

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">2003/0133(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Social Protection Committee Repealing Decision 2000/436/EC <a href="#">2000/0055(CNS)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2015/0802(CNS)</a>  Subject 4.10.10 Social protection, social security		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>EMPL</b> Employment and Social Affairs		09/07/2003
		PPE-DE <a href="#">PRONK Bartho</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	<b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities		02/10/2003
Council of the European Union		PSE <a href="#">GILLIG Marie-Hélène</a>	
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs2586</a>		01/06/2004
European Commission	<a href="#">Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs2549</a>		01/12/2003
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</a>		

Key events			
24/06/2003	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2003)0305</a>	Summary
01/09/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/12/2003	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2549</a>	
22/01/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
22/01/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A5-0037/2004</a>	
10/02/2004	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0066/2004</a>	Summary
04/10/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		

04/10/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
13/10/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/0133(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Repealing Decision 2000/436/EC <a href="#">2000/0055(CNS)</a> Repealed by <a href="#">2015/0802(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 144
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/5/19750

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2003)0305</a>	24/06/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0037/2004</a>	22/01/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T5-0066/2004</a> OJ C 097 22.04.2004, p. 0029-0070 E	10/02/2004	EP	Summary

### Additional information

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

[Decision 2004/689](#)  
[OJ L 314 13.10.2004, p. 0008-0010](#) Summary

## Social Protection Committee

**PURPOSE** : to establish a social Protection Committee. **CONTENT** : The Social Protection Committee was established by Council Decision 2000/436/EC. Following the entry into force of the Treaty of Nice on 1 February 2003, a Social Protection Committee with additional tasks has to replace the existing Committee of the same name, in order to permit the work already done by the latter to be continued. Decision 2000/436/EC will therefore be repealed as from the date on which the new Social Protection Committee takes up its functions. This proposal seeks the establishment of a Social Protection Committee to promote co-operation on social protection policies between Member States and with the Commission. The tasks of the Committee will be: - to monitor the social situation and the development of social protection policies in the Member States and the Community; - to promote exchanges of information, experience and good practice between Member States and with the Commission; - without prejudice to Article 207 of the Treaty, to prepare reports, formulate opinions or undertake other work within its fields of competence, at the request of either the Council or the Commission or on its own initiative. In addition: - the Committee has to work in cooperation with other committees such as the employment Committee and the Economic Policy Committee; - it must establish contact with the social partners; - it will consist of two representatives of the Member States and two representatives of the Commission; - the chairman will be elected for a non-renewable term of two years; - the Commission will provide analytical and organisational support for the Committee. It will liaise with the general Secretariat of the Council with regard to holding meetings.?

## Social Protection Committee

The committee adopted the report by Bartho PRONK (EPP-ED, NL) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure. It said that the Committee should pay particular attention to poverty issues and to progress in social inclusion, and should aim for a "more structured

engagement in its working methods" with NGOs working with people affected by poverty. The principle of gender mainstreaming should also be emphasised in connection with the Committee's duties. The committee was concerned to ensure that Parliament was suitably involved, and therefore wanted the Committee to include a specific chapter, containing Parliament's points of view on social protection matters, in its reports, opinions and other works. Moreover, it called for the establishment of an information process which would enable Parliament to follow matters up on a regular basis. MEPs also wanted to see a regular process for informing and consulting representatives of the applicant countries. The report also underlined the EP Budget Committee's traditional position on commitment, saying that expenses should be reimbursed for one representative per Member State only, in order to keep costs down. Lastly, the committee specified that Member States and the Commission must ensure that gender balance is respected in the composition of delegations.?

## Social Protection Committee

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Bartho PRONK (EPP-ED, NL) making some amendments to the proposal. (Please see the document dated 22/01/04.) Parliament stated that the Committee should incorporate the gender dimension horizontally and report on the specific difficulties encountered by women, not least in relation to the feminisation of poverty and changes in family models. It would be desirable to introduce sex-disaggregated indicators that focus on the individual rather than on the household.?

## Social Protection Committee

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**PURPOSE :** to re-establish the Social Protection Committee according to a new legal basis deriving from the Treaty of Nice.

**LEGISLATIVE ACT :** Council Decision 2004/689/EC establishing a Social Protection Committee and repealing Decision 2000/436/EC.

**CONTENT :** having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 144 thereof, this Decision re-establishes the Social Protection Committee according to a new legal basis deriving from the Treaty of Nice.

The SPC's objectives have been redefined in the light of this new legal basis. The new tasks of the Committee shall be to monitor the social situation and the development of social protection policies in the Member States and the Community; to promote exchanges of information, experience and good practice between Member States and with the Commission; without prejudice to Article 207 of the Treaty, to prepare reports, formulate opinions or undertake other work within its fields of competence, at the request of either the Council or the Commission or on its own initiative.

The Committee shall work, as appropriate, in cooperation with other relevant bodies and committees dealing with social and economic policy matters, such as the Employment Committee and the Economic Policy Committee. In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee shall establish appropriate contacts with the social partners and social nongovernmental organisations, account being taken of their

respective roles and responsibilities in the social protection sphere. The European Parliament shall also be informed regarding the activities of the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of two representatives appointed by each Member State and two representatives of the Commission. The representatives may be assisted by two alternates.

Member States and the Commission shall use their best endeavours to achieve a gender balance in the composition of delegations.

The Committee may call on external experts where its agenda so requires. The Committee shall establish contacts with representatives of the candidate countries. The Committee shall elect its chairperson from among the representatives of the Member States for a non-renewable term of two years. The chairperson shall be assisted by four vice-chairpersons of whom two shall be elected by the Committee from among its members for a term of two years. The third shall be a representative

from the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council and the fourth shall be a representative from the Member State that will hold the next Presidency. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the chairperson, either on his or her own initiative or at the request of at least half of the members of the Committee.

Decision 2000/436/EC shall be repealed as from the date of the first meeting of the Committee which is 04.02.2005 at the latest.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE :** 04.10.2004.