

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1997/0256(CNS)	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
Decentralized Community agencies: European environment Agency, discharge		
Subject 8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CONT Budgetary Control		25/11/1997
		PPE KELLETT-BOWMAN Edward T.	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		27/10/1997
		PSE TAPPIN Michael	
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
06/10/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0489	Summary
21/11/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/01/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
21/01/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0035/1998	
09/03/1998	Debate in Parliament		
10/03/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0121/1998	Summary
30/04/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0289	Summary
17/07/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1997/0256(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1997)0489	06/10/1997	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0035/1998 OJ C 080 16.03.1998, p. 0003	21/01/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0121/1998 OJ C 104 06.04.1998, p. 0021-0049	10/03/1998	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1998)0289	30/04/1998	EC	Summary
Committee of the Regions: opinion		CDR0350/1999 OJ C 374 23.12.1999, p. 0010	15/09/1999	CofR	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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OBJECTIVE: to amend Regulation (EEC) No 1210/90 on the establishment of the European Environment Agency in order to modify the regulatory framework governing the management of the Agency's budget. CONTENT: the proposed changes relate to: - power of discharge: as this body is basically financed by Community subsidy, it is proposed to grant the power of discharge to the European Parliament at the recommendation of the board of directors of the Agency; - financial control: financial control of the Agency will be carried out by the Commission's Financial Controller.?

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In adopting the report by Mr Edward T. KELLETT-BOWMAN (PPE, UK) on the amendments to to the basic regulation on the European Environment Agency, Parliament welcomed the Commission proposal, which addressed issues of long-standing concern to Parliament with regard to the discharge and financial control of the decentralized bodies. However, Parliament called for: -all of the Agency's revenue to be budgetized and regarded as preallocated resources of the European Union, -the Agency to be able to constitute a reserve to cover future expenditure; surplus revenue was to be paid back into the general budget of the Union, -the entering of amounts in the reserve in the Agency's budget and their withdrawal from it to be subject to the agreement of the Commission, which should first consult Parliament, -the Financial Controller to ensure that the necessary practical arrangements are in place to allow swift and effective processing of the Agency's financial transactions and to prevent excessive recourse to the use of imprest accounts, -the Commission to evaluate the level of the fees received by the Agency after three years. It also recalled that it was a prerequisite to involve Parliament in the discharge procedure.?

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In its amended proposal the Commission supported Parliament's amendments concerning the involvement of Parliament in the discharge procedure. However, the Commission did not take over the amendments on the own resources of this agency or those on any surplus revenue reverting to the Community budget. ?