

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1996/0035(CNS)	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Euratom Framework programme research and training 1994-1998		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	PSE LINKOHR Rolf	06/02/1996
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	PSE DESAMA Claude J.-M.J.	28/02/1996
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	PPE VAN VELZEN W.G.	21/02/1996
Council of the European Union	TRAN Transport and Tourism	PPE FERBER Markus	26/03/1996
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection	PSE COLLINS Kenneth D.	20/03/1996

Key events			
31/01/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0012	Summary
28/02/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
30/05/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
30/05/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0183/1996	
17/06/1996	Debate in Parliament		
18/06/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0328/1996	Summary
27/09/1996	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0453	Summary

17/12/1998	End of procedure in Parliament	
17/12/1998	Additional information	Summary

Technical information

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Legislative proposal	COM(1996)0012	31/01/1996	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0694/1996 OJ C 212 22.07.1996, p. 0024	29/05/1996	ESC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0183/1996 OJ C 198 08.07.1996, p. 0004	30/05/1996	EP	
Committee of the Regions: opinion	CDR0129/1996 OJ C 337 11.11.1996, p. 0055	12/06/1996	CofR	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0328/1996 OJ C 198 08.07.1996, p. 0018-0040	18/06/1996	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1996)0453	27/09/1996	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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OBJECTIVE: the proposal for a Decision seeks to increase the appropriation for the Euratom framework programme of activities in the field of research and training (1994-1998). SUBSTANCE: The Community financial contribution to the Euratom framework programme has been increased from ECU 1 336 m to ECU 1 441 m. With regard to nuclear fission safety it is proposed to focus more intensively on essential areas such as the use of innovatory approaches taking account of the safety of new-generation reactors, accident prevention, and phenomena related to the fuel cycle and waste management and storage. The Commission is also proposing to step up cooperation with third countries with a view to supporting nuclear research teams, including young researchers from Eastern Europe and the CIS, carrying out joint research projects, and probing more deeply into specific research topics having a particular bearing on the safety of the nuclear cycle in the above-mentioned countries.?

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The Committee : - stresses that research, technological development and innovation are one of the most urgent areas for action to enhance the competitiveness of Community industry and to make a positive impact on employment, against the backdrop of economic and social cohesion; - is concerned that, at a time when the level of technology in the EU is increasingly lagging that of its major competitors, there is a serious risk that the RTD financial commitments made under the fourth framework programme (1994-1998) will be called into question; - insists on the importance of immaterial investments, especially in the fields of education, training and research, as part of the strategy for revitalizing competitiveness and employment in the European Union; - broadly approves the Commission proposals.?

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The committee adopted the report by Mr Rolf LINKHOR, coming out in favour of the ECU 700 million proposed by the Commission. Although this overall reference amount was acceptable, the EC share of the fourth framework programme would rise from ECU 11,764 million to ECU 12,369 million (the Commission had proposed 12,359) and the EURATOM share would rise from ECU 1,336 million to ECU 1,431 million (the Commission had proposed 1,441), meaning an overall increase from 13,100 to 13,800. The committee's amendments included the possibility, as far as funding was concerned, of spreading the additional reference amount over 3 years (1997-1999 inclusive), i.e. it made provision for funding to carry over to the year following the conclusion of the fourth programme (planned for 1998), in order to take account of the Council's reticence. It pointed out that the financial perspectives needed to be reviewed in order to safeguard the funding. The committee was in favour of reducing the EURATOM share and increasing the appropriations for the EC share of the fourth framework programme by the ECU 10 million.?

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By adopting the report by Mr Rolf Linkohr (PSE, D), Parliament endorsed the Commission proposal aimed at increasing the appropriation for the Euratom framework programme of activities in the field of research and training (1994-1998). It called for the amounts earmarked for the framework programme to be shared out as follows: - Nuclear fission safety ECU 536 m; - Controlled thermonuclear fusion: ECU 895 m; - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 1413 m. It also maintained that greater priority should be given to the key topics of: - development of new technologies and designs for the safe long-term storage of radioactive wastes; - scientific cooperation in coping with the delayed effects of nuclear accidents, particularly in the medical sphere; and - research into radiation protection, which should focus on the early events of radiation carcinogenesis and the epidemiological follow-up of cancer induction as a consequence of acute or chronic exposure. Lastly, the EP called on the Commission to set up an 'Energy' working group to formulate a concept with a view to organizing and accomplishing the decommissioning and demolition of inefficient nuclear power-stations in Central and Eastern Europe and the CIS countries, in cooperation with the countries concerned. ?

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The amended proposal incorporates a part of the amendments adopted by Parliament. The changes made to the original proposal concern: - the Community's role in scientific cooperation and coordination; - due regard for competitiveness by European constructors and operators when taking safety requirements into account; - a reference to the PHARE and TACIS programmes; - introduction of a research theme on radiation protection. ?

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This proposal was withdrawn by the Commission because it was no longer considered to be of relevance.?