WRITTEN QUESTION P-3909/03 by Francesco Fiori (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Framework directive

In the light of Article 7 and recitals 36 and 37 of the framework directive (2002/21/EC¹), what action has been taken to guarantee that the activities of such bodies are transparent for the purposes of interaction with industry and clearly defining who is responsible for harmonisation?

The new framework gives the ERG a purely consultative role, while the crucial role of ensuring that the framework is implemented in a consistent manner should be retained by the Commission, on the basis of the powers conferred on it by the Treaty. What is the Commission doing within the ERG framework to make sure that it retains its proper role of ensuring that the new framework is applied in a consistent manner, in accordance with the objectives laid down by Community law?

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¹ OJ L 108, 24.4.2002, p. 33.