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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		13/09/2004
		ALDE SAMUELSEN Anders	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	2625	29/11/2004

Key events			
28/06/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0451	Summary
15/09/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/10/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
03/11/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0031/2004	
16/11/2004	Debate in Parliament	-	
17/11/2004	Results of vote in Parliament	<u> </u>	
	Decision by Parliament		Summary

17/11/2004		T6-0056/2004	
29/11/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
29/11/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/12/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information		
Procedure reference	2004/0133(CNS)	
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure	
Procedure subtype	Legislation	
Legislative instrument	Regulation	
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 2667/2000 <u>2000/0112(CNS)</u>	
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 181	
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed	
Committee dossier	AFET/6/22146	

Documentation gateway				
Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0451	28/06/2004	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0031/2004	03/11/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0056/2004 OJ C 201 18.08.2005, p. 0019-0067 E	17/11/2004	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2004)3173	15/12/2004	EC	

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Regulation 2004/2068

OJ L 358 03.12.2004, p. 0002-0003 Summary

European Agency for Reconstruction: extension of mandate and status until 31 December 2006

PURPOSE: to prolong the mandate of the European Agency for Reconstruction until 31 December 2006.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT: in this proposal, the Commission discusses the evaluations required under Council Regulation 2666/2000 (hereafter "the CARDS Regulation"), and Council Regulation 2667/2000/EC (hereafter "the Agency Regulation"). The latter applies until 31 December 2004.

These evaluations, which took place in the period May 2003-May 2004 (CARDS) and October 2003-May 2004 (EAR), were conducted by an international team which included experts from CARDS countries.

The external evaluation concludes that the Agency is working efficiently in the countries and territories in which it operates, and that the model is administratively sound and managerially responsive.

In view of this overall positive assessment of the activities of the Agency, and taking into account that the framework of the Community assistance, in line with the Community's financial perspectives, covers the period until 2006, it is important to ensure continuity in the implementation of Community assistance to the countries and territories covered by the Agency's mandate. The Commission proposes that

the Agency Regulation should be extended until 31 December 2006.

This proposal is without prejudice to further reflection on specific actions which the Commission may deem appropriate at a later stage to address the recommendations made by the evaluators to improve the performance of the Agency.

Amendments are also proposed for the CARDS Regulation.

Finally, it should be noted that a Constitutional Charter was adopted in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY) on 4 February 2003, renaming the country "Serbia and Montenegro". This change of name of the state is taken into account.

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The committee adopted the report by Anders SAMUELSEN (ALDE, DK) approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a few amendments. MEPs said that South-east Europe was a key region for the EU and called for the Commission to submit a report to the Council by June 2005 clarifying the future of the Agency after 31 December 2006. They also wanted the Agency to be responsible for implementing assistance for the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community under the forthcoming Council regulation. Lastly, they called for the Commission to provide a detailed report by 31 December 2004 setting out clearly how tasks are divided up between the Agency's centres of operation and the Commission's delegation offices (now referred to as "deconcentrated" delegations) in the respective regions. The report should include an analysis of how well (or otherwise) the regulation was working for all the countries concerned and, in particular, for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in the light of its application for EU membership.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Anders SAMUELSEN (ALDE, DK) and approved the Commission proposal with a few amendments. (Please see the document dated 26/10/04).

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PURPOSE: to prolong the mandate of the European Agency for Reconstruction until 31 December 2006.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 2068/2004/EC amending Regulation 2667/2000/EC on the European Agency for Reconstruction.

CONTENT: this Regulation prolongs the mandate of the European Agency for Reconstruction until 31 December 2006.

The Regulation also provides that the Commission may delegate to the Agency the execution of the Community assistance decided upon for Serbia and Montenegro (including Kosovo) and for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under Regulation 1628/96/EC.

By 31 December 2005 the Commission shall report to the Council on the future of the mandate of the Agency. Any proposal to extend the mandate of the Agency beyond 31 December 2006 should be made by the Commission to the Council by 31 March 2006.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 6 December 2004.