



Proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection – COM(2018)0307, 2018/0154(COD) – Migration Regulation

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Summary

The objective of this proposal is to revise and complete the existing common rules for the collection and compilation of European statistics on migration and international protection. The proposal aims at a better completeness of the Member States' data collections while taking into account the new European needs on statistics on asylum and managed migration.



At the Council Working Party on Statistics meeting of 11 July, Eurostat delivered their presentation of the Commission proposal, already addressing some concerns that the Member States had raised and answering the questions posed in the meeting.

The main issues raised by the Member States were the empowerment of the Commission to adopt Implementing Acts and the related need for safeguard clauses, the existence of multiple channels for data collection and difficulties with adhering to the deadlines, which resulted in the Member States requesting a postponement of the first reference year and derogations. At the Council Working Party meeting it was concluded that a postponement is not reasonable in the case of such urgent data needs, however, Eurostat agreed that derogations could be granted if some Member States would need them.

In the Council Working Party of 3 September, a Presidency compromise text was tabled for discussion. In the meeting, the group covered all the articles and suggested amendments to further improve the text. A revised compromise text was issued based on these comments and was scrutinized in the meeting of 26 September, where the group covered both the revised articles and recitals, preliminarily agreeing on the entire text. Based on this discussion, the compromise text was updated again, confirmed by the Member States through silence procedure and then received a mandate to start negotiations with the European Parliament from Coreper on 31 October.

On 4 December, the first trilogue took place, followed by a technical meeting on 6 December. The meetings were general exchanges of views, the EP explained the reasoning behind their amendments and the Council and Commission could give their views on them, also explaining the role quality checks and feasibility studies play in whether or not the amendment could be, in theory, acceptable. The Presidency also explained to the EP the budgetary constraints related to these additional data needs, which the EP completely understood and promised to find a solution to in the form of additional funding.

At the CWPS of 5 December, the AT Presidency informed the MS on the state of play on the file.

The file was handed over to the Romanian Presidency.

The RO PRES continued an intensive schedule of political and technical meetings with the European Parliament and the COM. The technical meeting on 25 January 2019 finalized the compromise on the Migration Statistics Regulation. This compromise was endorsed at the political trilogue on 31 January 2019, in the afternoon.

At the meeting of the Working Group on Statistics on 31 January 2019, PRES RO informed the Member States of the state of the dossier.

Member States took the floor expressing their views on the final proposal of the text of the Regulation.

The vast majority of countries have requested a scrutiny reservation to prepare for their national position and the need for national consultation of all ministries / agencies involved in data collection.



RO PRES asked the countries that by February 4, 2019 when the scrutiny reservation would have been lifted, to communicate clearly in writing the national positions, with the intention to submit the dossier to Coreper.

The RO PRES made efforts to find an agreement with MS regarding the compromise text reached in trilogues.

On the 1st of April, the Romanian Presidency launched the silent procedure in relation with a new compromise text; 19 countries supported the compromise text summing up 63,2% of the population. The file has been withdrawn from the Coreper agenda scheduled in 3th of April.

The file was schedule into the EP plenary session on 16th of April, for vote the first reading on the basis of the LIBE report. The report represents the official Parliament's position once the new rapporteur is designated and the negotiations will restart, which will probably be as from the beginning of November.

The dossier will be the legacy of the RO PRES to the Finish one.