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This document consists of the following:

- ANNEX I containing a list of acts adopted by the Council in May 2009.^{1 2}
- ANNEX II containing further details on the adoption of these acts. PART I provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, such as the date of adoption, the relevant Council session, the number of the document adopted, and where appropriate, applicable voting rules, voting results, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council. PART II provides information that the Council has decided to make public on the adoption of other acts.

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¹ With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

² In the case of legislative acts adopted in codecision, there may be a difference between the date of the Council's meeting where the legislative act is adopted and the actual date of the act in question, since legislative acts in codecision are only considered to have been adopted after signature by both the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament and the Secretaries-General of the two Institutions.

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LIST OF ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL**IN MAY 2009****2940th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 5 May 2009**

2009/439/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 amending Decision 2007/250/EC authorising the United Kingdom to introduce a special measure derogating from Article 193 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax
OJ L 148, 11.6.2009, p. 14–15

Council Directive 2009/47/EC of 5 May 2009 amending Directive 2006/112/EC as regards reduced rates of value added tax
OJ L 116, 9.5.2009, p. 18–20

2009/436/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 correcting Directive 2008/73/EC simplifying procedures of listing and publishing information in the veterinary and zootechnical fields
OJ L 145, 10.6.2009, p. 43–44

Regulation (EC) No 396/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 on the European Social Fund to extend the types of costs eligible for a contribution from the ESF
OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 1–2

Regulation (EC) No 397/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 on the European Regional Development Fund as regards the eligibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in housing
OJ L 126, 21.5.2009, p. 3–4

Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items
OJ L 134, 29.5.2009, p. 1–269

Council Conclusions on 5 Years After EU Enlargement
8964/1/09 REV 1

Council Regulation (EC) No 383/2009 of 5 May 2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 118, 13.5.2009, p. 1–10

Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part

14062/08 + ADD 1 to 12 + ADD 3 COR 1 (lv) + ADD 10 COR 1 + ADD 10 COR 2 (ro) + ADD 10 COR 3 (pt) + ADD 10 REV 1 (mt) + ADD 10 REV 1 COR 1 (mt) + ADD 10 REV 1 COR 2 (mt) + ADD 12 COR 1 + ADD 12 COR 2 + COR 1 (fr) + REV 1 (mt) + REV 2 (cs)

Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Community and the United Mexican States

7158/09 + COR 1 (pl) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 + COR 4 (de) + COR 5 (fr)

2009/433/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 on the accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 61 on uniform provisions for the approval of commercial vehicles with regard to their external projections forward of the cab's rear panel

OJ L 144, 9.6.2009, p. 24–24

Council Conclusions on the long-term sustainability and quality of public finances
9490/09

Written procedure completed on 6 May 2009

2009/458/EC: Council Decision of 6 May 2009 granting mutual assistance for Romania

OJ L 150, 13.6.2009, p. 6–7

2009/459/EC: Council Decision of 6 May 2009 providing Community medium-term financial assistance for Romania

OJ L 150, 13.6.2009, p. 8–10

2941st meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE), held in Brussels on 11 and 12 May 2009

Directive 2009/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Council Directives 78/660/EEC and 83/349/EEC as regards certain disclosure requirements for medium-sized companies and the obligation to draw up consolidated accounts Text with EEA relevance

OJ L 164, 26.6.2009, p. 42–44

Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys Text with EEA relevance

OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1–37

Council conclusions with a view to the EU participation in the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-8 - New York, 20 April to 1 May 2009)

7157/09

Council and Commission Decision on a Community Position concerning a Decision of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council adopting its Rules of Procedure including the Rules of Procedure of the Stabilisation and Association Committee
8583/09

Common Position of the European Union on the First meeting of the EU-Albania stabilisation and association Council, Brussels, 18 May 2009
9316/1/09

European Union - Argentina Political Declaration
9405/09

Council Regulation (EC) No 393/2009 of 11 May 2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain candles, tapers and the like originating in the People's Republic of China
OJ L 119, 14.5.2009, p. 1–18

Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET)
PE-CONS 3747/3/08 REV 3

Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training
PE-CONS 3746/1/08 REV 1

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the evaluation of the current framework for European cooperation in the youth field and on future perspectives for the renewed framework
9169/09 + COR 1 (fi) + REV 2 (nl)

Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 12 May 2009 on enhancing partnerships between education and training institutions and social partners, in particular employers, in the context of lifelong learning
9876/09

Council conclusions of 12 May 2009 on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020)
OJ C 119, 28.5.2009, p. 2–10

