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Basic information

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Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	PPE-DE LULLING Astrid	02/10/2000
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	ELDR VIRRANKOSKI Kyösti	14/09/2000
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2330	12/02/2001
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Eurostat		

Key events

20/07/2000	Legislative proposal published	COM(2000)0458	Summary
08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
22/11/2000	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
22/11/2000	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A5-0353/2000	
30/11/2000	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T5-0529/2000	Summary

12/02/2001	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
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Legislative proposal		COM(2000)0458 OJ C 337 28.11.2000, p. 0246 E	20/07/2000	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0353/2000 OJ C 228 13.08.2001, p. 0005	22/11/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0529/2000 OJ C 228 13.08.2001, p. 0016-0126	30/11/2000	EP	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2004)0298	23/04/2004	EC	Summary
Follow-up document		COM(2009)0191	23/04/2009	EC	Summary
Follow-up document		SEC(2009)0527	23/04/2009	EC	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Decision 2001/507
OJ L 076 16.03.2001, p. 0001 Summary

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

PURPOSE : to create a set of actions relating to the trans-European network for the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on the trading of goods within the Community and between the Community and non-member countries (Edicom). CONTENT : the introduction of the internal market in 1993 completely changed the statistical system for monitoring trade in goods between Member States, by abolishing customs declarations and replacing them with a system based on collecting statistical information directly from businesses (Intrastat). In order to support the significant change, the Council adopted a Decision (Edicom) aiming to implement an interoperable system at European level for the collection, production and dissemination of these statistics. However, the Council Decision has now expired. Hence, the increased need for a new modernised system. The new phase of the programme has two main objectives: 1) to promote a modern, rational and efficient organisation of the trans-European network mentioned above, and improve and harmonise statistical methods in order to produce information

which: - is more reliable, less expensive for businesses and administrations, and which is available more quickly; - responds more appropriately to the new needs of users. In this context, the focus will be on the needs of Economic and Monetary Union and on improving the integration of statistics on the trading of goods into the statistical system at national, European and international level. 2) to develop existing computer tools for the collection, processing, transmission and dissemination of statistical information, taking into account the latest technological advances and seeking to optimise cost-effectiveness. The explosion in electronic data exchange is completely changing relations between economic players, and statistical administrations at national and Community level must adapt to this new technological environment. These overall objectives, as well as the types of action required to achieve them, were identified and confirmed during preparatory and arbitration work directly involving the relevant national administrations. The ex-ante evaluation is the outcome of that work which sought to closely involve the partners in the network. The programme thus targets: - private and institutional users of statistics, who should have information that is of better quality, harmonised and in line with their expectations; - statistical information providers and administrations responsible for collecting such information, who will benefit from the facilities provided by simplifying tasks and modernising the network. The purpose of the programme requires financing from the Community budget. In fact, in addition to efforts to seeking the best cost-effectiveness ratio of the programme, the modernisation of the network and the adaptation of statistical methods will be boosted by a common, consistent and - if possible - harmonised approach. The improvement instatistical results will be uniform across the European Union. Every economic operator and statistical service will be able to benefit from suitable tools that make it possible to simplify the completion and processing of declarations and to access reference information. In conclusion, the final appropriation for implementation of the Community project for the period 2000-2004 is fixed at EUR 51,2 million. ?

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

The European Parliament adopted the text drafted by Mrs Astrid LULLING (EPP/ED, L) on intra and extra-Community trading of goods : trans-European network for the collection of statistics. The proposal was approved with 7 amendments by 267 votes to 2 with 9 abstentions. The amendments concern the time scale of the programming and the funding. The aim of the amended text is to reduce the burden on business and administration over a five year period with a budget of some EUR 51.2 million. (Procedure without debate).?

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

PURPOSE: to establish a set of actions relating to the trans-European network for the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on the trading of goods within the Community and between the Community and non-member countries (Edicom - new phase). COMMUNITY MEASURE: Decision 507/2001/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers. CONTENT: For the implementation of the new phase of the Edicom programme, two main objectives will be targeted: 1) the development of the most modern, rational and efficient network possible, accompanied by the necessary measures to improving and harmonising methods, with a view to producing more reliable, less costly and more rapidly available statistics that fulfil the needs of existing and future user needs; 2) the development and promotion of tools for collecting information on the trading of goods, by taking into account the latest technological advances in order to improve the functions available to information providers. The financial framework for implementation of the action for the period 2001-2005 is fixed at EUR 51.2 million. ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16 March 2001.?

