

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on harmonised indices of consumer prices and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2494/95 COM (2014) 724, 2014/0346 (COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338-p1 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
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	Council	Proposal received: Council WP meetings: COREPER: Council of the EU:	10.12.2014 18.02.2015 17.03.2015 29.04.2015 19.05.2015 29.06.2015 – General Approach 18.12.2015 - Approved 21.04.2016 – Adopted 11.05.2016 - signed
	European Parliament	Proposal received Committee responsible: Rapporteur: Vote in ECON committee: Trialogues: EP Plenary:	10.12.2014 Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON) Roberto Gualtieri (S&D/IT) 13.10.2015 16.11.2015 25.11.2015 14.12.2015 08.03.2016 Adopted 11.05.2016 Signed

Summary

The objective of this proposal is to establish a common legal framework for the production of harmonised indices by Member States, which involves collecting, compiling, processing and submitting harmonised consumer price indices. These are necessary for the systematic production of inflation measures in the European Union.

The General Approach (the GA) was adopted under the Latvian Presidency on 29 June.

The negotiations with the European Parliament (the EP) were carried out by the Luxembourg Presidency.

The proposal was approved by the last Coreper (doc. 15254/15) under the Luxembourg Presidency on 18 December. The EP adopted the proposal during its plenary session of 8 March 2016.

The Justice and Home Affairs council adopted the regulation on 21 April 2016.

The double signature (Council and Parliament) took place on 11 May 2016

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures, COM (2014) 379, 2014/0194(COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338-p1 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	26.06.2014
	Council	Proposal received:	26.06.2014
		Council WP meetings:	16.10.2014 10.12.2014 22.01.2015 18.02.2015 17.03.2015
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		Council of the EU:	25.05.2016 - Adopted
	European Parliament	Proposal received:	26.06.2014
		Committee responsible:	Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON)
		Rapporteur:	Sven Giegold (Greens/DE) 21.04.2015. PE 554.881v01-00
		Amendments tabled in Committee:	20.05.2015., PE 557.198v01-00
		Vote in ECON Committee:	25.06.2015
		Trialogues	23.11.2015 14.12.2015
		EP Plenary	10.05.2016 -Adopted
	European Central Bank	ECB opinion: 05.12.2014, CON/2014/0084	

Summary

Initially, the objective of this proposal was to amend Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 to align it with the new rules of the TFEU as regards powers which may be delegated to the Commission to eliminate and update data requirements. The Commission had also proposed a new ESS structure to improve coordination and partnership with the ESSC as the highest strategic body concentrating comitology powers in its hands. Therefore it was also proposed to replace the references to the BoP committee by a reference to the ESSC.

The EP ECON Committee voted on its amendments on 25 June 2015. In article 5, the EP introduced new data requirements for FDI statistics on ultimate beneficiary owner (UBO) and distinguishing greenfield/takeover. The Luxembourg Presidency launched written consultations on these demands in July. The discussions took place at the CWPS meeting in September. While recognising the need for new statistics, MS favoured a stepwise approach, based on improving methodology, pilot studies, and a report of the Commission to the EP and the Council.

The Commission intended to expand the scope of DA to the entire Annex I and to the adaptation of data flows. Like the Council, the Commission did not support the use of delegated acts for quality issues.

In order to progress, the Presidency drafted a proposal of a compromise wording that was presented and discussed at the CWPS on 30 October to prepare for negotiations in November. A majority of MS agreed on the new proposal that formed a basis for a political trilogue on 23 November. During that trilogue, the Presidency delivered the message from MS supporting the stepwise introduction of new statistics; however this introduction should require the ordinary legislative procedure. The Presidency also insisted that quality issues should be dealt with by IA and highlighted that the extension of the scope of DA was a red line for the Council. The outcome of the trilogue was discussed at the CWPS on 8 December and after lengthy discussions during the second trilogue on 14 December, the dossier was formally closed at the political level.

The Presidency believes that the outcome of the latter political trilogue is a balanced compromise as all major issues comply with the proposal. The written consultations for the text were issued (doc.15528/1/15) on 22 December with a deadline on 11 January.

