

Procedure file

| Basic information | |
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| Information society, eEurope: Community statistics | |
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| Key players | | | |
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| European Parliament | Committee responsible | Rapporteur | Appointed |
| | ITRE Industry, External Trade, Research, Energy | | 02/10/2003 |
| | | PSE BERENGUER FUSTER Luis | |
| Council of the European Union | Committee for opinion | Rapporteur for opinion | Appointed |
| | BUDG Budgets | | 07/10/2003 |
| | | PPE-DE AVEROFF Ioannis | |
| European Commission | ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs | | |
| | Commission DG Eurostat | Commissioner | |

| Key events | | | |
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| 25/08/2003 | Legislative proposal published | COM(2003)0509 | Summary |
| 04/09/2003 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading | | |
| 03/11/2003 | Vote in committee, 1st reading | | Summary |
| 03/11/2003 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading | A5-0005/2004 | |
| 29/01/2004 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading | T5-0038/2004 | Summary |
| 30/03/2004 | Modified legislative proposal published | COM(2004)0216 | Summary |
| 16/04/2004 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading | | |
| 21/04/2004 | Final act signed | | |

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| 21/04/2004 | End of procedure in Parliament | | |
| 30/04/2004 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

| Technical information | |
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| Legal basis | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 285-p1; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p2 |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed |

| Documentation gateway | | | | | |
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| Legislative proposal | | COM(2003)0509 | 25/08/2003 | EC | Summary |
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| Modified legislative proposal | | COM(2004)0216 | 30/03/2004 | EC | Summary |
| Implementing legislative act | | 32005R1099 OJ L 183 14.07.2005, p. 0047-0062 | 13/07/2005 | EU | Summary |
| Implementing legislative act | | 32006R1031 OJ L 186 07.07.2006, p. 0011-0026 | 04/07/2006 | EU | |

| Additional information | |
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| European Commission | EUR-Lex |

| Final act |
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| Regulation 2004/808 OJ L 143 30.04.2004, p. 0049-0055 Summary |

Information society, eEurope: Community statistics

PURPOSE : to establish a common framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on the information society. **CONTENT :** Information and communications technologies (ICT) are having an increasing economic and social impact. Policy makers have sought to ensure that the new technologies are rapidly absorbed into everyday economic and social life. This has led to requests for statistics on a wide range of topics in the information society domain. The Structural Indicators, used in the annual Spring Report to the European Council, include indicators from the information society domain, which require harmonised statistics at the European level. The eEurope 2005 Action Plan, which sets up a number of targets to be achieved by the end of 2005, includes a process of benchmarking by means of indicators. It states measurement of eEurope 2005 indicators should make greater use of official statistics from the National Statistical Institutes and Eurostat. The proposed legislation provides a legal framework for National Statistical Institutes to provide the statistics needed for the Structural Indicators and the e-Europe benchmarking process, while at the same time being flexible enough to respond to new needs. The act is a framework regulation which covers statistics to be provided only in terms of outputs, leaving Member States full flexibility in how to obtain the statistics. The regulation contains two annexes, each defining a module which will later be implemented by a Commission Regulation. The modules define lists of subjects which may be covered by implementing measures. Member States support both the content of the lists themselves, and

the mechanism of defining subjects in broad terms in the present Regulation, and later drawing from these lists to define characteristics more specifically (in terms of statistical variables to be provided) in implementing measures. Eurostat is charged with assessing the quality of the data transmitted. For at least the first year in which Community statistics provided for in implementing measures to this Regulation are produced by Member States, the Commission will make a financial contribution to the Member States to help cover the costs incurred by them in producing, processing and transmitting these statistics. Financial contributions will be in the form of grants. If budgetary conditions permit, the Commission intends to continue financial support (grants) to Member States to help offset the costs of providing these statistics in subsequent years. The amount of the financial contribution will be fixed as part of the annual budgetary procedures of the EC. The maximum Community contribution will not exceed 90 % of the total costs of providing these statistics. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: - budget lines: B5-3310 until end 2004; in subsequent years subject to availability of funds from follow-up programme. B5-3260 and B5 6000 (the latter after 2006, if consistent with financial perspective in force for the period commencing in 2007.) - total allocation for action: EUR 12.5 million for commitment. - period of application: 2004-2008. - overall financial impact of human resources and other administrative expenditure: EUR 2 160 million. - overall total: EUR 14 660 million. - human resources : 4 staff assigned.?

