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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the
Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/20
- Optional consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee¹

1. On 1 April 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a touring visa and amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulations (EC) No 562/2006 and (EC) No 767/2008.
2. The proposal which is based on Article 77(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union does not require the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee.

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

3. In the above-mentioned proposal, the Commission proposes that the European Economic and Social Committee be consulted on an optional basis.
 4. Coreper is therefore invited to decide, pursuant to Articles 304 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU and to Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the European Economic and Social Committee and to request the Committee to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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