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Variables

id
− Number of the procedure in the dataset
− From most recent to least recent

ref
− Reference number of the procedure in the European Parliament's Legislative Observatory
− Source: Legislative Observatory

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− Reference number of the procedure in the European Commission's PreLex database
− Source: Legislative Observatory

title
− Title of the procedure
− Source: Legislative Observatory

start
− Date of the initial European Commission proposal
− Format: dd/mm/yyyy
− Source: Legislative Observatory

year_start
−   Year in which the initial European Commission proposal was introduced
−   Format: yyyy
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

fin
−   Date of the signing of the final legislative act
−   Formal: dd/mm/yyyy
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

year_fin
−   Year in which the final legislative act was signed
−   Format: yyyy
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

dur
−   Duration of the procedure in months
−   The difference between "fin" and "start", calculated in number of months
−   Note: The number has been rounded up to a month from 16 days on, and rounded down until 15 days

ctte
−   Responsible EP committee
−   Categories:
    1. Foreign Affairs (AFET)
    2. Human Rights
    3. Security and Defence
    4. Development (DEVE)
    5. International Trade (INTA)
    6. Budgets (BUDG)
    7. Budgetary Control (CONT)
    8. Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)
    9. Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)
    10. Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)
    11. Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)
    12. Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)
    13. Transport and Tourism (TRAN)
    14. Regional Development (REGI)
    15. Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)
    16. Fisheries (PECH)
    17. Culture and Education (CULT)
    18. Legal Affairs (JURI)
    19. Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
    20. Constitutional Affairs (AFCO)
    21. Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM)
    22. Petitions
    23. EP Delegation to Conciliation Committee
    24. Legal Affairs and Internal Market
    25. Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense

type
−   Type of procedure (technical)
−   Categories:
    1. Adaptation of procedure (adaptation as a consequence of the new Comitology system)
    2. Extension in time
    3. Amendment of content
    4. Recasted legislation
    5. New legislation
    6. Codification
    7. Repealed legislation
    8. New legislation which also repeals old legislation
−   Coding based on summaries provided in the Legislative Observatory

pol_type
−   Type of policy which the procedure deals with
−   Categories:
    1. Regulatory, distributive (*no specific funds mentioned, but rules or obligations which will burden everyone to the same extent*)
    2. Regulatory, redistributive (*no specific funds mentioned, but rules or obligations which will burden a particular group*)
    3. Regulatory, technical (*requirements to provide certain data or information*)
    4. Distributive (*specific funds which are available to everyone*)
    5. Redistributive (*specific funds which are offered to a particular group*)
    6. Constituent (*technical adjustments; e.g., adaptation to Comitology, creation of new agency, appointment of new director*)
−   Coding based on summaries provided in the Legislative Observatory

stage
−   Stage of conclusion of the file
−   Categories:
    1. Concluded at first reading
    2. Concluded at second reading
    3. Concluded at third reading
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

ea
−   Has the procedure been concluded following an early agreement − that is, an informal agreement at first reading, or before second reading?
−   Categories:
    0. No
    1. Yes

early_second
−   In the case of an informal agreement at second reading, was it reached before second reading?
−   Categories:
    0. Concluded at second reading (*amendments incorporated in the EP second reading*), at first reading or no informal agreement
    1. Concluded before second reading (*agreement incorporated in the common position of the Council*)
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

enlarge
−   Was the legislative file concluded before or after 1 May 2004?
−   Categories:
    0. Before enlargement
    1. After enlargement

anticip
−   Has the procedure been concluded in the 20.7 months (i.e., the average duration of a procedure) before the 2004 or the 2009 EP elections?
−   Categories:
    0. No
    1. Yes

time_used
−   Number of years fast-track legislation has been formally possible
−   E.g., year 2000 coded 1; year 2001 coded 2, etc.

ctte_op
−   Number of committees asked for an opinion on the proposal
−   Source: Legislative Observatory

media
−   Average number of times a legislative procedure was specifically mentioned in German, English, French and Italian-language media, between the date of the proposal and the date of the final legislative act (numbers by language averaged)
−   Source: Nexis
−   Selected newspapers:
    ➢   DE: Die Frankfurter Rundschau, Financial Times Deutschland, Der Tagesspiegel, Die Tageszeitung, Die Welt, Der Standard (Austria)
    ➢   EN: The Daily Mail, the Guardian, the Independent, The Observer, The Sun, The Times, and the Irish Times (Ireland)
    ➢   FR: L'Express, Le Figaro, Le Monde, Le Monde.fr, Liberation, L'Indépendent, L'Echo (Belgium)
    ➢   IT: Corriere, La Stampa, La Nazione, Il Resto del Carlino, Il Giorno

council
- Name of the council involved in the procedure
- Source: Legislative Observatory

pol_dis
- Ideological distance between the two key negotiators: the EP's rapporteur and the Council Presidency (relevant minister)
- Distance on the left-right policy dimension
- Source: Benoit and Laver (2006) and Legislative Observatory

workload_pres
- Number of codecision procedures under discussion during the term of the Council Presidency that concluded the negotiations

recitals
- Number of recitals in the Commission proposal
- Source: Committee proposals (link in Legislative Observatory)

pref_pres
- Is a legislative dossier explicitly mentioned either in the programme of the Council Presidency that concluded the legislative file, or in the programme of the preceding Presidency?
- Categories:
    0. No
    1. Yes
- Source: Programmes issued by each Presidency of the Council before the start of their term in office and, since 2007, the common work programmes of the "Trio Presidencies"

nationality
- Is the rapporteur from the country holding the Council presidency?
- Categories:
    0. No
    1. Yes
- Source: Legislative Observatory