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The committee adopted the report by Luis BERENGUER FUSTER (PES, E) approving the proposal under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure, subject to a number of drafting amendments aimed at making the text clearer and more succinct. The committee also amended the two annexes, stipulating that not all subjects will necessarily be covered each year and that regional breakdowns will be limited to no more than three groupings. It introduced a new point in each annex stating that, whenever significant new data requirements are identified or insufficient quality of data is to be expected, the Commission will institute pilot studies to be carried out on a voluntary basis by the Member before any data collection, in order to assess the feasibility of the relevant data collection.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Luis BERENGUER FUSTER (PES, E) making some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please see the document dated 13/01/04.) Parliament specified that whenever significant new data requirements are identified or insufficient quality of data is to be expected, the Commission must institute pilot studies to be completed on a voluntary basis by the Member States before any data collection. Such pilot studies will be carried out in order to assess the feasibility of the relevant data collection, taking into consideration the benefits of the availability of the data in relation to the collection costs and the burden on respondents.?

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The European Commission agrees to take into account all the amendments adopted by the European Parliament. These include editorial changes in order to clarify the text, make the goal of the manual more explicit and clarify in particular that only aggregate data shall be transmitted under this Regulation. In addition, another amendment aims to make the distinction between mandatory requirements for the eEurope benchmarking process and less strict requirements for Structural Indicators. Other changes include : - sharpening the scope for the implementing measure; - ensuring the quality of results; - stipulating that the restrictions to three regions will not hamper the process of developing Information Society statistics over the set time frame; - introducing a comprehensive summary on what is expected from the module. Lastly, the Commission states that it would have preferred not to regulate the execution of pilot studies but can accept the proposal, as it will contribute to ensuring the quality of the results.?

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PURPOSE : to establish a common framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on the information society. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Regulation 808/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning Community statistics on the information society. CONTENT : The structural indicators which are used in the annual Spring Report to the European Council require indicators based on coherent statistical information from the information society domain. In addition, the process of benchmarking eEurope as part of the implementation of eEurope Action Plans requires indicators based on coherent statistical information from the information society domain. This Regulation provides that the statistics to be compiled will include information required for the eEurope benchmarking process, and useful to the structural indicators, and other information necessary to provide a uniform basis on which to analyse the information society. The statistics will be grouped as modules, as defined in Annexes I and II. The modules will cover the following domains: - enterprises and the information society, as defined in Annex I; - individuals, households and the information society, as defined in Annex II. Methodological manual. The Commission, in close cooperation with Member States, will draw up a methodological manual which contains recommended guidelines concerning the Community statistics produced pursuant to this Regulation. Member States will transmit the aggregate data and the metadata required by this Regulation and its implementing measures, including confidential aggregate data, to the Commission (Eurostat) in accordance with the existing Community provisions on transmission of data subject to statistical confidentiality. Those Community provisions shall apply to the treatment of the results, in so far as they include confidential data. Member States shall transmit the data and metadata in electronic form, in accordance with an interchange standard agreed between the Commission and the Member States. For at least the first year in which Community statistics are produced by Member States, the Commission will make a financial contribution to the Member States to help cover the costs incurred by them in producing, processing and transmitting those statistics. The amount of the financial contribution will not exceed 90 % of such costs. If budgetary conditions so permit, the Commission will continue to make a financial contribution to Member States in order to help offset the costs of providing these statistics in subsequent years. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 20/05/04.?

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PURPOSE: implementing measures in regard to Regulation 808/2004/EC concerning Community statistics on the information society.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Commission Regulation 1099/2005/EC

CONTENT: Pursuant to Article 8(1) of Regulation 808/2004/EC implementing measures are necessary to determine the data to be supplied for preparation of the statistics defined in Articles 3 and 4 of that Regulation, and to fix the deadlines for their transmission.

The data to be transmitted for the production of Community statistics on the information society as laid down in Articles 3(2) and 4 of Regulation 808/2004/EC are specified in Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 03/08/2005.