


# Procedure file

Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation</p> <p>1994/0167(COD)</p>	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn
<p>Employment creation and support for small and micro-enterprises in the Maghreb countries</p>	
<p>Subject 6.40.05.02 Relations with the countries of the Great Maghreb and Maghreb</p> <p>Geographical area Maghreb</p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<div>DEVE</div> Development and Cooperation	GUE/NGL <a href="#">MIRANDA Joaquim</a>	24/11/1999
	Former committee responsible		
	<div>DEVE</div> Development and Cooperation	PPE <a href="#">PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI Ana</a>	31/08/1994
	Former committee for opinion		
	<div>BUDG</div> Budgets		
Council of the European Union			

Key events			
07/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0289	Summary
14/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
24/10/1994	Vote in committee, 1st reading		Summary
24/10/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A4-0037/1994</a>	
28/10/1994	Debate in Parliament		
28/10/1994	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T4-0094/1994	Summary
22/12/1994	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0650	Summary
24/11/1999	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
24/11/1999	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0088/1999</a>	

	confirming Parliament's position		
15/12/1999	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T5-0149/1999</a>	Summary
11/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/12/2001	Additional information		Summary

### Technical information

Procedure reference	1994/0167(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 179; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure lapsed or withdrawn

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1994)0289</a> <a href="#">OJ C 214 04.08.1994, p. 0026</a>	07/07/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0037/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0035</a>	24/10/1994	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T4-0094/1994</a> <a href="#">OJ C 323 21.11.1994, p. 0486-0492</a>	28/10/1994	EP	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1994)0650</a> <a href="#">OJ C 389 31.12.1994, p. 0013</a>	22/12/1994	EC	Summary
Reconsultation		<a href="#">SEC(1999)0581</a>	28/04/1999	EC	
Committee final report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A5-0088/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0007</a>	24/11/1999	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament confirming position adopted at 1st reading		<a href="#">T5-0149/1999</a> <a href="#">OJ C 296 18.10.2000, p. 0035-0091</a>	15/12/1999	EP	Summary

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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## Employment creation and support for small and micro-enterprises in the Maghreb countries

As a result of the persistent high unemployment in the Maghreb countries and the resulting migratory pressures and political and social problems, a budgetary line for "exceptional measures for the creation of employment in the Maghreb countries" was created in 1993. The programmes funded under this budget line should have a direct and immediate impact and supplement the more long-term development actions planned within the framework of the financial protocols of the cooperation agreements between the Community and these countries. This proposal aimed to lay down the detailed arrangements and administrative rules concerning the actions financed under this budget line: - The key areas were: creation and development of small and micro-enterprises, vocational training, industrial restructuring, institutional development, access to information. - The aid, which was non-refundable, would be allocated to investment projects, feasibility studies, technical assistance and training activities. - It could be combined with EIB funding. ?

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The Committee on Development approved the programme proposed by the Commission, the aim of which is to encourage sustainable job creation and the development of small and micro-enterprises in the Maghreb. So far, projects financed in Morocco total ECU 6,416,000,

projects financed in Tunisia total ECU 2,940,500 and projects financed in Algeria total ECU 500,000 (purely because of the difficult situation in Algeria). Priority has been given to creating and developing small and micro-enterprises, vocational training, industrial restructuring, institutional development and access to information. The committee also called for renewable energy projects to be taken into consideration and for special attention to be paid to creating jobs for women. Community financing takes the form of non-refundable aid. The Committee on Development called for the Commission to be assisted in implementing the cooperation projects provided for in this regulation by a type 1 advisory committee. It also called for the Commission to report to it by 30 April every year. This report should list the investment projects financed and contain any information pertaining to their financing. It also called on the Commission to update the financial statement for the programme on the basis of this information. Finally, as far as the cost-benefit analysis is concerned, the Committee on Development called for the following performance indicators to be used: - the number of jobs created; - the functional and continuing nature of these jobs; - growth in the SME sector; - the proportionality of funding to the number of jobs created.?

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The European Parliament approved the Commission's proposal subject to 6 amendments. These aimed to : - complement the objective of the regulation by also including projects on renewable energy, the creation of jobs for women, and the orientation of young people towards specific training which favours the activities required by the projects; - specify the nature of the consultative committee provided for the implementation of the co-operation actions which should be type I, defined by Article 2 of Council Decision 87/373/EEC, fixing the terms of implementation conferred on the Commission; - establish the deadline of the 30 April of each year for the presentation of the report that, in accordance with the Regulation, the Commission must present to the Council and to the Parliament, by specifying that this report must be the basis of the updating of the financial documents of each action; - submit also to the Parliament and to the Council the evaluation reports for projects evaluated by the Commission that are sent to the Member States; - specify, among the performance indicators laid down for each project, those of control of a functional nature and the proportionality of the funding in comparison to the number of jobs created. ?

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The Commission's amended proposal includes amendments from the European Parliament which aim to : - accord a particular importance to investment projects allowing the creation of jobs for women and young people and taking into account the impact on the environment of all the actions; - guarantee respect for confidentiality of information contained in the Commission's annual report concerning the investment projects financed; - provide that the projects evaluation reports are transmitted to the Parliament, the Council and the Member States; - include amongst the performance indicators agreed for each project: the control of the functional and continuous nature of jobs and the proportionality of funding in comparison to the number of jobs created. On the other hand, the Commission has not taken up the amendment aiming to substitute for the MED Committee, a consultative committee of type I.?

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The European Parliament confirmed as its first reading in the framework of the co-decision procedure its vote taken on 28.10.1994 on this proposal for a regulation.?

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The Directorates General or responsible departments have asked for this proposal to be withdrawn. The reasons are indicated as follows: A) for objective reasons (change of de facto situation, objectives already achieved by other means, etc) B) because the Commission has now adopted another approach : - the proposal is replaced implicitly, - a new proposal is in preparation, - no planned replacement.?