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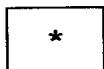
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R E P O R T

of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy

on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a decision establishing a multiannual programme for the development of European statistics on services

COM(90) 578 final - C3-71/91

Rapporteur: Mr Bouke BEUMER


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
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By letter of 8 February 1991, the Council consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 213 of the EEC Treaty, on the Commission proposal for a Council decision establishing a multiannual programme for the development of European Statistics on services (COM(90) 578 final - C3-71/91).

At the sitting of 22 February 1991 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 28 February 1991, the committee decided to apply the simplified procedure, pursuant to Rule 116(2) of the Rules of Procedure, under which the Chairman was appointed rapporteur.

At its meeting of 18-20 March 1991, the committee decided to revoke its decision of 28 February 1991 and thus, follow the normal consultation procedure but without debate pursuant to Rules 36 and 38 of the Rules of Procedure.

At its meeting of 19 March 1991 it considered the Commission proposal and draft report.

At the last meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unanimously.

The following were present for the vote: Mr BEUMER, chairman; Mr FUCHS, vice-chairman; Mr COX, Mr DONNELLY, Mr FALCONER (for Mr FORD), Mr HOPPENSTEDT, Mr MERZ, Mr SISO CRUELLAS, Mr SPECIALE, Mr STEVENS, Mrs TONGUE.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets shall be published separately.

The report was tabled on 20.3.1991

The deadline for tabling amendments will appear on the draft agenda for the part-session at which the report is to be considered.

A

Proposal from the Commission to the Council
for a decision establishing a multiannual programme for the
development of European statistics on services

Commission text (1)

Amendments

(Amendment No. 1)
Recital 10a (new)

Whereas the monitoring of the establishment of a People's Europe requires that the collection of statistics should be extended to cover non-commercial services for individuals and the community and the practical relationship between commercial and non-commercial services;

(Amendment No. 2)
Annex
Add at the end of point (c)

Attention will also be paid to non-commercial services for individuals and the community, i.e.:

- social security,
- education,
- health and welfare services,
- community activities,
- recreational, cultural and sporting activities,
- other services for individuals and the community.

(1) COM(90) 578 final - OJ No. C (not yet published)

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament
on the Commission proposal for a Council decision establishing a
multiannual programme for the development of European statistics on services

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(90) 578 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 213 of the EEC Treaty (C3-71/89),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A3-0062/91),
1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments and in accordance with the vote thereon;
 2. Calls on the Commission to amend its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 149(3) of the EEC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

¹ OJ No. C (not yet published)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The completion of the internal market and the achievement of a European socio-economic space require complete information on both goods and services. In particular, as the growth of the services sector has been impressive, statistical data and reliable information on services become indispensable. In addition, the services sector is currently undergoing a process of transformation, mainly, in the award of public service contracts.

Complete information, though, requires statistics covering both regulated and non-regulated sectors of the services market. In the first case, it would allow the Commission to monitor the integration process and to check the effectiveness of the measures put into use while, in the second case, the Commission could carry out the necessary analysis that would lead to proposals aiming at ensuring an efficient functioning of the internal market.

There is also a need to provide appropriate common concepts and methods for monitoring and analyzing the gradual implementation of the internal market and socio-economic space. Today, data on services is incomplete in terms of country and sectoral coverage. Furthermore, the high degree of aggregation results in large residual categories and statistical time-series do not adequately cover the European economic space.

The objectives of the proposed Council Decision (see Art. 2) are to:

- a) set out a European reference framework for statistics on services defining the appropriate concepts and methods;
- b) establish a European Statistical information system for services;
- c) support harmonisation.

The following actions are proposed to be undertaken (see Art. 3 and Annex):

- i) to analyze user data requirements;
- ii) to develop a statistical methodology;
- iii) to collect data from official and non-official sources;
- iv) to use pilot surveys for consolidation of the data.

The proposed two amendments seek to broaden the scope of the proposal so that a sector concerned with government services, such as social security, education, health, sports and cultural activities, services offered by cooperatives and other personal services, collective or not, would be included in the action plan for the development of European Statistics on services 1991-1993.

The inclusion of this important sector in the action plan is necessary for three reasons. First, some of these services are not regulated and hence reliable statistics are not easy to find. Second, a parallel economy in some Member States has developed in the sector concerned with personal services. Third, any attempt by the Community to harmonise Member States methods of statistics or to develop action projects in the above sectors would require adequate information on all services.