


# Procedure file

Basic information	
COS - Procedure on a strategy paper (historic) <a href="#">2001/2121(COS)</a>	Procedure completed
Financial services, home loans: precontractual consumer information	
Subject 2.50.04 Banks and credit 4.60.02 Consumer information, advertising, labelling 4.60.06 Consumers' economic and legal interests	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>ECON</b> Economic and Monetary Affairs	PPE-DE <a href="#">RADWAN Alexander</a>	06/11/2000
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
01/03/2001	Non-legislative basic document published	N5-0256/2001	Summary
02/07/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
28/08/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
28/08/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0290/2001</a>	
03/10/2001	Debate in Parliament		
04/10/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0512/2001</a>	Summary
04/10/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/04/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/5/14867

Documentation gateway					
Non-legislative basic document		<a href="#">N5-0256/2001</a> <a href="#">OJ L 069 10.03.2001, p. 0025</a>	01/03/2001	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0290/2001</a>	28/08/2001	EP	
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## Financial services, home loans: precontractual consumer information

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**PURPOSE** : to present a Recommendation on pre-contractual information to be given to consumers by lenders offering home loans.

**CONTENT** : this recommendation covers pre-contractual consumer information for domestic and cross-border home loans. The lender should supply to the consumer in the course of the pre-contractual phase: - general information set out in Annex I; personalised information to be presented in a European Standardised Information Sheet as set out in Annex II. In addition, the lender should supply to the consumer information on the identification, address, and telephone number of the competent body to which the consumer can refer in the event of difficulties in relation to the application of the Code on pre-contractual information for home loans. The final decision to accept a credit offer from a lender lies with the consumer. The Commission will establish a central register of lenders offering home loans, indicating whether or not those lenders adhere to the code. The Commission will also monitor compliance with this recommendation. Member States and lenders offering home loans in the Community, regardless of whether they are members of the associations and federations who negotiated the Code, are invited to comply with this recommendation by no later than 30/09/2002.

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The committee adopted the report by Alexander RADWAN (EPP-ED, D) welcoming the Commission recommendation. It approved of the example set by the Code in expressing the subsidiarity principle, as a voluntary agreement between market participants, by comparison with a legislative act at European level, and hoped that it could also be applied in other areas of financial services. The Commission should nevertheless present a legislative act if the Code was not implemented satisfactorily. The report echoed the Commission's call for all EU financial service providers offering home loans to adhere to and implement the Code as soon as possible and also urged lenders in the candidate countries to do the same, given the positive impact this would have on future membership of the internal market in financial services. The committee also wanted the associations which had signed the Code to act in conjunction with consumers' organisations to set up independent national mediation bodies (rather than purely internal mediation bodies within individual lenders) which should not be over-bureaucratic. Other points taken up in the report included the need to inform the public at large about the existence of the Code and the need for all on-line lenders offering home loans to be included in the central register. ?

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The European Parliament approved the resolution by Mr Alexander RADWAN (EPP-ED, D) on pre-contractual information to be given to consumers by lenders offering home loans. (Please refer to the previous text).?