Council Conclusions on Culture as a Catalyst for Creativity and Innovation
8749/1/09 REV + REV 1 COR 1 (fr) + REV 1 COR 2 (lv) + REV 2 (da) + REV 3 (ro) + REV 4 (fi)

2009/400/EC: Council Decision of 12 May 2009 on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2012
OJ L 127, 26.5.2009, p. 9–9

2009/401/EC: Council Decision of 12 May 2009 on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2013
OJ L 127, 26.5.2009, p. 10–10

2942nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 18 May 2009

Council Regulation (EC) No 431/2009 of 18 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments
OJ L 128, 27.5.2009, p. 1–2

Council Joint Action 2009/405/CFSP of 18 May 2009 amending Joint Action 2008/112/CFSP on the European Union mission in support of security sector reform in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (EU SSR GUINEA-BISSAU)
OJ L 128, 27.5.2009, p. 60–60

Position of the European Union for the 47th meeting of the EC-Turkey Association Council (Brussels – 19 May 2009)
9649/09 + COR 1 + COR 1 REV 1 (fi) + COR 2 (nl, fi, sv, cs lt)

Council Regulation (EC) No 412/2009 of 18 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 428/2005 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyester staple fibres originating in the People's Republic of China and Saudi Arabia, amending Regulation (EC) No 2852/2000 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyester staple fibres originating in the Republic of Korea and terminating the anti-dumping proceeding in respect of such imports originating in Taiwan
OJ L 125, 21.5.2009, p. 1–3

2009/393/EC: Council Decision of 18 May 2009 establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Community, within the International Grains Council as regards the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995
OJ L 124, 20.5.2009, p. 63–63

2009/394/EC: Council Decision of 18 May 2009 establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Community, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992
OJ L 124, 20.5.2009, p. 64–64

2943rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 18 and Tuesday 19 May 2009

Council Conclusions on an EU Strategy for Supporting Disaster Risk Reduction in Developing Countries
9920/09

Council Conclusions on Access to sustainable energy sources at local level in developing countries
9909/09

Council Conclusions on Support to Democratic Governance – Towards an enhanced EU framework
9908/09

Council Conclusions on Somalia
9733/09

Council Conclusions on Sri Lanka
9857/2/09 REV 2

Council Conclusions on ESDP
10087/09

Council Conclusions on Supporting developing countries in coping with the crisis
10018/09 + COR 1

2944th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE), held in Brussels on 25 May 2009

Council Regulation (EC) No 473/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy
OJ L 144, 9.6.2009, p. 3–8

2009/434/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 amending Decision 2006/493/EC laying down the amount of Community support for rural development for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013, its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective
OJ L 144, 9.6.2009, p. 25–26

Council Regulation (EC) No 472/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 as regards the national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector
OJ L 144, 9.6.2009, p. 1–2

Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)
OJ L 154, 17.6.2009, p. 1–56

2009/470/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on expenditure in the veterinary field (Codified version)
OJ L 155, 18.6.2009, p. 30–45

Council Directive 2009/55/EC of 25 May 2009 on tax exemptions applicable to the permanent introduction from a Member State of the personal property of individuals (Codified version)
OJ L 145, 10.6.2009, p. 36–41

Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 of 25 May 2009 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community (Codified version)
OJ L 145, 10.6.2009, p. 1–9

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 of 25 May 2009 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions (Codified version)
OJ L 145, 10.6.2009, p. 10–14

Council Regulation (EC) No 487/2009 of 25 May 2009 on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of agreements and concerted practices in the air transport sector (Codified version) Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 148, 11.6.2009, p. 1–4

2009/410/Euratom: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on the adoption of a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community
OJ L 132, 29.5.2009, p. 13–15

Council Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment
OJ L 155, 18.6.2009, p. 17–29

Directive 2009/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals
OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 24–32

Council Regulation (EC) No 492/2009 of 25 May 2009 repealing 14 obsolete Regulations in the field of the Common Fisheries Policy
OJ L 149, 12.6.2009, p. 1–3

2009-2013 Action plan on Drugs between the EU and Central Asian states
9961/09

2009/404/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products
OJ L 136, 30.5.2009, p. 1–1

Council Conclusions on the Court of Auditors Special Report No 1/2009 on "Banking measures in the Mediterranean area in the context of the MEDA programme and the previous protocols"
9918/09

2009/447/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 repealing Directive 83/515/EEC and 11 obsolete Decisions in the field of the Common Fisheries Policy
OJ L 149, 12.6.2009, p. 62–63

Council Conclusions on the Commission Communication "A Simplified CAP - a success for all"
9859/09

2945th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY and RESEARCH)) held in Brussels on 28 and 29 May 2009

Directive 2009/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (Recast) Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 164, 26.6.2009, p. 45–58

