


Procedure file

Basic information	
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Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs, Industrial Policy		11/02/1998
		PSE READ Imelda Mary	
	Former committee responsible		
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Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs		
	Former committee for opinion		
	BUDG Budgets		03/02/1998
		PPE KELLETT-BOWMAN Edward T.	
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	LIBE Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2193	21/06/1999
	Environment	2153	20/12/1998
	Telecommunications	2140	27/11/1998

Key events			
12/12/1997	Legislative proposal published	COM(1997)0661	Summary
12/01/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary

10/11/1998			
10/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A4-0415/1998	
18/11/1998	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0656/1998	Summary
15/12/1998	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0786	Summary
21/12/1998	Council position published	13490/1/1998	Summary
14/01/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 2nd reading		
18/03/1999	Vote in committee, 2nd reading		Summary
18/03/1999	Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading	A4-0131/1999	
12/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/1999	Decision by Parliament, 2nd reading	T4-0242/1999	Summary
21/06/1999	Act approved by Council, 2nd reading		
12/07/1999	Final act signed		
12/07/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/08/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Committee dossier	ECON/4/10662

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1997)0661	12/12/1997	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES0628/1998 OJ C 214 10.07.1998, p. 0033	29/04/1998	ESC	
Committee of the Regions: opinion		CDR0044/1998 OJ C 251 10.08.1998, p. 0001	13/05/1998	CofR	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0415/1998 OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0006	10/11/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0656/1998 OJ C 379 07.12.1998, p. 0057-0073	18/11/1998	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(1998)0786	15/12/1998	EC	Summary

		OJ C 023 28.01.1999, p. 0008			
Council position		13490/1/1998 OJ C 055 25.12.1999, p. 0001	21/12/1998	CSL	Summary
Commission communication on Council's position		SEC(1998)2252	08/01/1999	EC	Summary
Committee recommendation tabled for plenary, 2nd reading		A4-0131/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0009	18/03/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 2nd reading		T4-0242/1999 OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0022-0057	13/04/1999	EP	Summary
Commission opinion on Parliament's position at 2nd reading		COM(1999)0216	29/04/1999	EC	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2003)0100	07/03/2003	EC	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2005)0493	14/10/2005	EC	Summary

Additional information

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Final act

[Decision 1999/1719](#)
[OJ L 203 03.08.1999, p. 0001](#) Summary

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

OBJECTIVE: the purpose of the proposal for a decision is to lay down guidelines and identify projects of common interest for trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations (IDA programme - second phase). SUBSTANCE: the aims of the Community measures during the proposed second phase of the IDA programme are as follows: - to establish interoperable trans-European telematic networks to exchange data between Member State administrations in order to establish economic and monetary union and enable the Member States and the Community to implement Community policies; - to establish integrated telematic networks for the facilitation of communication between the Community institutions and in support of the Community decision-making process. With a view to attaining these objectives, the Community and Member States may implement projects of common interest falling into three broad categories: - continuation and development of existing IDA projects; - globalization of IDA networks; - interinstitutional projects. Priority will be assigned to projects which: - contribute to removing obstacles to the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital; - support communication between the Community institutions; - contribute to the protection of the financial interests of the Community or to the fight against fraud; - facilitate preparations for enlargement of the European Union; - facilitate industrial competitiveness, particularly of SMEs; - provide a direct benefit to the citizens of the European Union. The Commission will be assisted by a committee of representatives of the Member States chaired by the Commission representative (the Telematics between Administrations Committee - TAC). The financial framework for the Community measure is ECU 38.5 m for 1998-2000.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The Committee adopted the report by Ms. Mel READ (PES, UK) approving the Commission Proposal setting up trans-European networks for electronic Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA). The IDA programme was set up in 1995, but was later annulled by the ECJ as a result of legal action brought by the European Parliament. These two proposals thus seek to establish a new legal framework for the IDA programme. The proposal lays down a series of guidelines, as well as a list of projects of common interest, for the IDA programme. Also included are the budgetary and procedural aspects of the IDA programme. On behalf of the Committee, Ms. Read calls for a number of amendments to the proposal, calling for the programme to be extended to not only focus on building information networks between national administrations, but also between the latter and the EU administration. Other amendments concern Commitology, evaluation and budgetary procedures. ?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The European Parliament adopted without debate the report by Mrs Imelda READ (PSE, UK) on a series of guidelines, including the identification of projects of common interest, for trans-European networks for the electronic Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA). In its amendments, Parliament called in particular for: - the decision to cover all networks falling under the IDA programme; - projects to promote interinstitutional cooperation between the Community institutions and between the latter and regional authorities, including national and regional parliaments, and to confer a direct benefit not only on citizens but also on residents of the European Union; - the costs of implementing IDA projects to be borne by the Community and European agencies in proportion to the benefit they derive from the projects. Parliament called for a qualitative and quantitative assessment after two years of implementation of the decision, and subsequently every three years. The findings should be forwarded to the budgetary authority before the first reading of the budget for 2001. Parliament called for revenue from the countries of the European Economic Area, the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Cyprus to be entered in the general budget and used for the IDA programme.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

