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| <p><b>2014/0052(NLE)</b></p> <p>NLE - Non-legislative enactments<br/>Decision</p>   | Procedure completed |
| <p>EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol</p> <p>See also <a href="#">1994/0151(AVC)</a></p> <p><b>Subject</b></p> <p>6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations<br/>6.40.04.02 Relations with Russian Federation</p> <p><b>Geographical area</b></p> <p>Russian Federation</p> |                     |




| Key players                   |  |  |   |                  |
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| European Parliament           | <b>Committee responsible</b>   |  | <b>Rapporteur</b>                             | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                               | <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">AFET</span> Foreign Affairs     |  | LANDSBERGIS Gabriellus (PPE)                  | 26/01/2015       |
|                               | <b>Former committee responsible</b>  |  | <b>Former rapporteur</b>                      | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                               | <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">AFET</span> Foreign Affairs     |  |   |                  |
|                               | <b>Committee for opinion</b>   |  | <b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>                 | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                               | <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">INTA</span> International Trade |  | The committee decided not to give an opinion. |                  |
|                               | <b>Former committee for opinion</b>  |  | <b>Former rapporteur for opinion</b>          | <b>Appointed</b> |
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| Council of the European Union | <b>Council configuration</b>   |  | <b>Meetings</b>                               | <b>Date</b>      |
|                               | Education, Youth, Culture and Sport  |  | 3428  | 2015-11-23       |

| Key events |       |           |         |
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| Date       | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 26/02/2014 | Preparatory document  | COM(2014)0101<br> | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 18/07/2014 | Legislative proposal published                                  | 11878/2014   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 15/01/2015 | Committee referral announced in Parliament                      |  |                         |
| 31/03/2015 | Vote in committee   |  |                         |
| 10/04/2015 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A8-0129/2015   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 28/04/2015 | Decision by Parliament  | T8-0106/2015   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| 28/04/2015 | Results of vote in Parliament                                   |                   |                         |
| 23/11/2015 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament         |  |                         |
| 23/11/2015 | End of procedure in Parliament                                  |  |                         |
| 28/11/2015 | Final act published in Official Journal                         |  |                         |

| Technical information             |   |
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| <b>Procedure reference</b>        | 2014/0052(NLE)  |
| <b>Procedure type</b>             | NLE - Non-legislative enactments  |
| <b>Procedure subtype</b>          | Consent by Parliament   |
| <b>Legislative instrument</b>     | Decision  |
|                                   | See also <a href="#">1994/0151(AVC)</a>   |
| <b>Legal basis</b>                | Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 207<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 100-p2<br>Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 091 |
| <b>Stage reached in procedure</b> | Procedure completed   |
| <b>Committee dossier</b>          | AFET/8/00379  |

| Documentation gateway   |                               |                              |                         |                         |
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| <b>European Parliament</b>                                      |                               |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Committee                     | Reference                    | Date                    | Summary                 |
| Committee draft report  |                               | <a href="#">PE549.251</a>    | 12/02/2015              |                         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading |                               | <a href="#">A8-0129/2015</a> | 10/04/2015              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          |                               | <a href="#">T8-0106/2015</a> | 28/04/2015              | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| <b>Council of the EU</b>  |                               |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Reference                     | Date                         | Summary                 |                         |
| Document attached to the procedure                              | <a href="#">11513/2014</a>    | 14/07/2014                   |                         |                         |
| Legislative proposal  | <a href="#">11878/2014</a>    | 18/07/2014                   | <a href="#">Summary</a> |                         |
| <b>European Commission</b>                                      |                               |                              |                         |                         |
| Document type   | Reference                     | Date                         | Summary                 |                         |
|   | <a href="#">COM(2014)0101</a> |                              |                         |                         |

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| Preparatory document               |                   | 26/02/2014 | <a href="#">Summary</a> |
| Document attached to the procedure | COM(2014)0102<br> | 26/02/2014 |                         |
| For information                    | COM(2014)0100<br> | 26/02/2014 |                         |

| Additional information |                         |      |
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| Source                 | Document                | Date |
| European Commission    | <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> |      |

| Final act  |                         |
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| <a href="#">Decision 2015/2194</a><br><a href="#">OJ L 313 28.11.2015, p. 0020</a> | <a href="#">Summary</a> |

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 26/02/2014

**PURPOSE:** to conclude the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** according to the Act of Accession of Croatia, the country is to accede to international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part was signed on 24 June 1994. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1997.

A Council Decision of 14 September 2012, authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned, in order to conclude the relevant protocols. The negotiations with the Russian Federation were successfully concluded.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Articles 91, 100(2), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

**N.B.:** the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

**CONTENT:** under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its consent to this Protocol.

**Main provisions:** the proposed Protocol incorporates the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to provide for the authentic version of the Agreement in the new official language of the EU.

The Protocol contains a clause specifying that the Agreement is amended following the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Federation in particular aims to:

- promote trade and investment, including trade in transport services,
- establishes a framework for cooperation in different sectors which is limited to an overall economic, financial and technical cooperation.

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 18/07/2014 - Legislative proposal

**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

**CONTENT:** under this proposal, the Council is called upon to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

The proposed Protocol incorporates Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

For details as regards the main provisions of the Protocol and its economic implications, *please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal dated 26/02/2014.*

## EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

2014/0052(NLE) - 26/02/2014 - Preparatory document

**PURPOSE:** to conclude the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Council Decision.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

**BACKGROUND:** according to the Act of Accession of Croatia, the country is to accede to international agreements signed or concluded by the European Union and its Member States by means of a protocol to those agreements.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part was signed on 24 June 1994. The Agreement entered into force on 1 December 1997.

A Council Decision of 14 September 2012, authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned, in order to conclude the relevant protocols. The negotiations with the Russian Federation were successfully concluded.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Articles 91, 100(2), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the Act of Accession of Croatia.

**N.B.:** the conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

**CONTENT:** under this proposal, the Council is invited to adopt a decision aiming to approve, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to the proposal.

A parallel decision is proposed for the signature and provisional application of the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

The European Parliament will be called upon to give its consent to this Protocol.

**Main provisions:** the proposed Protocol incorporates the Republic of Croatia as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to provide for the authentic version of the Agreement in the new official language of the EU.

The Protocol contains a clause specifying that the Agreement is amended following the entry into force of the Treaty of Accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with the Russian Federation in particular aims to:

- promote trade and investment, including trade in transport services,
- establishes a framework for cooperation in different sectors which is limited to an overall economic, financial and technical cooperation.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

2014/0052(NLE) - 10/04/2015 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Gabrielius LANDSBERGIS (PPE, LT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

The parliamentary committee recommended that the European Parliament approve the conclusion of the agreement.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

2014/0052(NLE) - 28/04/2015 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 591 votes to 32, with 67 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

## **EC/Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol**

2014/0052(NLE) - 23/11/2015 - Final act

**PURPOSE:** to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

**NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT:** Council Decision (EU) 2015/2194 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

**CONTENT:** in accordance with [Council Decision 2014/956/EU](#), the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Russia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

Under this Council Decision, the Protocol is **hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and its Member States**.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

With the adoption of the adoption of this Protocol, Croatia is incorporated as contracting party to the Agreement and commits the EU to providing the authentic version of the Agreement in the Croatian language.

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 23.11.2015.