

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2001/0804(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Euro: protection against counterfeiting. Initiative France		
Subject 5.20.02 Single currency, euro, euro area 7.30.05 Police cooperation 7.30.30.10 Action against counterfeiting		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>LIBE</b> Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs		
	Former committee responsible		14/09/2000
	<b>LIBE</b> Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs	<b>PPE-DE</b> <a href="#">CEDERSCHIÖLD Charlotte</a>	
	Former committee for opinion		
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2396</a>	06/12/2001
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2376</a>	16/10/2001
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">2350</a>	28/05/2001
European Commission	Commission DG <a href="#">Justice and Consumers</a>	Commissioner	

Key events			
08/09/2000	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/02/2001	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">05551/2001</a>	Summary
11/04/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
11/04/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0120/2001</a>	
03/05/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0224/2001</a>	Summary
06/07/2001	Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation published	<a href="#">10616/2001</a>	Summary

26/07/2001	Formal reconsultation of Parliament		
10/10/2001	Vote in committee		
16/10/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2376</a>	
23/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0527/2001</a>	Summary
06/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/12/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2001/0804(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1; Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2; Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 031
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/5/14998; LIBE/5/13605

### Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">14935/2000</a>	22/01/2001	CSL	Summary
Legislative proposal	<a href="#">05551/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 075 07.03.2001, p. 0001</a>	02/02/2001	CSL	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0120/2001</a>	11/04/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0224/2001</a> OJ C 027 31.01.2002, p. 0020-0059 E	03/05/2001	EP	Summary
Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation	<a href="#">10616/2001</a>	06/07/2001	CSL	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T5-0527/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ C 112 09.05.2002, p. 0026-0095 E</a>	23/10/2001	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

[Decision 2001/887](#)  
[OJ L 329 14.12.2001, p. 0001](#) Summary

In this document produced by the French delegation, an explanatory statement is proposed to other Union delegations in order to present the objectives of the draft decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. Amongst the principles highlighted in this document and which guided the development of the project, one should remember the fact that this proposal will be useful in completing the future Community regulation relating to the protection of the Euro against counterfeiting which aims to ensure a high level of protection for the euro by setting up a unique system of technical analysis which obliges the banking authorities to control the authenticity of notes and by organising the processing of technical and statistical data on counterfeiting. This proposal, which should be adopted in the near future, shall make up the cornerstone of the provision to protect the euro. However, the French delegation believes that it must be completed by a third pillar instrument so that the authorities in charge of technical analysis are equally in charge of these operations in the framework of penal investigations. The proposed text should ensure a coherent and efficient overall measure for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. ?

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**PURPOSE:** to present an Initiative by the Government of the French Republic with a view to adopting a Council Decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. **CONTENT:** Council Regulation 974/98/EC of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro lays down that currency denominated in euro shall start to be put into circulation as from 1 January 2002 and obliges the participating Member States to ensure adequate sanctions against counterfeiting and falsification of euro banknotes and coins. However, the measures to protect the euro put in place by previous instruments should be supplemented and strengthened by provisions ensuring close cooperation between the competent authorities of the Member States, the European Central Bank, the national central banks, Europol and Eurojust to suppress offences involving counterfeiting of the euro. Against this background, this proposal includes provisions relating to expert analysis of notes and coins; forwarding of the results of expert analyses; obligation to communicate information and finally, previous convictions. ?

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The committee adopted the report by Charlotte CEDERSCHIÖLD (EPP-ED, S) broadly approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a number of mainly technical amendments. It stipulated that the European Technical and Scientific Centre in Paris should be set up on a permanent rather than a temporary basis. It also wanted entities engaged in the daily handling of notes and coins for their clients to carry out suitable checks on the authenticity of the euro notes and coins they receive, in order to protect the interests of the general public. Lastly, the committee wanted the text of the proposal to make it clear that the ECB's Counterfeiting Analysis Centre was the body to which information should be sent and that such information was to be stored in the ESCB's Counterfeit Currency Database.?

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The European Parliament broadly endorsed the report by Mrs Charlotte CEDERSCHIÖLD (EPP/ED, S) based on the French Initiative to complement existing measures against euro counterfeiting with provisions for ensuring close cooperation between the competent Member States authorities, the European Central Bank, national central banks, Europol and Eurojust.?

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The European Parliament is once again consulted on the draft Decision relating to the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. The draft Decision contains provisions on the analysis of notes and coins and exchange of information regarding the results of thereof, as well as information pertaining to investigations into counterfeiting offences relating to the euro. Member States should ensure that information relating to the investigations is communicated to Europol in accordance with the Europol Convention. It is recalled that the draft Decision is linked to the draft Council Regulation extending the effects on this regulation. It is also recalled that the Ecofin Council agreed on a position regarding the two draft Regulations at its meeting on 12 February 2001. The European Parliament gave its opinion on the two texts on 3 May 2001.?

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The European Parliament approved the draft Council Decision on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. ?

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**PURPOSE :** French Initiative on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council Decision 2001/887/JHA on the protection of the euro against counterfeiting. **CONTENT :** This Decision provides that Member States will ensure, in the context of investigations into counterfeiting, that expert analyses of suspect notes are carried out by a National Analysis Centre, and expert analyses of suspect coins are carried out by a Coin National Analysis Centre. The results of the analyses must be sent to Europol. Member States are under an obligation to provide information on offences and investigations relating to the euro. This information must include at least the particulars of the persons involved, the offences, the circumstances under which the offences were discovered, the context of the seizure and links with other cases. The competent authorities will make use of facilities offered by the Provisional Judicial Cooperation Unit and Eurojust. **ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 14/12/01.?