Directive 2009/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Directive 2001/82/EC and Directive 2001/83/EC, as regards variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products Text with EEA relevance
OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 33–34

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny – Part Four
PE-CONS 3734/1/08 REV 1

2009/473/EC: Council Decision of 28 May 2009 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea
OJ L 156, 19.6.2009, p. 31–32

Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission
9932/09 + COR 1 (lv)

Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation
9930/09

Council Decision publishing in consolidated form the text of the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention) of 14 November 1975 as amended since that date
7563/09 + COR 1 (bg) + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (hu) + REV 3 (en)

2009/448/EC: Council Decision of 28 May 2009 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditor of De Nederlandsche Bank
OJ L 149, 12.6.2009, p. 64–64

Joint ACP-EU Declaration on Climate Change and Development
9326/09

Council Conclusions on An integrated approach to a competitive and sustainable industrial policy in the European Union
10082/09 + REV 1 (pl)

Council Conclusions on "Better Regulation"
9663/09

Council Resolution on the outcome of the Sixth "Space Council" of 29 May 2009
10228/09 + REV 1 (fr)

Council Conclusions on the evaluation and impact assessment of European research framework programmes (FPs)
10610/09

Council Conclusions on the Research Infrastructures and the regional dimension of the European Research Area (ERA)
10612/09

Council Conclusions on the first steps of the Ljubljana Process towards the realisation of the European Research Area Vision 2020
10615/09

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
2940th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 5 May 2009			
2009/439/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 amending Decision 2007/250/EC authorising the United Kingdom to introduce a special measure derogating from Article 193 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax	9043/09	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Directive 2009/47/EC of 5 May 2009 amending Directive 2006/112/EC as regards reduced rates of value added tax	8238/3/09 REV 3	Unanimity	All Member States in favour except: abstention: CY

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Statement by Cyprus Cyprus currently applies an exemption with deductibility of VAT paid at the preceding stage in respect of the supply of pharmaceuticals and foodstuff for human consumption. The current application of zero VAT rate on these items is based on a derogation, which after renewal, expires on December 31st 2010. Though we are in favor for zero VAT rate on these, in good faith and community spirit, Cyprus refrained from specifically raising the issue of further extension. Under the terms of the political agreement reached at the 2931st meeting of ECOFIN Council on March 10, 2009, on the reduced VAT regime, all other member states that currently apply zero VAT rate on foodstuff and pharmaceuticals will have the latitude to continue applying zero rate after the end of 2010 (doc. 7448/1/09 REV1, FISC 31). Cyprus will be the only Member State, from those currently having an exemption with deductibility of VAT paid at the preceding stage, to lose this option after 2010. Cyprus considers that the wording of the proposed Council Directive amending Directive 2006/112/EC as regards reduced rates of value added tax should have better reflected the principles of equality and equal treatment of Member States in similar situations. In this respect, the same derogation should have applied to Member States in similar situations allowing them to benefit from the same special arrangements provided for in Article 111 (c). Cyprus expects that an appropriate way will be found in order to accommodate its legitimate request before the expiration of the said derogation at the end of 2010. <u>Statement by the Commission</u> Re category 8 in Annex III The Commission considers that the term "reception of radio and television broadcasting services" constitutes a meaningless definition for fiscal purposes. In order to be coherent with the VAT system, this category can only mean "supply of radio and television broadcasting services". The Commission will seek to ensure that Member States' use of reduced VAT rates in this field is not made subject to unjustified or discriminatory restrictions which might inter alia flow from particular interpretations of the term "reception".			

