


Procedure file

Basic information		
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	1996/2028(COS)	Procedure completed
Programme on Community statistics on research, development and innovation		
Subject 3.50 Research and technological development and space 8.60 European statistical legislation		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy		23/04/1996
		PSE IZQUIERDO COLLADO Juan de Dios	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
14/02/1996	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(1996)0042	Summary
08/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/11/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
19/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0383/1996	
29/01/1997	Debate in Parliament		
30/01/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0032/1997	Summary
30/01/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		
24/02/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/07618

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		COM(1996)0042	14/02/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0383/1996 OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0003	19/11/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0032/1997 OJ C 055 24.02.1997, p. 0015-0044	30/01/1997	EP	Summary

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OBJECTIVE: submission of interim report by the Commission pursuant to Council Decision 94/78/EC, Euratom establishing a multiannual programme for the development of Community statistics on research, development and innovation. SUBSTANCE: the Commission feels that in 1995 an overall positive assessment can be made. All the tasks mentioned in the decision have been completed or at least begun and progress has been made in the following areas in particular: improvement of the existing methodological framework; identification of statistical information available in the Member States; setting up of a European statistical information system; new data collection measures in the field of innovation statistics; development and application of basic statistical tools (processing of transmitted information). However, many problems remain unsolved. There are gaps particularly in the following fields: an analysis of the needs of main user groups such as the European Parliament; acquisition of data on private R&D funding; output and regional indicators; and use of registers and electronic interchange techniques. Progress is also needed on the analysis of existing data and the harmonization of available data. The Commission will attempt to eliminate these gaps as a matter of priority in the second half of the programme. In general, it supports new legislation to strengthen the process of harmonization in the field of R&D and innovation statistics. ?

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Adopting the report by IZQUIERDO COLLADO (PSE, E), the committee stressed that a European system of RDT statistics was an essential tool for guiding research policy and taking account of trends in public opinion on RDT. The committee approved the interim report by the European Commission and its initiative to establish a legal basis for regular surveys within the European Union. It called for harmonization and comparability of data and considered that it was essential to remove existing methodological differences between Member States in the preparation of science and technology statistics. It also called for this comparability/harmonization to apply to statistics compiled by the EU, the OECD, UNESCO, the EEA, the Nordic Group, the CEECs, the CIS and third Mediterranean countries. The European Commission was called on, as part of its action to set up a Community statistical information system, to establish a data base and a series of useful indicators (bibliographical, territorial, on innovation etc.) and to study a suitable method for collecting this type of data.?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Juan IZQUIERDO COLLADO on the interim Commission report establishing a multiannual programme for the development of Community statistics on research, development and innovation. Parliament confirmed its earlier positions and called on the Commission to establish a monitoring system which supplied detailed quantitative indicators. It also approved the Commission's initiative with regard to a legal basis for regular surveys and a data base and a specifically European bibliographic indicator. It considered it essential to remove the existing methodological differences between Member States in the preparation of science and technology statistics and to continue the endeavours towards achieving harmonization and comparability of data. Lastly it stressed the need for territorial indicators. ?