The Netherlands Presidency discussed the comments received from Member States with the European Parliament on 27 January, and the proposal was approved by COREPER on 24 February 2016. The EP Plenary approved the proposal on 10 May 2016. The Council adopted the proposal on 25 May 2016. Council political agreement was adopted on 6 June 2016.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics, as regards the collection of data on goods, passengers and accidents -COM (2013) 611, 2013/0297 (COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338-p1 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	30.08.2013
	Council	Proposal received: Council WP meetings: COREPER: Council of the EU:	30.08.2013 28.04.2014, 19.06.2014, 22.07.2014, 16.10.2014 (AOB), 31.10.2014 19.12.2014 27.4.2016 –Mandate for negotiations with EP to be announced
	European Parliament	Proposal received: Committee responsible: Rapporteur: Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1 st reading/single reading: Committee draft report: Vote in TRAN Committee: Committee report tabled for plenary, 1 st reading/single reading: Amendments tabled in Committee: EP Plenary: Trilogue:	30.08.2013 Transport and tourism (TRAN) Michael Cramer (Greens/DE) 10.09.2013 23.10.2013, PE523.118 17.12.2013 15/16.06.2016 06.01.2014 22.11.2013, PE523.118 11.03.2014 25.11.2014 24.05.2016

Summary

The aim of this proposal is to amend Regulation (EC) No 91/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2002 on rail transport statistics, in order to update, simplify and optimise the existing legal framework for European statistics on rail transport and to align it to the new institutional context.

During the Latvian Presidency, it was concluded that the demands of the EP have already been implemented through the legal acts under the responsibility of DG MOVE and the European Railway Agency. Therefore, the Luxembourg Presidency continued the negotiations with the EP and Eurostat. Several informal meetings with the TRAN committee were organised.

On 1 October, the Luxembourg Presidency and Eurostat met the rapporteur of the TRAN committee, Mr Cramer, and proposed to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Eurostat and the European Railway Agency (ERA) in order to include the requested statistical variables on ERTMS. The access for persons with reduced mobility (PRM) was not discussed during the meeting on 1 October, as, according to Eurostat, the EP has been informed that such information can be provided by DG MOVE. Eurostat suggested including the requested study on closed or dismantled cross-border rail sections abandoned for the transport of freight and passengers in an MoU that is in preparation between Eurostat and DG MOVE. The rapporteur requested the proposal in writing. Eurostat transmitted an informal proposal to the

Presidency on 21 October 2015, which was forwarded to the EP. On 29 October, the EP informed the Presidency that it could accept the proposal, but it was not aware that the Commission opposes mentioning the MoUs in the recitals.

The Presidency did not want to launch a written consultation among MS before reaching an agreement on the wording in the recitals. The Luxembourg Presidency put many efforts in informal communication with the involved parties but was not able to conclude the file.

The Netherlands Presidency met with the assistant of the Rapporteur and with Eurostat very regularly to discuss outstanding issues. These continued negotiations led to an agreement between the three parties; no reference is made to MoUs in the recitals, but a reference is included on "cooperation agreements on statistical activities". Conclusion of this file now only depends on the signing of the two Memoranda of Understanding. The EP insists on these being signed before going to Trilogue (planned in April 2016). Coreper approved the proposal on 27 April. The two MoUs were signed, and a Trilogue took place on 24 May 2016, during which the compromise was confirmed. The Chair of Coreper received a letter from the Chair of TRAN on 25 May, informing him that he will recommend that the Plenary accepts the Council's position without amendment. The proposal was considered for political agreement in Coreper on 3 June. The TRAN committee vote on political agreement will take place on 15 or 16 June

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures COM (2013) 484, 2013/0226 (COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338-p1 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	28.06.2013
	Council	Proposal received: Council WP meetings: COREPER: Council of the EU:	28.06.2013 28.04.2014, 19.06.2014, 22.07.2014, 31.10.2014. 19.12.2014 27.4.2016 –Mandate for negotiations with EP 03.06.2016 – Political agreement to be announced
	European Parliament	Proposal received Committee responsible: Rapporteurs: New Rapporteur Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1 st reading/single reading: Committee draft report: Amendments tabled in Committee: Vote in TRAN Committee: Committee report tabled for plenary, 1 st reading/single reading: EP Plenary: Trilogue	28.06.2013 Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Eva Lichtenberger (Greens/AT); (from July 2013 to May 2014) Mr Bas Eickhout (Greens/NL) 04.07.2013 20.10.2013, PE521.620 21.11.2013, PE523.050 17.12.2013 24.05.2016 –Political agreement 06.01.2014 11.03.2014 25.11.2014

Summary

The proposal aims to amend Regulation (EC) No 1365/2006 on statistics of goods transport by inland waterways, in order to align the legal act to the TFEU as concerns the distinction between the powers which may be delegated to the Commission to adopt non-legislative acts of general application to supplement or amend certain non-essential elements of the legislative acts (Article 290(1)) and the implementing powers which shall be conferred on the Commission, where uniform conditions for implementing legally binding Union acts are needed (Article 291(2)).

