

# Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2000/0099(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Cyprus agreement: 3rd multiannual programme for small enterprises SMEs 1997-2000, cooperation	
Subject 3.45.02 Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), craft industries 6.40.05.01 Relations with Southern European countries	
Geographical area Cyprus	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ITRE</b> Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		23/05/2000
		ELDR <a href="#">JENSEN Anne E.</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Budget	<a href="#">2285</a>	20/07/2000
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
26/04/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0242	Summary
03/07/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/07/2000	Vote in committee		
05/07/2000	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0292/2000</a>	Summary
20/07/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
20/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/08/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information
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Procedure reference	2000/0099(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 157-p3; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/5/12858

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	<a href="#">COM(2000)0242</a> <a href="#">OJ C 274 26.09.2000, p. 0109 E</a>	26/04/2000	EC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0292/2000</a> <a href="#">OJ C 121 24.04.2001, p. 0033-0104</a>	05/07/2000	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

<a href="#">Decision 2000/488</a> <a href="#">OJ L 197 03.08.2000, p. 0048</a> Summary
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## EC/Cyprus agreement: 3rd multiannual programme for small enterprises SMEs 1997-2000, cooperation

**PURPOSE** : to conclude an Agreement establishing co-operation between the Republic of Cyprus and the European Community within the framework of the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union (1997 to 2000).

**CONTENT** : this Proposal for a Council Decision represents the legal instrument for the conclusion of this Agreement establishing co-operation between Cyprus and the European Community within the framework of the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union (1997-2000). Council Decision 97/15/EC of 9 December 1996 establishes the Third Multiannual Programme for SMEs provides that this programme shall be open to the participation of Cyprus and Malta. Moreover, as stated in the resolution of the EC/Cyprus in Community programmes is one of the elements of the pre-accession strategy to be implemented for that country in accordance with the conclusions of the General Affairs Council of 6 March 1995 and the conclusions of the European Council in Luxembourg of 12-13 December 1997. The latter were confirmed by the European Council of Helsinki in December 1999, as far as the pre-accession strategy is concerned. The services of the Commission conducted negotiations with Cyprus on the basis of the Council Decision of December 1996. In accordance with the Council Decision, the Agreement, initialled on 8 February 2000, contains the following elements: - the Republic of Cyprus will participate in the measures: C. "Help SMEs to Europeanise and internationalise their strategies in particular through better information services" and E. "Promote entrepreneurship and support special target groups", in principle in the same way as the Member States of the Community; - the terms and conditions for the submission, evaluation and selection of applications and proposal of pilot projects, programmes and any other measures shall be the same as these applicable to organisations and individuals of the Community; - Cyprus shall provide, where necessary, the appropriate structures and mechanisms at national level required for its participation; - Cyprus shall make an annual financial contribution corresponding to the cost of the its participation in the Programme; - responsibility for the implementation of the Programme will be vested in a Joint Committee; Cyprus will also be invited to attend co-ordination meetings prior to the formal sessions of the Programme committee; - the Agreement will be concluded for the duration of the programme. The Agreement designed to establish close co-operation with Cyprus in the field of SMEs is in the interest of the Community. It also represents an essential stage in Cyprus's preparation for accession. The conclusion of the Agreement is therefore of considerable importance. Ideally, it should enter into effect in the second quarter of 2000 so as to enable the Republic of Cyprus to take part in the action, including the calls for proposals foreseen for the rest of the year. In conclusion, in view of the foregoing, the Commission invites the Council to adopt the Proposal for a Decision and to notify the Cypriot authorities that have procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement have been completed on behalf of the European Community.?

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The European Parliament approved, under the consultation procedure, the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the Community and Cyprus establishing co-operation in the field of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises within the framework of the Third Multiannual Programme for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union. (Procedure without report). ?

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**PURPOSE** : to allow Cyprus to participate in the Third Multiannual programme for SMEs. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Council Decision 2000/488/EC concerning the conclusion of an agreement between the Community and Cyprus establishing cooperation in the field of small and medium-sized enterprises within the framework of the third multiannual programme for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the European Union (1997 to 2000). **CONTENT** : this Decision aims to conclude the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cyprus establishing cooperation in the field of SMEs within the framework of the third multiannual programme for SMEs in the European Union (1997-2000). In particular, Cyprus: - will participate in the measures: C. "Help SMEs to Europeanise and internationalise their strategies in particular through better information services" and E. "Promote entrepreneurship and support special target groups", in principle, in the same way as the Member States of the Community; - shall provide the terms and conditions for the submission, evaluation and selection of applications and proposal of pilot projects, programmes and any other measures shall be the same as these applicable to organisations and individuals of the Community; - shall put in place, where necessary, the appropriate structures and mechanisms at national level required for its participation; - shall make an annual financial contribution corresponding to the cost of its participation in the programme. Furthermore, the participation of Cyprus is valid until 31.12.2000. However, if the Community adopts a new programme, the Agreement may well be renegotiated or renewed in accordance with the conditions set out by the Joint Agreement. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : the Agreement shall enter into force when all parties have been notified of the completion of the respective procedures. ?