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Statement by the Commission Re point 2 (category 10a in Annex III) The Commission considers that the exclusion of materials which account for a significant part of the value of the service supplied from the services consisting in renovation and repairing of private dwellings is pointless and susceptible to create useless distinctions and litigations. The experience with labour intensive services has shown that Member States have interpreted this exclusion in very different ways and this is why the Commission had not proposed such exclusion. The Commission considers that when materials represent less than 50% of the total value of the service supplied, this cannot be considered as significant. If Member States choose to apply the standard VAT rate to materials which account for more than 50% of the total value of the service concerned, it must in any event be clear that this is simply a restriction on the application of the reduced rate provided for the transactions specified in category 10a of Annex III. For the purpose of determining the place of supply of such transactions, both the service and the related supply of materials shall in any event be regarded as one single supply of services consisting in renovation or repairing of private dwellings.			
2009/436/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 correcting Directive 2008/73/EC simplifying procedures of listing and publishing information in the veterinary and zootechnical fields	7761/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 396/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1081/2006 on the European Social Fund to extend the types of costs eligible for a contribution from the ESF	PE-CONS 3618/4/09 REV 4	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Regulation (EC) No 397/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 on the European Regional Development Fund as regards the eligibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in housing	PE-CONS 3619/4/09 REV 4	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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TITLE OF LEGISLATIVE ACT	TEXTS ADOPTED	VOTING RULE	VOTES
Council Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 of 5 May 2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items	7815/09 + COR 1	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council/Commission statement upon the adoption of the Council Regulation setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items 1. The Council and the Commission, noting the consensus on Article 25 of the Regulation, agree to assess the list of items for which a licence is required for intra-Community transfers bearing in mind the principles of Title II, Chapter 9 of the Euratom Treaty (The Nuclear Common Market) and Article 30 of the EC Treaty. 2. The Council and the Commission agree that membership of all Member States in export control regimes is desirable in order to efficiently exercise control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items within the Community, and that it could be useful for the Commission to have access to the e-secure systems of distribution of the documents of the Wassenaar Arrangement and the Missile Technology Control Regime that refer to export controls of dual use goods. The Presidency will approach the appropriate regime body to explore the possibility of granting access for the Commission Services, taking into account the confidentiality requirements within the regimes.			

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Statement by the Netherlands and Estonia upon the adoption of the Council Regulation setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items The Netherlands and Estonia would like to congratulate the Czech Presidency on concluding the consultations on the recast dual-use regulation and to thank all delegations for the fruitful exchange of views during the last two years. From the start of the discussions in 2007 the Netherlands delegation reiterated its concerns regarding entities and/or persons who act as brokers for projects related to weapons of mass destruction. While supporting the consensus on the recast, for the sake of public security, the Netherlands and Estonia continue to consider that tighter brokering legislation is needed to adequately face the threat of WMD related activities. The scope of the Council Regulation setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual use items is limited to the entity/person that provides brokering services between two third countries, where the broker is located within the EU. To achieve the objective of preventing the proliferation of WMD, the Netherlands and Estonia may need additional legislation to meet their international obligations. The Netherlands and Estonia therefore welcome the possibility in the recast regulation to extend the applicability of the provisions for brokering services on a national level. We intend to use these possibilities, while respecting the legal framework of the regulation.			
Written procedure completed on 6 May 2009			
2009/458/EC: Council Decision of 6 May 2009 granting mutual assistance for Romania	9059/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by Germany The Federal Government has agreed to accept the recommendation for a Council Decision granting mutual assistance for Romania and the proposal for a Council Decision providing EU medium-term financial assistance for Romania despite the fact that the reference documents 9059/09 and 9061/09 are not available in German, in the expectation that the Council Secretariat will provide German versions for the above documents at the earliest opportunity.			

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Statement by the European Commission on the requirements concerning toys which are designed to emit a sound (Annex II. I. 10) Based on the new essential safety requirement under the Toy Safety Directive for toys which are designed to emit a sound, the Commission will mandate the CEN to establish a revised standard which limits the maximum values for both impulse noise and continuous noise emitted by toys, in order to adequately protect children from the risk of impairment of hearing.			
Statement by the European Commission on the classification of books Taking into account the difficulties related to the relevant tests required in the harmonised toy standard EN 71:1 for books made of cardboard and paper, the Commission will mandate the CEN to establish a revised standard which covers adequate testing for children's books.			
2942nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 18 May 2009 Council Regulation (EC) No 431/2009 of 18 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 332/2002 establishing a facility providing medium-term financial assistance for Member States' balances of payments	9487/09	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
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Council Regulation (EC) No 473/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and Regulation (EC) No 1290/2005 on the financing of the common agricultural policy	8567/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2009/434/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 amending Decision 2006/493/EC laying down the amount of Community support for rural development for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 , its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective	8568/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Statement by the Commission on fostering employment The Commission is willing, within the possibilities provided by the regulations in force, to assist Member States to adopt national strategies and rural development programmes aimed at fostering employment.			
Statement by Latvia on the allocation key used for rural development funds in the European Economic Recovery Plan Latvia supports the actions proposed by the European Economic Recovery Plan (EERP) as regards channelling additional funding for rural development. However, we regret that the financing provided for broadband internet and the new challenges relating to the CAP "Health Check" has been reduced from EUR 1.5 billion to EUR 1.02 billion. Furthermore, as a result of the CAP "Health Check" new Member States have not received additional financing for the new challenges. Therefore, Latvia is of the opinion that EERP funding and future financing for similar support measures must be distributed among Member States in compliance with realistic and impartial criteria and should not be based on historical data.			

