

Procedure file

Basic information		
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic)	2001/2086(COS)	Procedure completed
Television without frontiers: implementation of Directive 89/552/EEC. 3rd report		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	CULT Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport		06/03/2001
		PPE-DE HIERONYMI Ruth	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs and Internal Market		11/04/2001
		PSE MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel	
	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy		10/04/2001
		PSE WHITEHEAD Phillip	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Education, Youth, Culture and Sport	2461	11/11/2002
	Culture	2427	23/05/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Education, Youth, Sport and Culture		

Key events			
15/01/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	COM(2001)0009	Summary
14/05/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/07/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
11/07/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	A5-0286/2001	
03/10/2001	Debate in Parliament		
04/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0506/2001	Summary

04/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
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11/11/2002	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		

Technical information

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Television without frontiers: implementation of Directive 89/552/EEC. 3rd report

By means of this communication the Commission is submitting to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee the third report on the application of Directive 89/552/EEC, as amended by Directive 97/36/EC, "Television without Frontiers". Article 26 of the Directive provides that, not later than 31 December 2000, and every two years thereafter, the Commission must submit to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic Social Committee a report on the application of the Directive as amended and, where appropriate, make further proposals to adapt it to developments in the field of television broadcasting, in particular in light of recent technological developments. The report deals with application of the Directive since it was amended in July 1997 up until the end of 2000. The report describes and analyses the salient facts relating to application of the Directive during the reference period. These cover, in particular, coordination between the national authorities and the Commission, protection of minors, application of Article 3a on events of major importance for society, application of the rules on advertising, the stage reached in transposing the Directive and an analysis of audiovisual legislation in the applicant countries wishing to join the European Union. Since this report covers what is basically a period of transition, given that a review of the Directive's provisions is scheduled for the end of 2002, it makes no new proposals for amending the Directive. In the interim period the Commission will continue, in a transparent manner, to hold consultations, especially on how technological developments might affect various fields covered by the Directive. As part of this drive, public meetings will be organised, which will be attended inter alia by representatives of Europe's audiovisual industry. The results of the studies and meetings will provide important feedback for the communication reviewing the Directive which the Commission intends to submit to the Council and Parliament. Moreover, in the conclusion of this report, the Commission states that the Directive continues to function effectively as a means of ensuring the freedom to provide television services in the Community. The next report on the application of the Directive is due by 31 December 2002. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Ruth HIERONYMI (EPP-ED, D) on the Commission's 3rd report on the application of the "Television without Frontiers" directive. It welcomed the Commission's positive overall assessment of the directive and urged all the Member States as well as the applicant countries to strengthen their commitment to applying it, for example by incorporating the directive into their national legislation. It also called for the target date for reviewing the directive (end of 2002) to be brought forward as much as possible. The committee pointed out that, in the 5 years since the directive was last amended, the climate in which the television industry operated had changed considerably, with new services using new technologies and a huge increase in the number of broadcasters. It therefore felt that the scope of the directive should be broadened to cover the new audiovisual services and called on the Commission to take account in its review of the new developments in the sector, such as webcasting on the Internet, electronic programme guides (EPG), interfaces (API) and intellectual property issues (i.e. digital private copying and caching). The Commission and the Member States were urged to facilitate the transition to digital technology. The report also emphasised the importance of conducting a broad debate in order to arrive at a consistent, united position on balancing the need to safeguard European cultural diversity with the demands of the global market. It noted with concern the continuing imbalance between material produced in Europe and that imported from the USA for the European market. Lastly, it stressed the need to harmonise the current complex system of rules and practices relating to the protection of minors, whilst maintaining Member States' independence with regard to national restrictions in this area. ?

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The European Parliament approved the resolution by Mrs Ruth HIERONYMI (EPP-ED, D) on the application of the 1997 directive on 'Television across frontiers'. (Please refer to the previous text).?