

# Procedure file

Basic information		
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	<a href="#">2000/2116(COS)</a>	Procedure completed
Relations EU/Ukraine: common strategy		
Subject 6.40.04 Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)		
Geographical area Ukraine		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		11/01/2000
		ELDR <a href="#">VÄYRYNEN Paavo</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>LIBE</b> Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		04/09/2000
Council of the European Union		PSE <a href="#">TERRÓN I CUSÍ Anna</a>	
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		25/05/2000
		PSE <a href="#">ADAM Gordon J.</a>	
	<b>ENVI</b> Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2406</a>	28/01/2002
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2362</a>	25/06/2001
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2327</a>	22/01/2001
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">2316</a>	04/12/2000

Key events			
11/12/1999	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">N5-0208/2000</a>	Summary
03/05/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
04/12/2000	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2316</a>	
22/01/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2327</a>	Summary
27/02/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
27/02/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0083/2001</a>	

14/03/2001	Debate in Parliament		
15/03/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0150/2001</a>	Summary
15/03/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/06/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2362</a>	
05/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		
28/01/2002	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2406</a>	Summary

### Technical information

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Procedure type	COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)
Procedure subtype	Commission strategy paper
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/12718

### Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">N5-0208/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ L 331 23.12.1999, p. 0001</a>	11/12/1999	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	<a href="#">A5-0083/2001</a>	27/02/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	<a href="#">T5-0150/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 343 05.12.2001, p. 0204-0277</a>	15/03/2001	EP	Summary

## Relations EU/Ukraine: common strategy

**PURPOSE** : to establish a common strategy with regard to Ukraine. **CONTENT** : The European Council has established the following principal objectives: - to contribute to the emergence of a stable, open and pluralistic democracy in the Ukraine, governed by the rule of law and underpinning a stable functioning market economy which will benefit all the people of Ukraine; - to cooperate with Ukraine in the maintenance of stability and security in Europe and the wider world, and in finding effective responses to common challenges facing the continent; -to increase economic, political and cultural cooperation with Ukraine as well as cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs; The means to be used include appropriate use of all relevant instruments available to the Union. There will also be co-ordination between Member States and between Member States and Community institutions. A number of specific initiatives will be pursued: - the consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and public institutions in Ukraine, by means which include supporting efforts to abolish the death penalty, promote good governance, an effective legal system, and the development of free media, - support of the economic transition process by enhancing the impact of economic policy advice, and examining the possibility of providing technical assistance, - cooperation to strengthen stability and security in Europe, amongst other means, by exploring the possibilities of establishing regular expert level Troika dialogue meetings with Ukraine within the margins of CFSP working groups on disarmament and non-proliferation, - cooperation in the field of environment, energy and nuclear safety, notably by supporting Ukraine in its effort to reduce the negative impact on public health of the environmental situation, and reform of the energy sector, - support for Ukraine's integration into European and world economy, including support for efforts to meet requirements for WTO accession, - cooperation in the field of justice and home affairs, a particularly important area given Ukraine's position as an important transit country providing a conduit for the cross-border flow of a wide range of non-legal activities, - regional and cross-border cooperation with neighbouring countries, - cooperation in the fields of culture, twinning and exchange programmes. The Common Strategy will apply for four years from the date of its publication.?

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The Council took note of the Presidency's work plan regarding the implementation of the EU's Common Strategy on Ukraine, elaborated under the responsibility of the Presidency. The Swedish Presidency's work plan is based on the main objectives set out in the Common Strategy: - support for the economic and democratic transition process in Ukraine, - ensuring stability and security and meeting common challenges on the European continent, enlargement. ?

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The committee adopted the report on Ukraine by Paavo VÄYRYNEN (ELDR, FIN). It felt that the adoption of the EU's common strategy on Ukraine was "highly appropriate" and that priority should be given to supporting that country's efforts to carry out internal reforms. Noting that the transition process had largely failed, the committee pointed out that the EU had a role to play in facilitating an economic upturn in Ukraine. The current pace of reform, at the very least, must be maintained and the authorities should regard the creation of an economic and political framework favourable to private enterprise and domestic investment as an absolute priority. The report deplored the fact that the rule of law had not been properly established in Ukraine and that the last parliamentary and presidential elections were not up to international standards. The committee also voiced deep concern at the murder of the journalist Georgiy Gongadze. It felt the main focuses of the TACIS programme to be appropriate but called for more attention to be devoted to the development of civil society, the promotion of independent media and to twinning and exchange programmes. The report welcomed the final closure of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, supported the granting of the Euratom K2R4 loan and urged the Commission to agree on a complete energy plan with the Ukrainian government. The Commission was also asked to provide aid for the establishment of a national system for monitoring greenhouse gases in Ukraine. The committee said that the EU could not for the time being agree to visa-free entry into its territory for Ukrainian citizens, but it wanted visas to be granted fairly easily. It also wanted the EU to help Ukraine improve its border control system and in particular to look at ways of combating trafficking in women more effectively. Lastly, the report pointed out that any European country was entitled to join the EU if it met the economic and political criteria and added that the EU should pay more attention to the non-candidate countries of eastern Europe.?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Paavo VÄYRYNEN (ELDR, FIN). (Please refer to the previous document).?

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The Council took note of the Presidency's work plan on the implementation of the EU Common strategy on Ukraine. The work plan places emphasis on the following objectives: - helping to consolidate a full, stable and pluralist democracy governed by the rule of law and respect for human rights; - supporting the process of economic and social reform in Ukraine and helping in the creation of the conditions for an efficient market economy that will enable the country to be integrated into the world economy; - promoting co-operation in the field of justice and home affairs; - promoting rapprochement between the Union and Ukraine, including continuing efforts to secure gradual approximation of EU and Ukrainian legislation; - continuing co-operation and dialogue in the field of the Union's common foreign and security policy; - strengthening co-operation on non-proliferation and disarmament and in the fields of environment, energy and nuclear safety.?