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

The main objective of the evaluation presented in this report is to "submit to the European Parliament and the Council a mid-term report of activities financed under the new programme so as to enable, if appropriate, a review of the actions implemented under the Edicom Decision. This report was drawn up by Eurostat. This evaluation is focused on the work programmes for the years 2001 to 2003. Not all the actions carried out within these work programmes were completed by the end of 2003. The Edicom Decision 507/2001/EC of 12 March 2001 adopted by the Council and the European Parliament set the goal of encouraging a modern, rational and effective organisation of the transeuropean collection, treatment and distribution network for intra and extra-Community statistics, accompanied by the improvement and harmonisation of statistical methods. The objectives of the 2001, 2002 and 2003 work programmes were coherent with those of the overall programme. The design of the programmes made it possible to apportion the activities efficiently between Member States and Eurostat. In most of the projects the expected results were clearly defined, facilitating their attainment and monitoring. The implementation of the work programme has been particularly efficient, mainly thanks to the assistance of specific Working Groups. Progress has been achieved across a wide range of fields, from data collection to dissemination. Most of the projects managed to achieve significant results and many applications have been developed.?

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

The Commission presents its report on the implementation of the EDICOM II programme (2001-2005) in accordance with Decision No 507/2001/EC. The evaluation has been based on the standard criteria: relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, utility and sustainability. The commission examines each of these criteria in turn.

The report notes that results obtained in the framework of the Edicom II programme enabled a noticeable modernisation of the trans-European network for the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on the trading of goods within the Community and between the Community and non-member countries.

Whilst the programme covered the period 2001-2005, administrative tasks lasted until 2008. In total 393 projects were implemented by Eurostat and the Member States accounting for an expenditure of EUR 31.2 million, or 61% of the total budget approved in the Edicom Decision.

The Commission and Member States successfully developed new IT technologies and Web-based solutions, thus benefiting the PSIs, relevant administrations and users.

Trade statistics of high quality are provided faster, new statistical products were generated, satisfying the needs of institutional and private users. Statistical information has been made available, free of charge, to all users. Resource efficiencies were achieved at both Eurostat and national level.

Studies carried out on the simplification of Intrastat have highlighted that PSIs consider the burden caused by Intrastat reporting as acceptable. Future simplification efforts should focus on the maintenance or improvement of data quality for the users.

IT tools have been developed centrally and have been made available to Member States for setting up the basis of a fully integrated and interoperable European system. Its implementation has not yet been fully achieved, due to difficulties of Member States to change their national systems.

The following points should support any future programme:

- Member States did not participate in all Edicom actions due to lack of staff;
- further improvements to systems and methodology can still be achieved;
- all new Member States need to work on similar projects to improve their data quality and to integrate better into the European Statistical System;
- actions aimed at reaching greater automatisation of data collection tools should be pursued;
- the framework for a fully integrated European network for the production of external trade statistics was created but it is not yet fully operational.

Main areas for future intervention could be:

- continuation of work on estimation techniques and now-casting methods, on management of confidentiality, statistical value, trade registers, intra-firm trade and globalisation;
- measures for improving cooperation between Member States and Eurostat for the collection and transmission of basic information should be implemented through a secure network;
- studies on the adoption of future technologies;
- further harmonisation of collection systems at EU level and the adaptation of tools in order to achieve a totally integrated and harmonized statistical system.

Intra and extra-Community trading of goods: trans-European network for the collection of statistics, Edicom II

The Commission submits a final report of activities financed under the EDICOM II programme, so as to enable an assessment of the results achieved results. This evaluation is focused on the EDICOM work programmes for the years 2001 to 2005. All the actions carried out within these work programmes were completed by the end of 2007.

The main findings are that the EDICOM II programme should be retained as the programme that contributed most to the enhancement and development of the trans-European network for the collection, production and dissemination of statistics on the trading of goods. The overall objectives of the programme were clearly defined and the design of the annual work programmes 2001-2005 made it possible to achieve concrete results in all relevant fields. The implementation of the work programme has been particularly efficient, thanks to the efforts of Member States and Eurostat and to the assistance of specific Working Groups. Progress has been achieved across a wide range of fields, from data collection to data validation and dissemination.

The majority of the projects managed to achieve significant results and many applications have been developed and implemented. In a few cases specific pilot studies did not produce better solutions compared to those already in place.

Difficulties have been encountered in establishing a common harmonised EU platform for the production of external trade statistics due to significant differences in the technological and administrative environments in Member States. However Eurostat has developed, via the XT-NET project, an open and modular system, composed of a set of interoperable tools that might be used as a common platform for the European network of external trade statistics.