


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	1994/0168(CNS)	Procedure completed
HANDYNET: continued development of the HANDYNET system 1995-1996 in the framework of HELIOS II for disabled people		
Subject 4.10.06 People with disabilities		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		03/10/1994
		V MÜLLER Edith	
	ENER Research, Technological Development and Energy	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	CONT Budgetary Control		15/11/1994
		FE DE LUCA Stefano	
	FEMM Women's Rights		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Social Affairs	1813	06/12/1994

Key events			
12/07/1994	Legislative proposal published	COM(1994)0303	Summary
14/09/1994	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
15/11/1994	Vote in committee		Summary
15/11/1994	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0075/1994	
30/11/1994	Debate in Parliament		
01/12/1994	Decision by Parliament	T4-0170/1994	Summary
06/12/1994	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
06/12/1994	End of procedure in Parliament		
09/12/1994	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1994/0168(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 235; Rules of Procedure EP 163
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/4/05889

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1994)0303 OJ C 222 10.08.1994, p. 0019	12/07/1994	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0075/1994 OJ C 363 19.12.1994, p. 0002	15/11/1994	EP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		CES1306/1994 OJ C 397 31.12.1994, p. 0031	23/11/1994	ESC	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0170/1994 OJ C 363 19.12.1994, p. 0058-0060	01/12/1994	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 1994/782 OJ L 316 09.12.1994, p. 0042 Summary

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This proposal for a decision aimed to continue the development of the HANDYNET system achieved within the framework of the HELIOS II programme for disabled persons from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1996. HANDYNET was a European multilingual computerised information system designed to provide information for disabled persons. The aim of this decision was to create two new information modules within the current system: the first relating to training and employment for disabled persons and the second relating to access to public places. Other amendments were provided for in relation to the dissemination of information (dissemination by CD-ROM for example). ?

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The committee adopted the report on the HANDYNET computerized information and documentation system, introduced in 1988 within the framework of the HELIOS II Programme. The system provides a databank designed to assist disabled people and provides information on technical aids manufactured within the Community. The Commission is proposing that the system should continue and be extended to include two new modules concerned with training, employment and accessibility of public places. The committee adopted amendments to the Commission proposals calling in particular for the limitation of the HANDYNET system to the technical aids module of the database and considered that the information within it should be extended to include a quality criterion. In addition, they demanded the greater availability of this data to European, national and regional representative bodies concerned with disabled people. Finally, the committee adopted an amendment calling for a report by the Commission to be submitted by 31 December 1995 at the latest, which would evaluate the HANDYNET system and take into account the opinions of all representative organizations for disabled people. ?

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Parliament approved the Commission proposal subject to six amendments. These amendments aimed to: - encourage the continuation of the Handynet system but limit the existing database to the technical aids module; - stress the need to promote conditions to facilitate distribution of the system; - ensure that the Commission reported on measures taken to facilitate access to the system for users and on arrangements for financial implementation; - ensure that Handynet established effective cooperation with ISO and CEN with a view to including European standards at an early date in the technical aids database; - modify the system before 31 December 1996 in such a way that the Commission and the national data collection centres cooperated in the distribution of the data and the CD-ROM was made available free of charge to all representative bodies concerned with disabled people; that the information in the technical aids module was rendered compatible with the data on the research and technological development programmes in the framework of TIDE; and that the costs were borne pro rata by the parties involved; - ensure that the Commission submitted to Parliament and the Council, no later than 31 December 1995, an external evaluation of the system, indicating clearly the number of people who were using the database, for which purpose the opinions of all representative organisations for disabled people should be sought. The Commission accepted all these amendments. ?

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This proposal for a decision was adopted by the Council of Ministers. The Handynet system would be continued for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1996 in the framework of the activities undertaken to date on the first "technical aids" module, including the following aspects: - electronic message service; - electronic newspaper; - multilingual database. ?