


Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	2006/2269(INI)	Procedure completed
European Investment Bank (EIB) annual report 2005		
Subject 8.40.07 European Investment Bank (EIB)		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	PPE-DE MONTORO ROMERO Cristobal	13/06/2006
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Economic and Financial Affairs	ALMUNIA Joaquín	

Key events			
29/11/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/01/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
26/01/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0011/2007	
15/02/2007	Debate in Parliament		
15/02/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0053/2007	Summary
15/02/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2006/2269(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Annual report
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 54
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ECON/6/38095

Documentation gateway					
Committee draft report		PE380.887	13/11/2006	EP	

Amendments tabled in committee		PE382.362	04/12/2006	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0011/2007	26/01/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0053/2007	15/02/2007	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2007)1040	21/03/2007	EC	

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The committee adopted the own-initiative report drawn up by Cristobal MONTORO ROMERO (EPP-ED, ES) on the EIB Annual Report for 2005. Although the committee was, in general, strongly supportive of the Bank's work, it nevertheless put forward some suggestions for improvement:

- strategy and activities: the EIB was urged to fund projects that are directly relevant to innovation and to give full support to the policy goal of the EU becoming a knowledge-based society. MEPs also wanted the EIB to distribute funds for environmental protection more coherently and to adopt more ambitious financing objectives for renewable energies and for programmes to improve energy efficiency. And they called for greater consistency in the EIB's external mandate, as regards both the sufficiency of funds for the whole period of the new mandate and their distribution by geographical areas;

- methods of operation: EIB loans must not be a substitute, under more advantageous conditions for the intermediary financial institutions, for loans which in any case would have been granted by the private sector. The committee also recommended that the EIB further increase the possibilities of access to its finance for SMEs;

- transparency and performance: the EIB should explain more clearly its evaluation criteria when selecting proposals for funding and publish information on the investment projects in which it is involved. The committee also wanted the EIB to lay down more clear-cut criteria to govern the ultimate allocation of its global loans. Lastly, MEPs called for a transparent participation mechanism to involve civil society organisations and other interested parties in the formulation of strengthened EIB social standards, and for a new environmental framework "based on clear, binding and enforceable minimum standards".

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution based on the own-initiative report drafted by Cristobal MONTORO ROMERO (EPP-ED, ES) on the EIB Annual Report for 2005. (Please see the summary dated 24/01/2007 for further information.)