


Procedure file

Basic information	
ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	1999/2024(ACI)
Procedure completed	
New codecision procedure: Joint declaration on the practical arrangements	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	INST Institutional Affairs	PSE MANZELLA Andrea	24/03/1999
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	General Affairs	2173	26/04/1999

Key events			
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12/04/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
21/04/1999	Vote in committee		
21/04/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0206/1999	
04/05/1999	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/1999	Decision by Parliament	T4-0410/1999	Summary
05/05/1999	End of procedure in Parliament		
01/10/1999	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1999/2024(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Interinstitutional agreement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	INST/4/10791

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		N4-0152/1999	16/02/1999	OS	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A4-0206/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0005	21/04/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0410/1999 OJ C 279 01.10.1999, p. 0165-0229	05/05/1999	EP	Summary

New codecision procedure: Joint declaration on the practical arrangements

PURPOSE: revision of the interinstitutional agreement on the practical arrangements for the new codecision procedure. CONTENT: at the time of the trilogue of 16/02/99, the 3 institutions concluded the final text of a common declaration on the practical arrangements for the new codecision procedure. This common declaration must be ratified by the European Parliament before the end of the current legislature, on the basis of a report adopted by the institutional committee (the Manzella report). This common declaration contains the following elements: - efforts should be made to improve the mutual exchange of information related to codecision procedure between institutions; - with regard to the first reading, every effort should be made to facilitate agreement on a proposal at first reading stage, including by means of better coordinated work timetabling between the institutions. The Commission should facilitate contact between the institutions and should use its right of initiative to help bring the positions of the Council and the European Parliament closer together; - with regard to second reading, the Council is called upon to give the clearest possible explanations as to the of reasons underlying its common position, while the Parliament should take account of this reasoning and of the Commission's opinion at the second reading stage. New provision is made for appropriate follow-up contacts to be established between the institutions in order to better understand their mutual positions and allow a speedy conclusion of the procedure. For its part, the Commission is expected to facilitate reconciliation of the respective positions of the Council and the Parliament, while respecting the role conferred on it by the Treaty. - finally, with regard to conciliation, the conciliation committee should be convened by the President of the Council, in agreement with the European Parliament President. The Commission should take part in this work and try to conciliate the positions of the 2 institutions, in particular by drafting compromise texts in view of the positions of the Council and the Parliament. Clarifications have been made in terms of provisions for agreeing on indicative dates for conciliation meetings between the 2 institutions and by taking better account of the problems posed by recesses, such as during the European Parliament elections campaigns. Clarifications have also been made with regard to voting procedure in committee and the procedure for transmitting the joint text reached by the institutions. Finally, general provisions have been made with regard to publication of the adopted texts in the Official Journal of the Communities.?

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The Parliament adopted its Resolution on the Joint Declaration agreed with Council on the practical arrangements for the new codecision procedure. Parliament's Rapporteur was Mr. Andrea MANZELLA (PES, I). ?