


# Procedure file

Basic information		
INI - Own-initiative procedure	<a href="#">1995/2104(INI)</a>	Procedure completed
Creation of a European Rural Charter		
Subject 4.70.04 Urban policy, cities, town and country planning		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>AGRI</b> Agriculture and Rural Development		27/06/1995
		RDE <a href="#">HYLAND Liam</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>REGI</b> Regional Policy		07/09/1995
		PPE <a href="#">CAMPOY ZUECO Luis</a>	
	<b>FEMM</b> Women's Rights		27/02/1996
		PSE <a href="#">AHLQVIST Birgitta</a>	

Key events			
08/08/1994	Non-legislative basic document published	<a href="#">B4-0019/1994</a>	
13/06/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
02/10/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
02/10/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A4-0301/1996</a>	
25/10/1996	Debate in Parliament		
25/10/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0570/1996	Summary
25/10/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
18/11/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1995/2104(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative

Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 143-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AGRI/4/06665

## Documentation gateway

Non-legislative basic document	<a href="#">B4-0019/1994</a>	08/08/1994	EP	
Document attached to the procedure	<a href="#">B4-0055/1995</a>	09/02/1995	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading	<a href="#">A4-0301/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0005</a>	02/10/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading	T4-0570/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0422-0458</a>	25/10/1996	EP	Summary

## Creation of a European Rural Charter

The committee on agriculture and rural development adopted the report by Mr Liam HYLAND. Focusing on the diversity of rural zones, the report called on the Commission to devise a coherent scheme for creating jobs both inside and outside the agriculture sector. This meant promoting the concept of integrated rural development in order to put a stop to rural depopulation. The report drew attention to the social and environmental cost, as well as to the crime problems generated by urban overpopulation. In order to combat this problem the report proposed to decentralise economic activity by providing support for medium-sized urban centres. Taking the view that agriculture should no longer be considered merely as a means of production, the report felt that a reform of the CAP should give priority to the following objectives: the development of quality controls and measures to safeguard public health, the protection of animal welfare and the environment, the development of agricultural produce intended for energy production, measures to support the growth in rural population, etc. In conclusion, the report called on the Commission to present innovative measures to promote rural development. ?

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In adopting the report by Mr Liam HYLAND (UPE) on European rural policy, the European Parliament called on the Commission to promote a coherent framework for creating employment inside and outside the agricultural sector, in areas such as the conservation of natural environmental resources. This meant giving priority to the concept of integrated rural development in order to put a stop to rural depopulation. Parliament drew attention to the social cost associated with the stagnation of rural zones and the uncontrolled growth in urban populations (pollution, motor traffic, social exclusion). In order to solve these problems, it advocated developing new obligations towards the family (childminders, the provision of young people's accommodation, reception centres for the aged, the creation of public and private multi-service points) together with the decentralisation of economic activity, particularly through the support of medium-sized urban centres capable of revitalizing the economic fabric of the surrounding area and of incorporating new centres of activity. To this effect Parliament considered that priority should be given to including the development of rural towns in the future urban policy of the European Union. Taking the view that agriculture should no longer be considered merely as a means of production, the report felt that a reform of the CAP should give priority to the following objectives: agriculture based on quality produce, with a view to safeguarding public health and protecting the environment; adapting agriculture to the needs of the market; measures to support the growth of the rural population; the restoration of farmers to their role as guardians of our natural resources by providing financial recognition for these activities. Finally, Parliament stressed the need for rural zones to have better access to public services and to benefit from greater investment in public transport. In conclusion, it called on the Commission to present a comprehensive and innovative document on rural development. ?