


Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2005/0030(CNS) Procedure completed
Euro: protection against counterfeiting, extending Pericles programme to the non-participating Member States	
Amending Decision 2001/923/EC 2001/0105(CNS) Repealed by 2011/0449(COD)	
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		10/05/2005
		PPE-DE DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA Agustín	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2705	30/01/2006
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)		

Key events			
05/04/2005	Legislative proposal published	COM(2005)0127	Summary
10/05/2005	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/09/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
28/09/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0275/2005	
13/10/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/10/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0373/2005	Summary
30/01/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
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08/02/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2001/923/EC 2001/0105(CNS) Repealed by 2011/0449(COD)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 308
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/6/27764

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2005)0127	06/04/2005	EC	Summary
European Central Bank: opinion, guideline, report	CON/2005/0022 OJ C 161 01.07.2005, p. 0011-0012	21/06/2005	ECB	Summary
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Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Decision 2006/76 OJ L 036 08.02.2006, p. 0042-0042 Summary

Euro: protection against counterfeiting, extending Pericles programme to the non-participating Member States

PURPOSE : to extend to the non-participating Member States the application of the 'Pericles' programme until 31.12.2011.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Decision.

CONTENT : The Pericles programme, which deals with the exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting, usually applies to Member States participating in the euro. The decision establishing the programme is the subject of a proposal for certain amendments to Pericles. (Please see 2005/0029(CNS)).

However, the exchange of information and staff and the assistance and training measures implemented under the Pericles programme should be uniform throughout the Community and the requisite provisions should therefore be taken to guarantee the same level of protection for the euro in the Member States where the euro is not their official currency.

This proposal seeks to extend the application of the Decision to Member States other than the participating Member States as defined in Regulation 974/1998/EC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : Please see the parallel proposal mentioned above.

- Budget lines : 24 02 02 Pericles
- Duration of the action and of the financial impact: From 1 January 2006 until 31 December 2011
- Total commitment and payment appropriations: EUR 6 million over the duration of the programme.
- Human resources not included in the financial reference amount : total EUR 1,782 million
- Other administrative costs not included in the reference amount : EUR 0,540 million

Detail of resources :

- Action 1 (subsidies to Member States for seminars, exchanges of personnel and studies) : EUR 4,8 million over 6 years;
- Action 2 (costs borne by the Commission for seminars etc): EUR 1,2 million EUR over 6 ans.

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This opinion from the European Central Bank (ECB) deals with both the proposal for a Council decision amending and extending Council Decision of 17 December 2001 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting (the 'Pericles' programme) (please see CNS/2005/0029) and a proposal for a Council decision extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Council Decision amending and extending Council Decision of 17 December 2001 establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro against counterfeiting.

The ECB would like to state that it strongly welcomes and fully supports initiatives the aim of which is to protect the euro against counterfeiting through training, exchange and assistance programmes for selected target groups. With regard to the proposal, it makes the following observations:

- concerning the substance of the proposal, the ECB emphasises the importance of ensuring that the length of the extension of the 'Pericles' programme is linked to the timing of the introduction of the euro in the new Member States. Since the target dates for the introduction of the euro in most of the new Member States range from 2008 to 2010, the proposed extension of the 'Pericles' programme until 31 December 2011 takes account of increased future needs in terms of training, information exchanges and assistance. The proposed extension of the 'Pericles' programme is also to be welcomed as it is likely to coincide with, and consequently take into account, the issuance of the second series of

euro banknotes, to take place towards the end of the decade;

- by the same token, the increase in the Community's contribution in co-financing information exchanges and external measures, and the adoption of a flexible approach regarding limitations on the number of projects Member States are entitled to present for financing, are two further positive steps towards providing assistance where it is most needed;

- proper coordination of the 'Pericles' programme with existing Community or EU programmes, as well as with Europol and ECB projects, is essential, as indicated in Article 5 of Decision 2001/923/EC. It is to that effect that the proposal makes administrative support for cross-border investigations eligible for financing only if such support is not available from other European institutions. The proposal provides for a prior assessment by Europol of the financing of the administrative support. Given that the financing of administrative support might also relate to cross-border investigations concerning counterfeit euro banknotes, the Council could also consider involving the ECB in the assessment. The ECB observes that it would be beneficial that initiatives to be funded under the 'Pericles' programme be examined jointly by the Commission, the ECB and Europol, and that the decision to be taken require the assent of these three bodies, within the framework of the Steering Group already established with the aim of developing a common strategy against counterfeiting of the euro;

- the ECB notes that the proposal only provides for a limited amendment of follow-up and evaluation procedures. Taking into account the extension of the 'Pericles' programme for a further six years, the ECB recommends including a more ambitious, open and transparent evaluation procedure in Article 1(8) and 1(9) of the proposal. The ECB should be fully involved in evaluation of the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the 'Pericles' programme so that it will be able to provide a well-qualified opinion to the Council in relation to any future extensions of the programme.

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The committee adopted the report by Augustín DÍAZ de MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA (EPP-ED, ES) approving the proposal unamended under the consultation procedure.

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Augustín DÍAZ de MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA (EPP-ED, ES) and approved the Commission's proposal.

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PURPOSE : to extend to the non-participating Member States the application of the 'Pericles' programme until 31.12.2006.

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2006/76/EC extending to the non-participating Member States the application of Decision 2006/75/EC amending and extending Decision 2001/923/EC establishing an exchange, assistance and training programme for the protection of the euro

against counterfeiting (the 'Pericles' programme).

CONTENT : the Council adopted this Decision extending Decision 2006/75/EC to non-participating Member States. Pericles has been running since 2002 and was designed to support and supplement the measures undertaken by the member states and in existing programmes to protect the euro against counterfeiting. Such measures include information exchange (seminars, workshops, meetings and conferences), placements and exchanges of staff, as well as technical, scientific and operational back-up. The Decision was extended to non-participating Member States due to the fact that the exchange of information and staff and the assistance and training measures implemented under the Pericles programme should be uniform throughout the Community and the requisite steps should therefore be taken to guarantee the same level of protection for the euro in the Member States where the euro is not their official currency.

It should be noted that Decision 2006/75/EC was adopted on the same day. (Please see CNS/2005/0029). That Decision is aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the Pericles programme by:

- increasing the maximum proportion of Community financing to 80% (instead of 70%);
- providing flexibility in the number of projects that one member state may present, and
- providing financial support for cooperation in cross-border operations, with the involvement of Europol.

A budget of EUR 1 million is allocated for implementation during 2006.

The Council considers that Pericles has a multi-annual nature and that it should be extended to 2011. To this effect, it invites the Commission to present a proposal for extending the programme for the period starting from 2007 as soon as an agreement on the future financial framework 2007-2013 has been reached.

DATE OF EFFECT: 08/02/2006.