

Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2001/0113(CNS)	Procedure completed
Nuclear safety, Chernobyl: implementation of the Shelter Fund. 2nd report		
Subject 3.60.04 Nuclear energy, industry and safety 3.70.08 Radioactive pollution		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		26/06/2001
		ELDR VIRRANKOSKI Kyösti	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Council of the European Union	ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health, Consumer Policy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2385	16/11/2001
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	External Relations		

Key events			
29/05/2001	Legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0251	Summary
05/07/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
09/10/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
09/10/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0345/2001	
24/10/2001	Debate in Parliament		
24/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0555/2001	Summary
16/11/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/11/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/11/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2001/0113(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 203; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	BUDG/5/14771

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2001)0251 OJ C 240 28.08.2001, p. 0157 E	29/05/2001	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0345/2001	09/10/2001	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0555/2001 OJ C 112 09.05.2002, p. 0148-0185 E	24/10/2001	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2001/824 OJ L 308 27.11.2001, p. 0025 Summary

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PURPOSE: to present a proposal for a Council Decision on a second contribution of the European Community to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. CONTENT: the Chernobyl Shelter Fund provides a powerful tool to assist the Ukraine in resolving the safety risks posed by the ruins of the ill-fated Unit 4 of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. In 1997, the G7 Nuclear Safety Working Group outlined and finalised a plan, designated as the Shelter Implementation Plan (SIP), to identify tasks to be executed over a period of 8-10 years to secure and stabilise the sarcophagus. In November 1997, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (ERBD) set up the Chernobyl Shelter Fund (CSF). The first pledge to the Fund was made by the European Commission in 1997. Payments of EUR 50 million and EUR 40.5 million were made in 1999 and 2000. In the new Tacis Regulation covering the period 2000-2006, the support to 'relevant EU supported international initiatives such as the G7/EU initiative on the closure of Chernobyl' is explicitly mentioned as a priority action'. As the rules governing the SIP are not consistent with the rules applicable under the Tacis Regulation, it is necessary to establish a separate legal basis for the Community contribution so as to accommodate the Fund rules, as was the case for Council Decision 98/381/EC, Euratom. Against this background, the objective of the proposal is to solicit a Council decision for the second Community contribution of EUR 100 million pledged at the second pledging conference held in July 2000 in Berlin.?

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The committee adopted the report by Kyösti VIRRANKOSKI (ELDR, FIN) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to just two amendments. It agreed with the Commission that a flexible approach was needed and that there should be a transfer from the main TACIS budget line B7-520 to finance this important action - which could contribute to the environmental safety of the EU - even if this meant circumventing the maximum ratio of funds that could be dedicated for nuclear safety according to the remarks under that line. The committee suggested, however, that if at the end of the financial year it turned out that some of the funds earmarked for nuclear safety in budget lines B7-524 or B7-525 could not be used, the Commission should propose to transfer them to line B7-520 to finance other activities under the main TACIS envelope. The other amendment stipulated that Parliament should be informed of all operations of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund that were financed by the Community. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Kyösti Tapio VIRRANKOSKI (ELDR, FIN) on a second contribution of the European Community to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. (Please refer to the previous text).?

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PURPOSE : to administer EUR 100 million to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2001/824/EC, Euratom on a further contribution of the European Community to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for the Chernobyl Shelter Fund. CONTENT : this Decision stipulates that the Commission of the European Community will make a contribution of EUR 100 million to the Chernobyl Shelter Fund in accordance with Article II, Section 2.02 of the Rules of the Fund. The new contribution will be made up of four annual contributions over the years 2001-2004, subject to necessary authorisations of the budgetary authority. Moreover, the Commission will forward all relevant information to the Court of Auditors and may request from the EBRD supplementary information that the Court of Auditors may wish to obtain concerning those aspects of the operation of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund that relate to the Community's contribution. The Commission shall also ensure that, with respect to the procurement arrangements relating to grants made from resources of the Fund, there is no discrimination between the Member States.?