


# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1994/0080(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Specific research programme: advanced communications technologies and services (1994-1998)		
Subject 3.30.03 Telecommunications, data transmission, telephone		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union			
Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
<a href="#">Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN</a>	<a href="#">1781</a>	27/07/1994	

Key events			
29/03/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0068	Summary
21/04/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/04/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
25/04/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0303/1994	
03/05/1994	Debate in Parliament		
05/05/1994	Decision by Parliament	T3-0426/1994	
02/06/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0243	Summary
27/07/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
27/07/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
26/08/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/0080(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 163; EC before Amsterdam E 130I-p4

Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENER/3/05539

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(1994)0068	30/03/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A3-0303/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 205 25.07.1994, p. 0006</a>	26/04/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T3-0426/1994 <a href="#">OJ C 205 25.07.1994, p. 0232-0348</a>	05/05/1994	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES0758/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 295 22.10.1994, p. 0077</a>	02/06/1994	ESC	Summary
Modified legislative proposal	COM(1994)0243	03/06/1994	EC	Summary
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	<a href="#">CES1019/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 393 31.12.1994, p. 0117</a>	14/09/1994	ESC	

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Decision 1994/572](#)  
[OJ L 222 26.08.1994, p. 0035](#) Summary

## Specific research programme: advanced communications technologies and services (1994-1998)

The purpose of this proposal for a decision is to establish a specific RTD and demonstration programme in the field of advanced communication technologies and services for the period 1994-1998. - Amount deemed necessary: ECU 630 million. - General objective of the programme: to perfect advanced communications systems and services which will contribute to economic and social cohesion in Europe, taking account of fast-developing technologies, changes at the regulatory level and the potential to develop advanced trans-European networks and services. The main technological development activities will come under the following six fields of research: - multimedia and interactive services; - phototonic technologies; - high-speed networks; - mobility and personal communications networks; - intelligent networks and service engineering; - quality, security and reliability of telecommunications services and systems. Participation in the programme is open, with financial support from the Community, to all legal entities established in the Community or in an associated country following an agreement with the said third country, and to the Joint Research Centre. The programme will be implemented through shared cost actions, concerted actions, specific measures and accompanying measures relating to international cooperation, the dissemination of results and the training of researchers and users. The Commission is authorised to start negotiations with a view to concluding international agreements with third European countries, in order to associate them with all or part of the programme.?

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The Committee on Energy, Research and Technology adopted the report by Mrs QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL, stressing that coordinating national research and technology policies between each other and with the Community's policy can help to create new synergisms in accordance with Article 130H of the Union Treaty, and called on the Commission to draw up proposals together with the Member States on how research and technology policies could be coordinated in the Community. The Commission was also called on to cooperate closely with national research centres, scientific organisations and the European Science Foundation. The report called on the Commission and the Member States to set up a joint working party in charge of drawing up an inventory of existing coordination instruments, highlighting shortcomings in coordination mechanisms, examining the potential for and limits on creating new coordination instruments and encouraging networking of specific information. The specific research programmes should also give priority to projects which strengthen coordination. The Commission was called on to notify the European Parliament of the results of its coordination efforts once a year.?

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The Commission's amended proposal includes the amendments by the European Parliament dealing with: the deadlines for implementing the programme (the first appropriations will be committed within twelve months of the adoption of the programme at most), efforts to simplify, improve and make procedures more transparent, staff and operating costs, the reference to the financial perspectives, the need to conduct research into the social impact of advanced communication technologies and services and into interactions between citizens and the information infrastructure and the importance of as broad an access as possible for citizens to the new information infrastructures. The Commission did not incorporate the amendments on comitology, international cooperation (extending the Commission's negotiating mandate to the countries of the Mediterranean basin) or systematic priority for SMEs when selecting projects.?

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The Council passed the decision adopting the specific RTD programme in the area of advanced communication technologies and services for the period from 27 July 1994 to 31 December 1998. The amount deemed necessary to implement the programme is ECU 630 million and the suggested allocation of this amount is as follows (in million ecus): interactive digital multimedia services: ECU 162 million, phototonics technologies: ECU 104 million, high-speed networks: ECU 75 million, mobility and personal communications networks: ECU 115 million, intelligent networks and service engineering: ECU 100 million, quality, security and reliability of communications services and systems: ECU 31 million.?