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Statement by the Republic of Cyprus Cyprus supports the adoption of the Regulation and the Decision in the framework of the European Economic Recovery Plan (EERP). However, Cyprus considers that their adoption does not constitute an opinion by the Council of the use by the Commission of any financial key for the distribution among Member States of the additional funds allocated to Rural Development under the EERP, nor that it prejudices its use in any future allocation. Cyprus would like to reiterate its position that there is a need for the distribution key to be defined in such a way as to allow for a more equitable sharing of the funds among Member States, based on objective criteria that take account of the degree that Member States are affected by new challenges, in particular climate change.			
Council Regulation (EC) No 472/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 637/2008 as regards the national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector	6585/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: against: UK
Council Regulation (EC) No 491/2009 of 25 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation)	7046/09 + COR 1 (sk) + COR 2 (hu)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
2009/470/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on expenditure in the veterinary field (Codified version)	8673/09 + COR 1 (fr)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Directive 2009/55/EC of 25 May 2009 on tax exemptions applicable to the permanent introduction from a Member State of the personal property of individuals (Codified version)	8687/09	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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Council Regulation (EC) No 479/2009 of 25 May 2009 on the application of the Protocol on the excessive deficit procedure annexed to the Treaty establishing the European Community (Codified version)	8688/09 + REV 1 (hu) + REV 2 (lt)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 of 25 May 2009 establishing a Guarantee Fund for external actions (Codified version)	8689/09 + COR 1 (lt)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour
Council Regulation (EC) No 487/2009 of 25 May 2009 on the application of Article 81(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of agreements and concerted practices in the air transport sector (Codified version) Text with EEA relevance	8690/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
2009/410/Euratom: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on the adoption of a supplementary research programme to be implemented by the Joint Research Centre for the European Atomic Energy Community	9646/09	Unanimity	All Member States in favour except: abstention: UK
Council Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment	17426/08 + COR 1 (de) + COR 2 (fi) + REV 1 (el) + REV 1 COR 1 (el)	Unanimity	All Member States in favour

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Statement by the Council The Council recalls that policies for labour migration, including this Directive, should be implemented in full respect of the <i>acquis communautaire</i> and the Community preference, as expressed in particular in the relevant provisions of the Acts of Accession of 16 April 2003 and 25 April 2005 that the Member States are bound to respect. Member States should implement this Directive bearing in mind potential human resources within the European Union and using the most appropriate resources, including by fostering the mobility within the Union of highly qualified workers who are EU citizens. Statement by Austria concerning Article 14(1)(f) Under the principles applied by Austria in the field of international social security, pensions are compulsorily exported to other States only if is guaranteed that pensions are also exported from those States to Austria. That cannot be guaranteed under the present rules. Having regard to the specific nature of this category of persons, Austria is prepared to accept the arrangement in Article 14(1)(f) if it is made clear that no prejudice may thereby arise in respect of other categories of persons.			
Directive 2009/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals	PE-CONS 3612/09 + REV 1 (lt) + REV 1 COR 1 (lt)	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: against: SE abstention: FI

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Statement by Poland concerning the Directive Poland supports the idea of combating illegal immigration and the related exploitation, which are seen in several Member States of the European Union, by means of various measures which include economic instruments as well as penalties provided for in accordance with national law. Poland has always maintained that the system of sanctions relating to the employment of illegally staying third-country nationals should be consistent with penalties for other forms of illegal employment and should be based primarily on administrative and financial liability. In this context we stress the dissuasive role of the efficient enforcement of sanctions, which requires them to be proportional and effective. Poland would emphasise that personal liability is one of the foundations of the legal system. It believes that no person should ever automatically be held liable for any breaches of the law by others, when there was no opportunity for a normally diligent person within the nature of a particular legal relationship to know that any irregularity has taken place. Poland favours efficient monitoring of the work and other forms of economic activity of migrants as a means of preventing abuse of the immigration rules on the one hand and of labour standards and migrant workers' rights on the other. Statement by Finland, Hungary, Poland and Sweden concerning the Directive Finland, Hungary, Poland and Sweden consider it important to fight illegal immigration and illegal residence, and thus fully support the main aim of the Directive. However, Finland, Hungary, Poland and Sweden wish to underline that the European Community only has the competence to adopt criminal law provisions when the criteria laid down by the European Court of Justice in its judgements in cases C-176/03 and C-440/05 are fulfilled. In the opinion of Finland, Hungary, Poland and Sweden, this has not been established as regards this Directive and, therefore, the competence of the European Community to adopt criminal law provisions in the field of illegal immigration and illegal residence remains unclear. Thus, Finland, Hungary, Poland and Sweden regret that the Council did not adopt a solution allowing the Member States to choose the manner in which to implement the Directive when including the requirement whereby the employment of illegally staying third-country nationals is prohibited.			

