

FICHE AMENDEMENT

Proposition d'amendement à l'Article I. 16
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Qualité: - Membres

after article 16
article 16 (bis) (new)

Open method of co-ordination :

1. Where the Constitution excludes harmonisation, and does not specifically regulate co-ordination, the attainment of common European goals through national policies may pursued by the open method of co-ordination, whenever the Member States so decide.

2. The Open Method of Co-ordination shall be based on the definition of common guidelines or objectives, with appropriate arrangements for periodic monitoring and evaluation. It may provide for timetables, indicators, benchmarking and exchange of best practices.

3. The European Council shall approve the definitions and adapt the method match the specific needs of the particular policy area in which it wishes to promote co-ordination. At its request, the Commission shall support the process by presenting proposals on guidelines and indicators, organising exchange of best practices and preparing the necessary elements for periodic monitoring and evaluation. The European Parliament shall be kept fully informed.

Explication éventuelle:

The working group on simplification and the majority of the working group on social affairs requested the insertion into the Treaty of a horizontal provision defining the open method of co-ordination and its procedure.

A potential weakness of open co-ordination as it has developed today, is that this kind of intergovernmental collaboration tends to be highly dependent on the coincidental political constellation of the moment. In view of the fact that the open method of co-ordination is not part of the formal *acquis* we need to ensure that that this soft *acquis* remains valid after enlargement. That will be possible by providing an disposal into the Constitution, providing for a legal basis for coordination,