

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0178(CNS)	Procedure completed
Research RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: Specific programme "user-friendly information society"		
Subject 3.30.25.02 Information programmes and action plans 3.50.02.01 EC, EU framework programme		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ENER</b> Research, Technological Development and Energy		28/04/1998
		UPE <a href="#">MALERBA Franco E.</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		01/09/1998
		PSE <a href="#">GHILARDOTTI Fiorella</a>	
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		23/07/1998
		ELDR <a href="#">PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL Ely</a>	
<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
<b>PECH</b> Fisheries	The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
<b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights		25/06/1998	
	PSE <a href="#">KARAMANOU Anna</a>		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2158</a>	25/01/1999
	Research	<a href="#">2154</a>	22/12/1998
	Research	<a href="#">2123</a>	13/10/1998
	Research	<a href="#">2109</a>	22/06/1998

Key events			
10/06/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0305	Summary
22/06/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2109</a>	
15/07/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

13/10/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2123</a>	
26/11/1998	Vote in committee		Summary
26/11/1998	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0452/1998</a>	
14/12/1998	Debate in Parliament		
15/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0726/1998	Summary
25/01/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
25/01/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1998/0178(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 130I-p4
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/4/10320

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0305	10/06/1998	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1140/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 407 28.12.1998, p. 0123</a>	10/09/1998	ESC	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0452/1998</a> <a href="#">OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0004</a>	26/11/1998	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T4-0726/1998 <a href="#">OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0025-0072</a>	15/12/1998	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 1999/168</a> <a href="#">OJ L 064 12.03.1999, p. 0020</a> Summary
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## Research RTD, 5th EC framework-programme 1998-2002: Specific programme "user-friendly information society"

OBJECTIVE: to adopt a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration (1998 to 2002) on a 'User-friendly information society'. SUBSTANCE: with a view to the implementation of the fifth framework programme of R&TD, the Commission proposes adopting a specific programme on a 'user-friendly information society' for the period 1998-2002. The amount deemed necessary for the implementation of the specific programme is ECU 3925 m (ECU 853.4 m for 1998-1999; ECU 3071.6 m for 2000-2002). The main outlines of

the programme are as follows: a) four key actions: - systems and services for the citizen: health, persons with special needs (including the disabled and the elderly), administrations, environment, transport and tourism; - new methods of work and electronic commerce: flexible, mobile and remote working methods and tools; management systems for suppliers and consumers; information security; - multimedia content and tools: interactive electronic publishing and digital heritage and cultural content; education and training; human language technologies; information access, filtering, analysis and handling; - essential technologies and infrastructures: technologies for and the management of information processing, communications and networks; technologies and engineering for software, systems and services; real-time and large-scale simulation and visualisation techniques; mobile and personal communications and systems; peripherals; microelectronics; b) activities for generic research and development of technologies: future and emerging technologies; c) support for research infrastructures: research networking. ?

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The Committee on Research, Technological Development and Energy has adopted the report of Mr. Malerba(EPP,I) on the specific programme about "the information society" and implementing the 5th framework programme. The Committee took on board a Commission proposal for the distribution of the amount foreseen in two periods: one for 1999 (857)and another for 2000-2002 (2743).The EP and the Council could accept an overall amount for EC and Euratom research activities of Ecu 14.960 million, of which Ecu 13.700m for the EC programme and Ecu 1.260m for the Euratom programme.?

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Following on from the successful conclusion of the conciliation procedure between the Parliament and the Council, the Parliament then adopted its opinion drafted by Mr. MALERBA (I, PPE) concerning the specific RTD programme on the 'user friendly information society'. One of the main amendments adopted related to the budget for the programme : the overall budget will be 3600 million ECU, broken down into 857 million ECU for the 1998/99 period, and 2743 million ECU for the 2000/02 period. There were also some amendments relating to the participation of SMEs, as well as one designed to ensure that research funding does not go towards new 'eavesdropping' technology. A further amendment dealt with the protection of privacy and ethical considerations relating to the Internet.?

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PURPOSE: to adopt a specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on a user-friendly information society (1998-2002). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council decision 1999/168/EC. CONTENT: in accordance with the 5th framework programme for RTD, the amount deemed necessary for carrying out the specific programme is EURO 3,600 million (EURO 857 million for the period 1998 to 1999 and EURO 2,743 million for the period 2000 to 2002). Indicative breakdown (in millions of Euros): a) key actions: - systems and services for the citizen: 646 - new methods of work and electronic commerce: 547 - multimedia content and tools: 564 - essential technologies and infrastructures: 1,363 b) research and technological development activities of a generic nature: future and emerging technologies: 319 c) support for research infrastructures (research networking): 161.?