participation through regional and local administrations and the social partners. It considered that the objective of making potential beneficiaries and professional organizations aware of the possibilities offered by a particular action was not taken sufficiently into account in the measures proposed by the Commission. The resolution insisted on the need to make better use of the monitoring committees to transmit information and, so far as the environment is concerned, asked the Commission to ensure that Directive 90/313/EEC on the freedom of access to information on the environment was respected in the implementation of assistance under the Cohesion Fund. Finally, the European Parliament called for the competent authorities of the Member States, when drawing up projects, to ensure that the budget included a specific heading on the funding of the planned information and publicity measures.?