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Decision 1999/297 OJ L 117 05.05.1999, p. 0039 Summary

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PURPOSE: to gain a deeper insight into the industry and the various markets of the audiovisual and related sectors, their constituent parts and their development, by establishing an appropriate statistical information infrastructure. CONTENT: the draft decision provides for the development by the Commission, in the framework of a Community statistical information infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors, of the preparation and consolidation of an institutional and functional reference methodological framework and of a Community statistical system based on the compilation of existing data.?

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The draft council decision establishing a Community statistical information infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors was approved by the European Parliament, subject to amendments, notably in the following areas: - requiring pilot studies to be reviewed to ensure they meet user requirements, particularly with a view to minimising additional burdens on SMEs; - requiring the scope of the draft decision for the audiovisual sector to be laid down before establishing a Community statistical information infrastructure; - detailing the principles laid out in Council Regulation 322/97/EC on Community Statistics, which govern individual statistical actions; - requiring Community statistics on the audiovisual sector to be kept separate from statistical analysis by the European Monitoring Centre for Audiovisual Media in order to avoid duplication of effort; - allowing for recourse by the Community to the Monitoring Centre's surveys in case of need; - providing for data collection and the testing of methods via voluntary pilot studies as a further means of achieving the draft decision's principal objective; - extending the duties of Eurostat within the framework of the draft decision to include assessment of the relevance of, and future need for, statistics in the audiovisual sector with particular regard to the development and employment, training and equal opportunities policy; - requiring the Commission to present an interim report no later than two and a half years following the decision's entry into force as well as a final report no later than five years after the decision's entry into force; - providing that these reports should consider, inter alia, the relevance of collecting statistics in the audiovisual sector given the priorities of the 1998-2002 Community Statistical Programme and the resources available; - allowing the Commission to propose improvements to the decision's operation, following these reports. The European Parliament's rapporteur was Friedrich Wolf (V/DE).?

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the markets

PURPOSE: establishment of a Community statistical infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision 1999/297/EC establishing a Community statistical infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors. **CONTENT:** The general aim of the Decision is to ensure a better knowledge of the industry which should be beneficial to the Community institutions (in particular when managing and evaluating the programmes in this area) but also to Member States, the industry itself, professional organisations, researchers, etc. The objective of the Decision shall be implemented by individual statistical actions: 1. by the national authorities: - analysis and evaluation of the demands for statistics (firms, functions and products) on the audiovisual sector from users and the effect on businesses, especially SMEs, of the collection of statistics in the audiovisual sector. - analysis of existing statistics and their sources. - annual forwarding to Eurostat of statistics already on hand or available from the competent national authorities. - voluntary participation in pilot studies to test working methods in practice and promote the creation of Community statistics. 2. by Eurostat: - preparation of a Community institutional and functional methodological framework. - creation of a database for statistics forwarded and data gathered from international organisations. - comparison of existing statistical systems in Member States and some non-Member States, especially the pre-accession states. - assessment of the relevance of, and future needs for, statistics in the audiovisual sector, especially in terms of data needed for the development and follow-up of employment, training and equal opportunities policy. The Commission shall present an interim report and a final report to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the measures provided for in this Decision. The interim report should be drawn up no later than two and a half years after the entry into force of this Decision. The final report shall be presented within five years of the entry into force of this Decision. These reports shall consider, among other things, the relevance of collecting statistics in the audiovisual sector in the light of the priorities set for the 1998 to 2002 Community Statistics Programme, and the resources available both at Eurostat and the national statistical offices. Following these reports, the Commission may propose any changes necessary to improve the operation of this Decision. **ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 05.05.1999.?

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PURPOSE : to present the report on the implementation of Council Decision 1999/297/EC. **CONTENT :** this report refers to the implementation of Council Decision 1999/297/EC establishing a Community statistical infrastructure relating to the industry and markets of the audiovisual and related sectors. It is an intermediate report, describing the work done in the first two and half years of its five year term. Moreover, the report gives reasons for the Council Decision, the situation before it came into force and the steps taken on the way to developing it. An overview of the work done to implement the Council Decision during the period 1999-2001 is also given. It summarised the actions undertaken in terms of the development of an information system, data collection and dissemination of results. Lastly, the report sums up the progress made so far. It notes evidence of some difficulties but the overall assessment is positive. There has been significant progress in improving the availability of audiovisual statistics and most Member States have made an active effort in this domain. The report recommends continuing the implementation of the decision, the next phase focussing on pilot studies by member States and new methodological studies to resolve particular issues.?

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This Commission Report is being presented in order to assess the implementation of EU Council Decision 1999/297, which establishes a statistical information infrastructure relating to the audiovisual and related sectors. A growth in the audiovisual sector during the 1990's, combined with the audiovisual service sector being incorporated into the GATS basket, prompted the EU to devise a common pan-European infrastructure on collecting and disseminating statistics in this sector. The information gathered is being used to meet the statistical needs of the Commission, the Member States, industry and a wide range of other users. In assessing the implementation of the Decision, the Commission concludes that the actions carried out have been fairly successful ? given the limited resources available within both Eurostat and the national authorities. Certain problems, nevertheless, do exist and they relate to a low response rate from the Member States, delays in answering questionnaires and the non-participation of some countries. The Commission believes that this can largely be attributed to a lack of human and financial resources. In summary the Commission states that the implementation of Council Decision 1999/297/EC has produced relevant results in terms of:

- Establishing a common methodological framework at a Community level.
- Contributing to capacity building in the Member States through the execution of pilot actions.
- Increasing the regularity and timeliness of collecting and disseminating industry statistics.
- Improving the comparability and harmonisation of statistics in the audiovisual and related sectors.

In spite of this positive picture the Commission feels as though more could be done to turn audiovisual statistics into "quality statistics". In order to help such a transition the Commission proposes the following recommendations:

- Member States should provide Eurostat with complete and timely data, respecting the concepts and definitions as set out in the methodological framework. Such actions would need to cover both technical aspects and the availability of a new Community framework.
- Eurostat should be put into a position where it can evaluate the quality of the data provided by the national authorities.
- The methodological framework and the data collection should be updated in order to improve their relevance and to take account of areas that have not yet been covered by the existing Decision ? such as employment and trade aspects.
- Measures should be taken to help the new EU Member States to adapt their national statistical system.

In conclusion, the Commission, though recognising the importance of audiovisual statistics, accepts that it is of lower relevance than other EMU related statistics ? particularly those relating to competition and employment issues. As a result of such priority-setting measures the

Commission is, under current circumstances, not in a position to pursue the work on statistics relating to the industry and markets of the audio-visual and related sectors.