

Procedure file

Basic information		
ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure	2000/2043(ACI)	Procedure completed
	Office for official publications of the EC: organisation and working	
	Repealed by 2008/2164(ACI)	
	Subject 8.40.03 European Commission	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		23/02/2000
		PSE HAUG Jutta	
Council of the European Union	CONT Budgetary Control	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	LIBE Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	

Key events			
17/12/1999	Non-legislative basic document published	N5-0080/2000	Summary
18/02/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/03/2000	Vote in committee		
12/04/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0144/2000	Summary
20/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
22/07/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2043(ACI)
Procedure type	ACI - Interinstitutional agreement procedure
Procedure subtype	Interinstitutional agreement
	Repealed by 2008/2164(ACI)
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 148; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/5/12361

Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document		N5-0080/2000	17/12/1999	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T5-0144/2000 OJ C 040 07.02.2001, p. 0060-0119	12/04/2000	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2000/459](#)
[OJ L 183 22.07.2000, p. 0012](#) Summary

Office for official publications of the EC: organisation and working

PURPOSE: proposal for a new inter-institutional decision concerning the organisation and operation of the Communities' Office of Publications. **CONTENT:** At its 17 March 1998 session, the Board of the Communities' Office of Publications decided to examine and adapt the basic texts relating to the creation of the Office. The adaptation of the regulatory framework of the Office has become necessary in order to take into account observations made in 1997 by the Court of Auditors concerning the outdated character of the basic texts. Following deliberation, the institutions represented on the Board came to a decision in favour of an amended and codified act with the aim that such an act would be an improvement and more coherent, with the advantages of clarity and transparency. This draft act was approved following the deliberations of the Office's Board, as well as a joint consultation procedure of the institutions' legal services. In essence, the draft seeks to take technological developments in the publishing sector on board, as well as changes in practices with respect to competences devolved to the authority vested with powers of appointment. In this way, the Office should be able to ensure the undertaking of the following tasks, either by itself or by outside companies: publication of the Official Journal, other publications of the Community or its services and publications from other Community organisations or bodies. In exceptional cases, the institutions or bodies may proceed with the publication of documents without the involvement of the Office, when the financial amounts, technical reasons or urgency so justify. The implementation of the Office's tasks will entail the gathering of documents for publication, the preparation and checking of texts, the awarding of contracts to suppliers, the printing of urgent or low-circulation documents, the monitoring of work, quality control, financial control of contracts, quantitative and qualitative delivery, accounting controls, archiving of publications, management of sales and the distribution. The Office would also provide the institutions with all the relevant technical and financial information for their draft publications and assist them in the preparation of framework contracts. Provisions are made with regard to comitology (creation of a Board of Directors, powers and responsibilities, setting of operating rules), as well as with regard to the Office's powers of appointment (the Commission appoints grade A1, A2 and A3 and LA3 agents) and management, in accordance with the rules applicable in the context of the Financial Regulation. Each institution is invited to formally adopt this proposal in accordance with its own procedures. Following this adoption process, the presidents of the institutions will be invited to sign the text prior to its publication in the Official Journal of the Communities and the old Decision 69/13/Euratom, ECSC, EEC will be repealed.?

Office for official publications of the EC: organisation and working

The European Parliament approved the proposal on the organisation and operation of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (EC, ECSC, Euratom). (Procedure without report).?

Office for official publications of the EC: organisation and working

PURPOSE : to establish a new inter-institutional decision concerning the organisation and operation of the Communities' Office of Publications. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Decision 2000/459/EC, ECSC, Euratom of the European Parliament, the Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions on the organisation and operation of the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. **CONTENT :** this new inter-institutional decision concerns the adaptation of the regulatory framework of the Office and replaces the original version from 1977 which is regarded as outdated. The adaptation of the regulatory framework of the Office has become necessary in order to take into account observations made in 1997 by the Court of Auditors concerning the outdated character of the basic texts. Following deliberation, the institutions represented on the Board came to a decision in favour of an amended and codified act with the same aim that such an act would be an improvement and more coherent, with the advantages of clarity and transparency. This draft act was approved following the deliberations of the Office's Board, as well as a joint consultation procedure of the institutions' legal services. In essence, the draft seeks to take technological developments in the publishing sector on board, as well as changes in practices with respect to competences devolved to the authority vested with powers of appointment. Thus, the Office shall ensure the undertaking of the following tasks, either by itself or by outside companies: publication of the Official Journal, other publications of the Community or its services and publications from other Community organisations or bodies. In exceptional cases, the institutions or bodies may proceed with the publication of documents without the involvement of the Office, when the financial amounts, technical reasons or urgency so justified. The implementation of the Office's tasks will entail the gathering of documents for publication, the preparation and checking of texts, the awarding of contract to suppliers, the printing of urgent or low-circulation documents, the monitoring of

work, quality control, financial control of contracts, quantitative and qualitative delivery, accounting controls, archiving of publications, management of sales and the distribution. The Office will also provide the institutions with all the relevant technical and financial information for their draft publications and assist them in the preparation of framework contracts. Provisions shall be made with regard to comitology (creation of a Board of Directors, powers and responsibilities, setting of operating rules), as well as with regard to the Office's powers of appointment (the Commission appoints grade A1, A2 and A3 and LA3 agents) and management, in accordance with the rules applicable in the context of the Financial Regulation. Decision 69/13/Euratom, ECSC, EEC is hereby repealed. All the Presidents of the institutions have signed the text which makes it therefore applicable. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 20.07.2000.?