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Joint statement by the European Parliament and the Council The Parliament and the Council state that rules on subcontracting agreed upon in Article 8 of this Directive shall be without prejudice to other provisions on this issue to be adopted in future legislative instruments. Statement by Germany on Article 10(2) and Article 12(2) With regard both to the publication of the judicial decision in Article 10(2) and the list of employers held liable in Article 12(2) of this Directive, Germany would point to the consequences of Article 6(2) of the Treaty on European Union for the institutions, and for the Member States when they come to transpose this Directive into national law. Statement by Belgium concerning Article 8 of the Directive Belgium considers that the employer's obligations referred to in Article 8 of this instrument should be seen in the context of the instrument's intended objectives. Statement by Lithuania Under Lithuanian law, the mere fact that a person, who has already been punished with an administrative penalty for a particular act, has again committed a similar act, subject to an administrative penalty, does not entail criminal liability of that person for the second act. However, if the repetitive commission of such infringements demonstrates a persistent, habitual pattern (infringements are made systematically, in a business manner, etc.), such conduct may qualify as a criminal offence subject to criminal prosecution. Lithuania is of the view that in this manner the requirements set out in Article 9(1)(a) of the Directive are appropriately reflected in its national law.			

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Statement by the Netherlands The Netherlands considers the Directive to be of great importance for combating illegal immigration and illegal employment. The Netherlands therefore endorses the Directive, even though it considers that the provisions of Article 8 will mean that illegal employees acquire more rights than legal employees. The article introduces a chain of liability for payment of arrears owed to illegal employees which does not exist for legal employees.			
Council Regulation (EC) No 492/2009 of 25 May 2009 repealing 14 obsolete Regulations in the field of the Common Fisheries Policy 2945th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY and RESEARCH)) held in Brussels on 28 and 29 May 2009	9554/09	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Directive 2009/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (Recast) Text with EEA relevance	PE-CONS 3695/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour
Directive 2009/53/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 amending Directive 2001/82/EC and Directive 2001/83/EC, as regards variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products Text with EEA relevance	PE-CONS 3713/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour except: abstention : DE

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Statement by Germany on the German version of the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/82/EC and Directive 2001/83/EC as regards variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products We note with regret that there are shortcomings in the German translation of the legal text prepared by the Council Legal Service, which does not take sufficient account of the requirements of specialist and legal usage in German-speaking countries; these shortcomings have already been pointed out in connection with Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on advanced therapy medicinal products. In particular, the translation of the English term "Marketing Authorisation" as "Genehmigung für das Inverkehrbringen" is not customary in German specialist and legal usage and might sometimes even give rise to misunderstandings. "Zulassung" is the only accurate translation of this English term which would be properly understood by all those working in the sector. This term will therefore continue to be used in Germany in future, even in matters covered by the Directive. Given that the translation we recommend has been used in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008 concerning the examination of variations to the terms of marketing authorisations for medicinal products for human use and veterinary medicinal products, which is based on Directive 2001/83/EC, the terminology chosen for this Directive makes the rules on variations in marketing authorisations for medicinal products even more confusing. Germany will continue to urge that terms reflecting German legal usage be used in the German language versions of future proposals establishing or revising European law on medicinal products and again calls on the Council to take this into account when preparing future legislation.			
Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny – Part Four	PE-CONS 3734/1/08 REV 1	Qualified majority	All Member States in favour

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Statement by the Commission The time limits within which the European Parliament and the Council may oppose a draft measure, according to Article 5a(3)(c) of Council Decision 1999/468, have been curtailed to four weeks or one month in some provisions of the following basic acts: Directive 2004/17, Directive 2004/18 and Regulation No 2111/2005. When transmitting draft measures to the European Parliament and to the Council pursuant to those provisions, the Commission commits itself, except during the European Parliament's periods of recess, to take into account the need for the European Parliament to hold a plenary session before the expiry of the relevant curtailed time limits and reiterates its commitments under the Agreement between the European Parliament and the Commission on procedures for implementing Council Decision 1999/468/EC, as amended by Decision 2006/512/EC, in particular in respect of the early warning system provided for in paragraph 16 thereof. Statement by the Commission The Commission notes with regret the decision to apply the regulatory procedure with scrutiny provided for in Article 8(1) of Regulation No 2111/2005. It wishes to emphasise in this respect that the implementing rules in question are of a procedural and administrative nature and expand upon the rules already contained in the basic act. The Commission reiterates the importance of ensuring the highest standard of air safety. In order to achieve this objective, it bases its action upon strict, internationally recognised criteria which are objectively applied. This has been the case whenever the black list has been updated since the entry into force of Regulation No 2111/2005. The Commission takes the view that the work on this dossier should continue to be carried out on the basis of technical criteria alone. It therefore believes that the rules of procedure should, in any event, continue to guarantee a high level of safety and efficiency.			