After the written consultations launched under the Latvian Presidency in June ended unsuccessfully. The Luxembourg Presidency met with Mr Eickhout, rapporteur on the file for the EP TRAN committee, on 1 October to discuss article 4a on pilot studies. In the Presidency's view, it was indeed important to define the methodology and the scope more precisely before launching pilot studies. The Presidency proposed new wording considering it a good compromise, meeting both the Member States' concerns and the EP's request for information.

On 26 October, the Presidency launched the written consultation with the aim to reach an agreement with MS. 13 Member States replied, of which 6 were not in favour. MS main issues were the mandatory nature of and need for financing for the pilot studies, and the fact that the framework of the EP demands was not clearly defined.

At this stage, the Commission informed the Presidency that it wanted to amend the Presidency proposal: it wanted to extend the period to develop the methodology (by 12 months), to delete the reference to *“inland waterway cross-border services”* and to delete the last paragraph on further activities to be initiated by the Commission. It also informed the Presidency that no financing was foreseen for pilot studies. Based on exchanges with the Rapporteur, the Presidency sent a new proposal to Mr Eickhout on 5 December.

The Netherlands Presidency met with Rapporteur Mr Eickhout and with Eurostat regularly to discuss the outstanding issues. As a result of these continued negotiations, all these issues were solved: the commission accepted the reference to cross-border services and agreed with financing for voluntary pilot studies if this has added value for the EU. Coreper approved a mandate for negotiations on 27 April. Political agreement was confirmed by the EP’s TRAN Committee on 24 May and Coreper on 3 June.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on natural gas and electricity prices and repealing Directive 2008/92/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices charged to industrial end-users

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338 • Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	18.11.2015
	Council	Proposal Received:	18.11.2015
		Council Working Party Meetings:	08.12.2015 27.01.2016 21.04.2016
		Coreper	18.05.2016
	European Parliament	Proposal Received:	18.11.2015
		Committee responsible:	ITRE
		Rapporteur	Barbara Kappel (ENF/AT)
		Committee draft report	23.2.2016 (PE578.472)
		Amendments tabled in committee	15.4.2016 (PE580.662)
		Vote in ITRE Committee	24.05.2016

Summary

In order to update the current legal framework and to align it to the new political needs, the aim of this proposal is to collect data on the electricity and natural gas prices for final consumers (professional and non-professional clients) and to repeal the Directive 2008/92. The main modifications concern the obligation to collect prices earmarked to households (previously this collection was operated on a voluntary basis) and to report more detailed information on the components of prices.

The proposal was adopted by the Commission on 18 November 2015.

The Luxembourg Presidency opened this file during the CWPS meeting on 8 December during which the Commission presented the proposal and delegates could express general comments on this proposal. The Luxembourg Presidency launched a joint written consultation together with the Dutch colleagues with a deadline on 11 January.

The comments of the Member States were discussed at the CWPS on 27 January. The Netherlands Presidency drafted a Presidency text taking account of MS comments and also incorporating provisions laid down in the Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-making. The presidency visited Eurostat to discuss potential bottlenecks, and held bilateral discussions with some Member States to understand what their specific problems were and try to find a solution for these national issues.

The Draft report of the European Parliament with 38 amendments was published on 23 February. The Presidency met with the assistant to the Rapporteur on 16 March to discuss these amendments.

As the CWPS meeting of 30 March was cancelled (due to the events of 22 March), the Presidency launched a written consultation on its compromise text. The outcome of this was discussed at the CWPS meeting on 21 April 2016: almost all recitals, articles and annexes were agreed on by the majority of Member States and subsequently closed. The only two remaining issues were addressed in a silent procedure in early May. The mandate for negotiations with European Parliament was given by Coreper on 18 May.

In the EP, the consideration of the draft report in the ITRE Committee took place on 7 April 2016. The amendments tabled by the committee were published on 15 April 2016. The Presidency met with the assistant to the rapporteur on 27 April and with the Commission (Eurostat) on 3 May to discuss these amendments. After the vote in the ITRE Committee on 24 May, 6 amendments remained (out of 115), 3 of which were related to the delegated act proposed by the Commission. The Dutch Presidency again met with Eurostat on 30 May and with the assistant of the rapporteur on 1 June. A technical Trilogue was held on 2 June, during which the positions of the three institutions were explored and progress towards compromise was achieved. A first Trilogue will take place on 15 June.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures (Text with EEA relevance) COM(2013) 579 final, 2013/0279 (COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338-p1 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	08.08.2013
	Council	Proposal received:	08.08.2013
		Council Working Party Meetings:	08.11.2013, 27.02.2014 (AOB), 28.03.2014, 28.04.2014, 28.05.2014,
		COREPER:	11.06.2014 (mandate to negotiate with EP) 19.12.2014 13.04.2016 (mandate to negotiate with EP) 11.05.2016 (political agreement)
		Council of the EU:	17.05.2016 Adopted
	European Parliament	Proposal Received	08.08.2013
		Committee responsible:	International Trade (INTA) Mr Bernd Lange (S&D/DE)
		New Rapporteur	
		Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1 st reading/ single reading:	10.09.2013
		Committee draft report:	04.11.2013 (PE 522.763)
		Amendments tabled in Committee:	09.12.2013 (PE 524.808)
		Vote in INTA Committee:	21.01.2014
		Committee report tabled for plenary 1 st reading/single reading:	23.01.2014
		EP Plenary:	12.03.2014
		Trilogues:	17.11.2014, 08.12.2014