In presenting its amended proposal on guidelines, including the identification of projects of common interest, for trans-European networks for the electronic Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA), the Commission accepts those of the European Parliament's proposals which contribute to a clearer motivation of the guidelines, to refining the political priorities, to improving both the structural and technical coherence of the IDA programme and to making it more transparent. It rejects those amendments which would establish cost-sharing only between the Community and the European Agencies, believing that this goes against the fundamental principle of the equitable share of costs between the Community and the Member States in the establishment of IDA networks. It further rejects those amendments which fail to respect the agreed standard text with on committee procedures.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The Council common position retains all or part of the 10 amendments proposed by the European Parliament at first reading. These amendments provide a clearer rationale of the decision, a better definition of the scope, a refinement of the political priorities, an improvement to both the structural and technical coherence of the IDA programme and increased transparency. The common position, while remaining in line with the objectives and content of the Commission proposal, makes changes which seek to respond to: - the need to ensure coordination between the IDA programme and the administrative sectors which it supports and between Community and national administrations, both at the level of the programme and at sectoral level; - the need to ensure technical and economic efficiency. The main changes made by the Council affect the following areas: - scope: the Council considered it useful to specify that any new measures should take into account work already under way in the existing Community or Member State programmes; a new recital was also inserted relating to the convergence of networks towards a common telematic interface; - definitions: the Council extended the definition of 'sectoral network' to include a set of services and applications; - projects of common interest: the Council deleted reference to the financial, technical and management resources needed for implementing projects, considering it unnecessary; - priorities: overall priority was given to projects which enhanced the economic viability of public administrations, EC institutions, Member States and the regions; - broad lines: a number of changes were made in order to clarify the conditions relating to the implementation of IDA projects and in particular to strengthen the role of the sectoral committees. The Council inserted a reference to anticipated costs and benefits and specified that the post-implementation review would include a cost-benefit analysis; - Community financial contribution: the Council specified that the Community should only contribute to the costs of IDA projects by direct grants in exceptional circumstances and that any funding after completion of the implementation phase should be in accordance with the comitology procedure in the proposed decision. It also stated that projects which are already funded by the Community should not benefit from financial resources provided for by the IDA programme. Finally, Member States should bear the cost incurred by their own implementation of IDA projects and services; - implementation: it was specified that the IDA work programme includes a breakdown of expenditure by project for the previous years; - other sectoral networks: with a view to ensuring consistency of other sectoral networks with IDA projects, the Council has made provision for a detailed yearly report on the implementation of this provision, including information on any user requirements that prevent other sectoral networks from making use of generic services; - committee procedure: the Council has replaced the Ila committee procedure proposed by the Commission by a IIb committee procedure. - review and evaluation: the evaluation period has been set at two years; - entry into force: the duration of the decision is limited to five years from its entry into force; - Annex: the Annex has been reworded and projects of common interest are clearly defined.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The European Commission supports the common position. The overall objective of the IDA programme is to provide telematic support to policy implementation and inter-institutional communication, while ensuring technical and economic efficiency. A majority of the changes introduced by the Council either reinforce the effectiveness of these two principles or seek to reconcile them by shifting the focus from building infrastructure to coordination and support. The Council has also sought to improve transparency and accountability in the implementation of the programme.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The committee (Rapporteur : Imelda READ, PSE/UK) approved 2 common positions on TENs and the electronic transmission of data (IDA) with minor amendments. ?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

At second reading under codecision procedure, the European Parliament approved the recommendation by Imelda Mary Read (PSE,UK), which amends as follows common position 8/1999/EC adopted by the Council with a view to adopting a European Parliament and Council decision on a series of guidelines, including the identification of projects of common interest, for trans-European networks for the electronic Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA): - with regard to funding of IDA projects, giving priority to those projects which provide benefits to persons in (rather than citizens of) the European Union; - under the general category of projects of common interest under the IDA programme, adding those networks which are urgently required to support the action of the Community and the Member States in the area of the protection of the living conditions of persons in the European Union.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

The Commission accepts the two amendments adopted by the European Parliament at second reading and amends its proposal accordingly. It considers that these amendments contribute to refining the political priorities of the IDA Programme and to enhancing its capacity to make Community policies and activities more accessible.?

Trans-European networks for the electronic interchange of data between administrations IDA II: guidelines and projects

PURPOSE : to adopt a series of guidelines, including the identification of projects of common interest, for trans-European networks for the electronic Interchange of Data between Administrations (IDA - second phase 1998/2000). **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : European Parliament and Council Decision 1719/1999/EC. **CONTENTS** : Community activities during the second phase of the IDA programme have as their objectives to : - establish interoperable trans-European telematic networks for the exchange of information between the administrations of the Member States, whether national or regional, as well as between these administrations and the Community institutions and bodies, in order to achieve the Economic and Monetary Union and so that the Member States and the Community can implement Community policies; - establish integrated telematic networks aimed at facilitating communication between the Community institutions as well as the process of Community decision-making. Priority will be given to projects which : - contribute to lifting the obstacles to the free movement of goods, people, services and capital; - contribute directly to the success or the satisfactory workings of the Economic and Monetary Union; - facilitate communication between the Community institutions, as well as between national and regional administrations, including national and regional parliaments; - contribute to the protection of the financial interests of the Community or to the fight against fraud; - contribute to the preparation of the enlargement of the European Union; - favour the competitiveness of businesses and notably of SMEs; - directly benefit European citizens. The Commission will be assisted by a Committee of Representatives from the Member States which will be chaired by the representative of the Commission (the Telematic Committee between Administrations - TAC). Every 2 years, the Commission will carry out an evaluation of the implementation of the decision. The budget for the implementation of the Community action is 38.5 million Euros for the period 1998-2000. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : 03/08/99. The decision is applicable until 31/12/2004.?