


Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2003/2547(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on the application of the open method of coordination for employment and social affairs		
Subject		
4.10 Social policy, social charter and protocol		
4.15 Employment policy, action to combat unemployment		

Key players	
European Parliament	

Key events			
04/06/2003	Debate in Parliament		
05/06/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0268/2003	Summary
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Technical information	
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Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		B5-0096/2003	04/06/2003	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0282/2003	04/06/2003	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T5-0268/2003 OJ C 068 18.03.2004, p. 0334-0601 E	05/06/2003	EP	Summary

Resolution on the application of the open method of coordination for employment and social affairs

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the application of the open method of coordination. It stated that the open method of

coordination should be developed not only in fields connected to the Lisbon strategy, such as education and life-long learning, but also in the fields of youth, media, culture and sport. Nevertheless, Parliament felt that, as the body directly representing the citizens of Europe, its role in the procedure must be clarified and enhanced so that the process gains democratic legitimacy. The open method of coordination must not evolve into a parallel, but covert, legislative procedure, which subverts the procedures, laid down in the EC Treaty. Parliament called on the Council and the Commission to join in an interinstitutional agreement with the European Parliament, laying down rules governing the selection of policies for open coordination, and providing for a coherent application of the method with the full involvement, on equal terms, of the European Parliament. Such an agreement must include rules for the involvement of Parliament in establishing objectives and indicators, as well as access to documents, participation in meetings, and monitoring progress. Parliament affirmed its attachment to the Community method applicable in certain fields under the Treaty and stated that the agreement must include a procedure for developing the open method of coordination into the Community method which could be formalised through the work of the European Convention and of the coming IGC.?