Summary

The proposal is to amend Regulation (EC) No 471/2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries to align it to the new institutional context introduced by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. In particular, the objective is to identify the powers conferred on the Commission and put in place the appropriate procedure for the adoption of measures on the basis of these powers. Another aspect is the suggestion to modify the legislative act in order to replace the reference to the Committee on statistics relating to the trading of goods with non-member countries with a reference to the European Statistical System Committee as the committee assisting the Commission in exercising its implementing powers.

The Luxembourg Presidency met the Secretariat of INTA committee in July 2015 to discuss the issue on MS expert consultation when the Commission prepares delegated acts. It was decided to wait until the new Inter Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making (IIA) comes into force. It was approved by the Coreper on 10 December.

The IIA was adopted by the EP on 9 March 2016, and the Netherlands Presidency visited the rapporteur to discuss going ahead with the alignment of the proposal with this agreement. He agreed this was the way forward. However, while working on the text to do this, the Presidency and the Commission (Eurostat) noticed that mistakes had been made in the compilation of the text in accordance with the outcome

of the Trilogue of December 2014. These mistakes were rectified and the proposal was adopted by COREPER on 13 April 2016 (mandate for

negotiations). The ITRA committee voted and approved the outcome of the trilogues, now aligned with the Interinstitutional agreement. The Chair of Coreper received a letter from the Chair of ITRA informing him that he would recommend that the Plenary accepts the Council's position without amendment. Political agreement was achieved in Coreper agenda on 11 May. The proposal was adopted by the Council on 17 May.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision and quality of statistics for the macroeconomic imbalances procedure COM(2013) 342 final, 2013/0181 (COD)

Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Basis: Treaty of the Functioning of the EU TFEU 338 Ordinary Legislative Procedure: Council and EP 		
Stages in the procedure	Commission	Commission adoption:	07.06.2013
	Council	Proposal Received: Council Working Party Meetings: COREPER: Council of the EU:	07.06.2013, 13.09.2013, 10.10.2013, 08.11.2013, 11.12.2013 (AOB), 20.01.2014, 27.02.2014, 28.03.2014, 28.05.2014, 19.06.2014 12.09.2014, 16.10.2014 31.10.2014 10.12.2014 to be announced to be announced
	European Parliament	Proposal Received: Committee responsible: Rapporteur: Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1 st reading/single reading: Committee draft report: Amendments tabled in Committee: Vote in ECON Committee: Committee for opinion: Committee draft opinion: Committee for opinion: Committee draft opinion: EP Plenary: Trilogues:	07.06.2013 Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) JAN Derk EPPINK (ECR/NL) 13.06.2013 07.11.2013, PE522.929 13.12.2013, PE523.047 13.02.2014 Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), Rapp.: Pervenche Beres 04.02.2014, PE524.535 Regional Development (REGI), Rapp.: Ivars Godmanis 27.01.2014, PE523.104 11.03.2014 (partial vote) to be announced
	European Central Bank	ECB opinion:	10.10.2013

Summary

The aim of this proposal is to develop a robust quality monitoring procedure in order to ensure the highest quality of the MIP relevant data. The approach set out in the draft Regulation is largely modelled on the well-functioning statistical procedures already used for Excessive Deficit Procedure (EDP). Member States would be required to provide Eurostat with the relevant macroeconomic statistics in line with common quality criteria laid down in the Regulation on European Statistics. They should also inform Eurostat on the sources and methods used to compile these data. Eurostat would examine Member States' statistics, ensure that they are reported in a timely manner, and communicate them for the purposes of MIP.

At the CWPS meeting of 10 December 2014, the discussion started from the Recital 9, which was revised in order to underline that close cooperation between the two statistics systems (NSIs and NCBs) should be defined through practical ad hoc arrangements. Articles 1 and 15 were amended accordingly. Articles 3 and 5 on quality reports and quality assessments were revised by making a reference to Article 1a. That clarification underlined the role of relevant sectoral legislation in quality assessment.

In general, delegations welcomed the revised texts but reiterated their opposition to the whole regulation.