

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1998/0278(CNS)	Procedure completed
Watercourses: Convention on the international Commission for the protection of the Oder, April 1996		
Subject 3.70.04 Water control and management, pollution of waterways, water pollution		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	REGI Regional Policy The committee decided not to give an opinion.		
Council of the European Union	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2169	29/03/1999

Key events			
15/09/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0528	Summary
04/11/1998	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/11/1998	Vote in committee		
16/12/1998	Decision by Parliament	T4-0739/1998	Summary
29/03/1999	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/03/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
15/04/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1998/0278(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement

Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC before Amsterdam E 130R-p4; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/4/10517

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1998)0528 OJ C 316 14.10.1998, p. 0005	16/09/1998	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0739/1998 OJ C 098 09.04.1999, p. 0143-0151	16/12/1998	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act		32005D0884 OJ L 326 13.12.2005, p. 0035-0036	02/12/2005	EU	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 1999/257 OJ L 100 15.04.1999, p. 0020 Summary

Watercourses: Convention on the international Commission for the protection of the Oder, April 1996

OBJECTIVE: to conclude, on behalf of the Community, the Convention for the protection of the Oder. **SUBSTANCE:** The Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder, or Oder Convention, was signed in Wroclaw (Poland) in 1996 by 3 countries, including one EU Member State (Germany) plus Poland, the Czech Republic and the Community itself. The main objective of the Convention is multilateral cooperation to: -prevent and control pollution of the Oder and the Baltic Sea; -enable the waters of the Oder to be used for human consumption and in agriculture; -secure as natural an eco-system as possible with a corresponding diversity of species. The areas covered by the Convention fall within Community competence in relation to the aquatic environment, and its conclusion by the Community will contribute to pursuit of the objectives laid down by Article 130r of the Treaty. In particular, it will help to prepare the way for a rapid entry into force at international level of rules which will make it possible to prevent risks of pollution, improve the quality of the environment and of water and ensure sustainable use of water resources. The Secretariat-General of the Council of the European Union is the depositary for the Convention, and the instruments of ratification will therefore be deposited with it.?

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This was a procedure without report. It was approved by the Parliament.?

Watercourses: Convention on the international Commission for the protection of the Oder, April 1996

PURPOSE: the approval on behalf of the Community of the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder. **COMMUNITY MEASURE:** Council Decision 1999/257/EC concerning the conclusion of the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder. **CONTENT:** The Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder is approved on behalf of the Community. It was signed in Wroclaw (Poland) in 1996 by three countries, one an EU Member State (Germany), and Poland and the Czech Republic, as well as the European Commission. The Convention aims to strengthen multilateral co-operation to prevent and control pollution of the Oder, protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of water resources. It has three main objectives, to be achieved through action programmes with timetables for their implementation: - to prevent and reduce the pollution of the Oder and the Baltic Sea by contaminants, - to achieve the most natural aquatic and littoral ecosystems possible with the corresponding species diversity, - to permit utilisation of the Oder, in particular the production of drinking water from bank filtrate and the use of its water and sediments in agriculture.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: The Decision enters into force on 29.03.1999. The Convention will enter into force one month after the deposition of the last ratification instrument at the Secretariat General of the Council.?

Watercourses: Convention on the international Commission for the protection of the Oder, April 1996

PURPOSE: To terminate the European Community's participation on the Conventions for the Protection of the Oder and the Elbe.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision concerning the effects of the accession of the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland to the European Union on the participation of the European Community in the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder and the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe.

CONTENT: The purpose of this Decision is state that the European Community will cease to be a party to the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Oder and to the Convention on the International Commission for the Protection of the Elbe as from 1 May 2004. This decision has been taken following the accession of the Czech Republic and the Republic of Poland to the European Union ? in other words all of the contract parties to the Oder and Elbe Conventions are now members of the EU. Thus, the basis for the Community's consent to be bound by such Conventions not longer exists. In addition, the enlargement of the EU has had the effect of radically transforming the legal relations between the Contracting Parties. The objectives of the Conventions can be better achieved through provisions laid down in Community legislation. Where appropriate, the Commission will agree with the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany and Poland solutions to any transitory problems which may result from the end of the Community's participation on the Oder and Elbe Conventions.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1 May 2004.