


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2009/0801(CNS)	Procedure completed
European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands		
Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS)		
Subject 7.30.05 Police cooperation		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs		09/02/2009
		ALDE DEPREZ Gérard	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2946	04/06/2009

Key events			
16/12/2008	Legislative proposal published	16437/2008	Summary
03/02/2009	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
31/03/2009	Vote in committee		Summary
01/04/2009	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0193/2009	
22/04/2009	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/04/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0228/2009	Summary
04/06/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/06/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
30/10/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/0801(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation

Legislative instrument	Decision
	Amending Decision 2002/956/JHA 2002/0801(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 030-p1; Treaty on the European Union (after Amsterdam) M 034-p2c
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/6/72375

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		16437/2008	16/12/2008	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE420.168	26/02/2009	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0193/2009	01/04/2009	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0228/2009	22/04/2009	EP	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2009/796](#)
[OJ L 283 30.10.2009, p. 0062](#) Summary

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

PURPOSE: to amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

PROPOSED ACT: JHA Council Decision (Initiative of the Netherlands).

CONTENT: the aim of this proposal is to amend Council Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

Against this background, the Dutch initiative amends the Decision as follows:

- definition: for the purpose of this Decision, the definition of "public figure" shall be extended to, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position, a person who is deemed to be under threat because of his or her contribution to or impact on the public debate, and who, in the view of the Member State concerned, merits protection;
- extension of the protection of the person concerned: to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or directly between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points, concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States.

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs unanimously adopted the report drawn up by Gérard DEPREZ (ALDE, BE), approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the initiative by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for adoption of a Council decision amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

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The European Parliament adopted by 633 votes to 19, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving unamended, under the consultation procedure, the initiative by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for adoption of a Council decision amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

European network for the protection of public figures. Initiative the Netherlands

PURPOSE: to amend Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/796/JHA amending Decision 2002/956/JHA setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures.

CONTENT: this Decision, based on a Dutch Initiative, aims to amend [Council Decision 2002/956/JHA](#) setting up a European Network for the Protection of Public Figures so that it would also apply to non-officials who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate. The European Network for the Protection of Public Figures, which was set up in 2002, could contribute to providing protection as a formal channel for communication and consultation between national Authorities.

It is therefore considered appropriate, with this amendment, to amend the scope of the Decision so that it would also apply to persons in a non-official position who are deemed to be under threat because of their contribution to or impact on the public debate.

Decision 2002/956/JHA is hereby amended as follows:

- Definition: for the purposes of this Decision, "public figure" shall mean any person, either in an official capacity or in a non-official position to whom a protection service is assigned in accordance with the national legislation of a Member State or pursuant to the regulations of an international or supranational organisation or institution;
- Extension of the protection of the person concerned: to ensure the appropriate protection of non officials, favouring contacts concerning the application of protection in cases where the protection of public figures has to be assured in two or more Member States between the relevant authorities within the Member States responsible for rendering protection services, either through the contact points or by means of direct contacts between the responsible services, as communicated by the contact points.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Decision shall take effect on 19.11.2009.