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2940th meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL AFFAIRS), held in Brussels on 5 May 2009 Council Conclusions on 5 Years After EU Enlargement 8964/1/09 REV 1 Council Regulation (EC) No 383/2009 of 5 May 2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of non-alloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in the People's Republic of China 8684/09 + REV 1 (lt) Council Decision on the signature and provisional application of the interim Agreement with a view to an Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the SADC EPA States, of the other part 14062/08 + ADD 1 to 12 + ADD 3 COR 1 (lv) + ADD 10 COR 1 + ADD 10 COR 2 (ro) + ADD 10 COR 3 (pt) + ADD 10 REV 1 (mt) + ADD 10 REV 1 COR 1 (mt) + ADD 10 REV 1 COR 2 (mt) + ADD 12 COR 1 + ADD 12 COR 2 + REV 1 (mt) + REV 2 (cs) Council Decision on the signing of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Community and the United Mexican States 7158/09 + COR 1 (pl) + COR 2 (fi) + COR 3 + COR 4 (de) + COR 5 (fr)	

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Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission Inter alia for pragmatic reasons, it is preferable that the Community alone should conclude the Agreement with the United Mexican States on certain aspects of air services. The same considerations would apply in respect of similar agreements as long as they are concluded in accordance with and within the limits of the mandate on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements adopted by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003. This Decision does not constitute a precedent as to the exercise of the respective competencies of the Community and its Member States in respect of agreements other than those referred to above, such as, for example, agreements of the type envisaged by the Council Decision of 5 June 2003 authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the United States in the field of air transport, which shall be concluded as mixed agreements. This Decision does not create any new Community competences as far as external agreements on air services are concerned, nor does it affect the division of competences between the Community and its Member States.	
2009/433/EC: Council Decision of 5 May 2009 on the accession of the European Community to United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regulation No 61 on uniform provisions for the approval of commercial vehicles with regard to their external projections forward of the cab's rear panel 7240/09 Council Conclusions on the long-term sustainability and quality of public finances 9490/09	
Written procedure completed on 6 May 2009 2009/459/EC: Council Decision of 6 May 2009 providing Community medium-term financial assistance for Romania 9061/09	

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Statement by Germany The Federal Government has agreed to accept the recommendation for a Council Decision granting mutual assistance for Romania and the proposal for a Council Decision providing EU medium-term financial assistance for Romania despite the fact that the reference documents 9059/09 and 9061/09 are not available in German, in the expectation that the Council Secretariat will provide German versions for the above documents at the earliest opportunity.	
2941st meeting of the Council of the European Union (EDUCATION, YOUTH and CULTURE) held in Brussels on 11 and 12 May 2009	
Council conclusions with a view to the EU participation in the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF-8 - New York, 20 April to 1 May 2009) 7157/09	
Council and Commission Decision on a Community Position concerning a Decision of the EU-Albania Stabilisation and Association Council adopting its Rules of Procedure including the Rules of Procedure of the Stabilisation and Association Committee 8583/09	
Common Position of the European Union on the First meeting of the EU-Albania stabilisation and association Council, Brussels, 18 May 2009 9316/1/09	
European Union - Argentina Political Declaration 9405/09	

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Council Regulation (EC) No 393/2009 of 11 May 2009 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain candles, tapers and the like originating in the People's Republic of China 8983/09 Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) PE-CONS 3747/3/08 REV 3 Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a European Quality Assurance Reference Framework for Vocational Education and Training PE-CONS 3746/1/08 REV 1 Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the evaluation of the current framework for European cooperation in the youth field and on future perspectives for the renewed framework 9169/09 + COR 1 (fi) Conclusions of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, of 12 May 2009 on enhancing partnerships between education and training institutions and social partners, in particular employers, in the context of lifelong learning 9876/09	Qualified majority All Member States in favour Qualified majority All Member States in favour

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Council conclusions of 12 May 2009 on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020) 9845/09 Council Conclusions on Culture as a Catalyst for Creativity and Innovation 8749/1/09 REV 1 + REV 1 COR 1 (fr) REV 1 COR 2 (lv) + REV 2 (da) + REV 3 (ro) + REV 4 (fi) 2009/400/EC: Council Decision of 12 May 2009 on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2012 8790/09 2009/401/EC: Council Decision of 12 May 2009 on the European Capital of Culture event for the year 2013 8794/09 2942nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 18 May 2009 Council Joint Action 2009/405/CFSP of 18 May 2009 amending Joint Action 2008/112/CFSP on the European Union mission in support of security sector reform in the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (EU SSR GUINEA-BISSAU) 7958/09	

