

Economic Transport and Development Committee

Date: 19 January 2004
Time: 9.00 to 12.30
Venue: National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay
Title: Scrutinising EU legislation

Purpose

1. This paper contains a list of all the EU documents relevant to the Economic Development and Transport Committee, deposited in the UK Parliament since the Committee's last meeting.

Action

2. Members are invited to note the list of documents.

Background

3. At its meeting on 9 October 2003 the European and External Affairs Committee agreed proposals for more proactive scrutiny of European legislation. The Panel of Chairs subsequently endorsed the Committee's proposals.
4. The attached Annexes contain details of all the EU documents relevant to this Committee deposited in the UK Parliament since this Committee's last meeting. Annex A contains overviews of the more significant documents, and annex B contains EU documents for Members to note for information.
5. Copies of the documents listed are available on the Assembly Internet at <http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/reports-euleg-e.htm>

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Annex A

Legislative proposals of interest to the Economic Development and Transport Committee, deposited in the UK Parliament (from 25 November 2004 to 10 January 2005)

MRCS Ref.	Title	Commentary and relevance to Wales	Opportunity and timescale for action
1215	<p>EU Ref: SEC(2004) 1460</p> <p>Title: Commission Staff Working Paper – Report on a multiannual programme for enterprise and entrepreneurship and in particular for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) (2001-2005)</p> <p>Link: http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041129/14940-04.pdf</p>	<p>This is an external evaluation of the multiannual programme (MAP) for enterprise and entrepreneurship, which began in January 2001. The MAP focuses on 6 objectives, including promoting entrepreneurship, simplifying business regulation and giving businesses better access to support services.</p> <p>The external valuation report makes recommendations on all policy areas covered by MAP, focusing on areas such as the strengthening of links with the Structural Fund programmes and with the European Charter for Small Businesses.</p>	<p>The evaluation report has been submitted to the Council and the European Parliament.</p>
1262	<p>EU Ref: COM(2004) 781</p> <p>Title: Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Decision 2000/819/EC on a Multiannual Programme for Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, and in particular for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) (2001-2005)</p>	<p>This follows on from SEC (2004) 1460 (above). Using the consultants' evaluation, this document proposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to prolong the MAP until 31 December 2006; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● to increase the budget available for the programme by EUR 	<p>This has also been submitted to the Council and the European Parliament.</p>

Link:

[http://www.wales.gov.uk/
keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/
euleg041213/16026-04.pdf](http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041213/16026-04.pdf)

81.5 million.

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EU Ref:

COM(2004) 759 final

Title:

Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – European Electronic Communications Regulation and Markets 2004

Link:

[http://www.wales.gov.uk/
keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/
euleg041206/15726-04.pdf](http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15726-04.pdf)

Several Commission Communications have highlighted the importance of the electronic communications sector for achieving the economic growth targets set out in Lisbon.

This Communication looks in particular at the regulatory framework around this sector, which may be a barrier to growth, and market developments.

The Communication concludes that full implementation of the e-communications regulatory framework and the effective application of EC competition rules are essential to improve this sector. It states that the Commission will continue to report on progress.

The Communication has been submitted to the Council and to the European Parliament.

<p>1222</p>	<p>EU Ref:</p> <p>SEC(2004) 1535</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Volume I – Commission Staff Working Paper Annex to the European Electronic Communications Regulation and Markets 2004 (10th Report)</p> <p>Link:</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15726-04.pdf</p>	<p>Linked to COM(2004) 759 (above).</p> <p>This is an Annex to the above, outlining the current position of the regulatory framework and the status of transposition of the relevant directives across the Member States.</p>	<p>As above.</p>
<p>1221</p>	<p>EU Ref:</p> <p>SEC(2004) 1535</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Volume II – Commission Staff Working Paper Annex to the European Electronic Communications Regulation and Markets 2004 (10th Report)</p> <p>Link:</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15726-04-add1.pdf</p>	<p>As above. This Annex provides an overview of the current market.</p>	<p>As above.</p>

<p>1206</p>	<p>EU Ref:</p> <p>COM(2004) 757</p> <p>Title:</p> <p>Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions "Challenges for the European Information Society beyond 2005".</p> <p>Link:</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041129/15177-04.pdf</p>	<p>This Communication looks at how Information and communication technology (ICT) has contributed to the Lisbon objectives.</p> <p>The Communication argues for wider use of ICT and for continued policy attention to ICT issues. It also presents some of the key policy challenges faced by the EU for the remaining years of the Lisbon Strategy. It recommends that a new 'vision' of the Information Society should be put in place at the start of 2006.</p> <p>This document invites Member States to "play an active role in elaborating the new Information Society policy for the coming years and to respond to the issues identified in this document".</p>	<p>This has been submitted to the Council and the European Parliament. A Council Resolution was adopted on 9 Dec. 2004.</p>
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Non-legislative documents of interest to the Economic Development and Transport Committee, deposited in the UK Parliament (from 25 November 2004 to 10 January 2005)

MRCS Ref.	Title	Commentary and relevance to Wales	Opportunity and timescale for action

<p>1254</p>	<p>EU Ref: 15503/04</p> <p>Title: Draft Operational Programme of the Council for 2005 submitted by the incoming Luxembourg and United Kingdom Presidencies</p> <p>Link: http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041213/15503-04.pdf</p>	<p>This outlines the work that will be undertaken by the Luxembourg and UK Presidencies of the Council of the European Union during 2005.</p> <p>Priorities for this period include making progress with the Lisbon Strategy, the Common Agricultural Policy, Sustainable Development, Freedom, Security and Justice and Enlargement.</p>	<p>Members may wish to note the contents of this programme.</p>
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Remaining legislative and non-legislative documents deposited in this subject area and not considered of interest

MRCS Ref.	Title
<p>1204</p>	<p>COM(2004) 750 - State Aid Scoreboard – autumn 2004 update</p> <p>Looks at candidate countries only</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041129/15279-04.pdf</p>
<p>1225</p>	<p>SEC(2004) 1298 – Commission Staff Working Document – Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products, repealing Council Directive 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC.</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15614-04.pdf</p>

1253	<p>Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down rules on nominal quantities for pre-packed products, repealing Council Directives 75/106/EEC and 80/232/EEC, and amending Council Directive 76/211/EEC</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041213/15570-04.pdf</p>
1242	<p>15799-04 – Report on the annual accounts of the European Maritime Safety Agency for the financial year 2003</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15799-04.pdf</p>
1246	<p>15795/04 – Report on the annual accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work for the financial year 2003</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15795-04.pdf</p>
1234	<p>15807-04 –Report on the annual accounts of the European Aviation Safety Agency for the financial year 2003</p> <p>http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubassemeuropeancomm2/content/euleg041206/15807-04.pdf</p>