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## **REPORT**

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)  
(COM(2006)0011 – C6-0024/2006 – 2006/0004(COD))

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Rapporteur: Jan Andersson

***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*I Cooperation procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*II Cooperation procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\* Assent procedure  
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases  
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and  
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
- \*\*\*I Codecision procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*\*II Codecision procedure (second reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position  
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend  
the common position*
- \*\*\*III Codecision procedure (third reading)  
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text*

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission.)

***Amendments to a legislative text***

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)  
(COM(2006)0011– C6-0024/2006 – 2006/0004(COD))  
(Codecision procedure: first reading)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council (COM(2006)0011)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to Article 251(2) and Article 285(1) of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C6-0024/2006),
  - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (A6-0324/2006),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
  2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
  3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment 1  
Recital 8 a (new)

***(8a) Since the objective of this Regulation, namely the creation of common statistical standards that permit the production of harmonised data, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States and can therefore be better achieved at Community level, the Community may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order***

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<sup>1</sup> Not yet published in OJ.

*to achieve those objectives.*

Amendment 2  
Recital 8 b (new)

***(8b) There is existing cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in the field of net social benefits.***

Amendment 3  
Article 2, point (c a) (new)

***(ca) "Grouping of schemes": criteria to classify each social protection scheme, namely, decision-making, legal enforcement, the establishment of entitlements, and the scope and level of protection. Each scheme is classified into a single category per criterion.***

Amendment 4  
Article 3, paragraph 1, subparagraph 3 a (new)

***The first year for which data are collected shall be the calendar year following the year of publication of this Regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union.***

Amendment 5  
Article 3, paragraph 2

2. In addition to the core system, modules covering supplementary statistical information on ***particular aspects of*** social protection shall be added.

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Amendment 6  
Article 4, paragraph 2 a (new)

***The first year for which data are collected shall be the calendar year following the***

***year of the publication of this Regulation in the Official Journal of the European Union.***

Amendment 7  
Article 5, title

***Additional modules***

***Module on Net Social Protection Benefits***

Amendment 8  
Article 5, paragraph 1

1. ***For the purposes of*** a module on Net Social Protection Benefits, pilot data ***collections*** for the year 2005 shall be carried out in all Member States by the end of 2008. The subjects to be covered, data provision and dissemination are laid down in Annex III.

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Amendment 9  
Article 5, paragraph 2

2. ***Based on*** a synthesis of ***these*** national pilot data ***collections***, the decision ***to introduce this module and*** to launch full data collection ***not before 2010*** shall be in accordance with the procedure set out in ***Article 8***.

2. ***On the basis of*** a synthesis of ***such*** national pilot data ***collection, and provided that the outcome of a very large majority of these pilot studies is positive***, the decision to launch, ***no earlier than 2010***, full data collection ***in respect of this module*** shall be ***adopted*** in accordance with the ***regulatory*** procedure set out in ***Article 8(2)***.

Amendment 10  
Article 7

The arrangements for implementing this Regulation, ***concerning*** the detailed classification of data covered, the definitions to be used, the formats for the transmission of data, the results to be transmitted, the criteria for the measurement of quality, the updating of the rules for dissemination shall be laid down in accordance with the regulatory procedure set out in Article 8, ***in particular***

The arrangements for implementing this Regulation ***shall take into account the results of a cost-benefit analysis and shall concern the first year for which data are collected***, the detailed classification of data covered, the definitions to be used, the formats for the transmission of data, the results to be transmitted, the criteria for the measurement of quality, the updating of the rules for dissemination. ***The arrangements***

for: shall be laid down in accordance with the regulatory procedure set out in Article 8, for:

(a) the ESSPROS core system, (a) the ESSPROS core system, (**Annex I**),  
(b) the module on pension beneficiaries, (b) the module on pension beneficiaries, (**Annex II**),  
(c) the module on Net Social Protection Benefits. (c) the module on Net Social Protection Benefits. (**Article 5**).

Amendment 11  
Article 8, paragraph 3 a (new)

**3a. The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure.**

Amendment 12  
Annex I, paragraph 1, title

1. Quantitative data 1. Quantitative data **by schemes and detailed benefits**

Amendment 13  
Annex I, paragraph 1.1

1.1 With reference to aggregated classification, transmitted data **shall** cover: 1.1. With reference to aggregated classification, transmitted data **will** cover:

Amendment 14  
Annex I, paragraph 1.3

1.3. The Commission (Eurostat) will publish data on social protection expenditure at total schemes level by the end of N+22 months (October of the year N+2) based on the data referring to the **financial** year N. The Commission (Eurostat) will at the same time disseminate detailed data by schemes to specific users (national institutions compiling ESSPROS data, Commission departments and international institutions). These specific users will only be allowed to publish groups of schemes.

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Amendment 15  
Annex I, paragraph 2.2

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Amendment 16  
Annex II, paragraph 2

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Amendment 17  
Annex II, paragraph 2, point (c)

***(c) by type of management of the scheme (subject to positive feasibility study results).***

***deleted***

Amendment 18  
Annex II, paragraph 3, subparagraph 1 a (new)

***The Commission (Eurostat) will publish and disseminate to specific users (national institutions compiling ESSPROS data, Commission departments and international institutions) the total of each of the 7 categories by the end of N+22 months (October of the year N+2) based on the data referring to the calendar year N.***

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European system of integrated social protection statistics (ESSPROS)				
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<b>Not delivering opinion(s)</b> Date of decision					
<b>Enhanced cooperation</b> Date announced in plenary					
<b>Rapporteur(s)</b> Date appointed	Jan Andersson 1.2.2006				
<b>Previous rapporteur(s)</b>					
<b>Simplified procedure – date of decision</b>					
<b>Legal basis disputed</b> Date of JURI opinion		/			
<b>Financial endowment amended</b> Date of BUDG opinion		/			
<b>European Economic and Social Committee consulted – date of decision in plenary</b>					
<b>Committee of the Regions consulted – date of decision in plenary</b>					
<b>Discussed in committee</b>	12.9.2006	4.10.2006			
<b>Date adopted</b>	5.10.2006				
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+	40			
	–	0			
	0	2			
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Jan Andersson, Jean-Luc Bennahmias, Emine Bozkurt, Iles Braghetto, Philip Bushill-Matthews, Milan Cabrnock, , Alejandro Cercas, Derek Roland Clark, Ole Christensen, Luigi Cocilovo, Jean Louis Cottigny, Harald Ettl, Carlo Fatuzzo, Ilda Figueiredo, Joel Hasse Ferreira, Roger Helmer, Stephen Hughes, Karin Jöns, Ona Juknevičienė, Jan Jerzy Kulakowski, Sepp Kusstatscher, Bernard Lehideux, Elizabeth Lynne, Thomas Mann, Mario Mantovani, Ana Mato Adrover, Maria Matsouka, Csaba Öry, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Jacek Protasiewicz, José Albino Silva Peneda, Jean Spautz, Kathy Sinnott, Gabriele Zimmer				
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Mihael Brejc, Udo Bullmann, Françoise Castex, Richard Howitt, Roberto Musacchio, Leopold Józef Rutowicz, Elisabeth Schroedter				
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	Ari Vatanen				
<b>Date tabled</b>	9.10.2006				
<b>Comments</b> (available in one language only)					