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Position of the European Union for the 47th meeting of the EC-Turkey Association Council (Brussels – 19 May 2009) 9649/09 + COR 1 + COR 1 REV 1 (fi) + COR 2 (nl, fi, sv, cs lt) Council Regulation (EC) No 412/2009 of 18 May 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 428/2005 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyester staple fibres originating in the People's Republic of China and Saudi Arabia, amending Regulation (EC) No 2852/2000 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of polyester staple fibres originating in the Republic of Korea and terminating the anti-dumping proceeding in respect of such imports originating in Taiwan 9088/09 2009/393/EC: Council Decision of 18 May 2009 establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Community, within the International Grains Council as regards the extension of the Grains Trade Convention 1995 8330/09 2009/394/EC: Council Decision of 18 May 2009 establishing the position to be adopted, on behalf of the Community, within the International Sugar Council as regards the extension of the International Sugar Agreement 1992 8333/09 2943rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS and EXTERNAL RELATIONS), held in Brussels on 18 and Tuesday 19 May 2009	

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Council Conclusions on an EU Strategy for Supporting Disaster Risk Reduction in Developing Countries 9920/09 Council Conclusions on Access to sustainable energy sources at local level in developing countries 9909/09 Council Conclusions on Support to Democratic Governance – Towards an enhanced EU framework 9908/09 Council Conclusions on Somalia 9733/09 Council Conclusions on Sri Lanka 9857/2/09 REV 2 Council Conclusions on ESDP 10087/09 Council Conclusions on Supporting developing countries in coping with the crisis 10018/09 + COR 1 2944th meeting of the Council of the European Union (AGRICULTURE), held in Brussels on 25 May 2009	

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2009-2013 Action plan on Drugs between the EU and Central Asian states 9961/09 2009/404/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation amending the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products 12446/1/08 REV 1 Statement by Hungary Hungary supports the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on trade in agricultural products. Hungary considers that the Agreement represents progress in protecting European Union Member States' geographical designations. Point A.II of Annex III to the Agreement contains sufficient indication of geographical designations and the areas they cover, in compliance with the conditions laid down by national and Community law and administrative provisions. In A.1.6.1 paragraph (15) of point A.II of Annex III to the Agreement, seven communes in Slovakia are listed under the geographical name of "Tokaj". However, this fact cannot be a justification for Slovakia to state, with reference to the geographical area that can be connected with the "Tokaj" geographical designation, that Hungary has recognised the communes listed as being part of the Tokaj wine-growing region. Council Conclusions on the Court of Auditors Special Report No 1/2009 on "Banking measures in the Mediterranean area in the context of the MEDA programme and the previous protocols" 9918/09 2009/447/EC: Council Decision of 25 May 2009 repealing Directive 83/515/EEC and 11 obsolete Decisions in the field of the Common Fisheries Policy 9555/09	

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Council Conclusions on the Commission Communication "A Simplified CAP - a success for all" 9859/09 2945th meeting of the Council of the European Union (COMPETITIVENESS (INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY and RESEARCH)) held in Brussels on 28 and 29 May 2009 2009/473/EC: Council Decision of 28 May 2009 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the provisional application of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea 7806/09 + REV 1 (lv) Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission 9932/09 + COR 1 (lv) Council Decision on the establishment of the Community position to be adopted in the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation 9930/09 Council Decision publishing in consolidated form the text of the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets (TIR Convention) of 14 November 1975 as amended since that date 7563/09 + COR 1 (bg) + REV 1 (fi) + REV 2 (hu) + REV 3 (en)	

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2009/448/EC: Council Decision of 28 May 2009 amending Decision 1999/70/EC concerning the external auditors of the national central banks, as regards the external auditor of De Nederlandsche Bank 8967/09 + COR 1 Joint ACP-EU Declaration on Climate Change and Development 9326/09 Council Conclusions on An integrated approach to a competitive and sustainable industrial policy in the European Union 10082/09 + REV 1 (pl) Council Conclusions on "Better Regulation" 9663/09 Council Resolution on the outcome of the Sixth "Space Council" of 29 May 2009 10228/09 + REV 1 (fr) Council Conclusions on the evaluation and impact assessment of European research framework programmes (FPs) 10610/09 Council Conclusions on the Research Infrastructures and the regional dimension of the European Research Area (ERA) 10612/09	

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Council Conclusions on the first steps of the Ljubljana Process towards the realisation of the European Research Area Vision 2020 10615/09	
