


# Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	1998/2216(INI)	Procedure completed
Europol: place, competences and parliamentary control		
Subject 7.30.05.01 Europol, CEPOL		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs	PPE <a href="#">NASSAUER Hartmut</a>	24/11/1998
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2166</a>	12/03/1999
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2146</a>	03/12/1998

Key events			
20/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/12/1998	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2146</a>	
17/02/1999	Vote in committee		Summary
17/02/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0064/1999</a>	
12/03/1999	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2166</a>	
12/04/1999	Debate in Parliament		
13/04/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0254/1999	Summary
13/04/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/07/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/2216(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 101o-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

## Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">07369/1/1998</a>	10/07/1998	CSL	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">10724/1/1998</a>	08/09/1998	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A4-0064/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 175 21.06.1999, p. 0004</a>	17/02/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0254/1999 <a href="#">OJ C 219 30.07.1999, p. 0025-0101</a>	13/04/1999	EP	Summary

## Europol: place, competences and parliamentary control

The committee adopted a report by Hartmut NASSAUER (PPE, D) calling for greater control by the European Parliament of Europol. The information on Europol's activities presently provided to the European Parliament represents insufficient supervision, while parliamentary control at the national level is too cumbersome and ineffective as a result of intergovernmental mechanisms. Europol should therefore be placed under the responsibility of a European Commissioner, who should be fully answerable to the European Parliament. National parliaments should use their right to supervise the national government members responsible for Europol. Echoing Mr. Wiebenga's report (INI0969), the committee again advocated setting up a European Public Prosecutor's office to direct Europol's investigative activities. The committee also called for the creation of an independent body with authority to investigate any complaints against the police involving Europol decisions. And Europol's budget should be incorporated into the Community budget.

## Europol: place, competences and parliamentary control

Adopting the own-initiative report by Hartmut Nassauer (PPE,DE) on extending the powers of Europol, the European Parliament calls for a strengthening of parliamentary control over Europol. To date, the data provided to the Parliament with regard to Europol's activities allows only a limited level of supervision, while parliamentary control at a national level has proved overly cumbersome and ineffective as a result of intergovernmental mechanisms. As a result, the Parliament considers it necessary to place Europol under the direction and supervision of a member of the European Commission, fully answerable to the European Parliament. The Parliament also wishes to see provision made for the possible implementation of cross-border investigations. In the event of Europol's evolving into a police unit with cross-border operational powers, the Parliament wishes to see it given a basis in Community law. It also recommends the creation of an independent body with authority to investigate any complaints against the police involving decisions by Europol. With regard to the protection of data, the Parliament calls on the Council to examine the possibility of establishing a smaller but permanent (as opposed to the current temporary) European data inspectorate. Finally the report calls on the Council to incorporate Europol's budget into the Community budget and, until then, ensure that Europol's fields of activities are only extended, provided sufficient financial resources are made available to it. ?