



Basic information	
2016/0322(NLE) NLE - Non-legislative enactments EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa Subject 6.40.01 Relations with EEA/EFTA countries 7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas Geographical area Norway	Procedure completed

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	ZDECHOVSKÝ Tomáš (PPE)	05/12/2016
			Shadow rapporteur MAMIKINS Andrejs (S&D) DEPREZ Gérard (ALDE) JOLY Eva (Verts/ALE) VON STORCH Beatrix (EFDD)	
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET	Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG	Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN		3549	2017-06-16
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)		3508	2016-12-09
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Migration and Home Affairs		AVRAMOPOULOS Dimitris	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/10/2016	Preparatory document	COM(2016)0658 	Summary
16/11/2016	Legislative proposal published	13710/2016	Summary
16/01/2017	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/04/2017	Vote in committee		
27/04/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0174/2017	Summary
16/05/2017	Decision by Parliament	T8-0203/2017	Summary
16/05/2017	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/06/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
16/06/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/07/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2016/0322(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Nature of procedure	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/8/08219

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE601.132	14/03/2017	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0174/2017	27/04/2017	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0203/2017	16/05/2017	Summary

Council of the EU

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	13710/2016	16/11/2016	Summary
Document attached to the procedure	13711/2016	18/11/2016	

European Commission

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Document attached to the procedure	COM(2016)0659 	14/10/2016	
Preparatory document	COM(2016)0658 	14/10/2016	Summary

Final act
Decision 2017/1249 OJ L 179 12.07.2017, p. 0001 Summary

EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

2016/0322(NLE) - 14/10/2016 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

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: [Regulation \(EU\) No 515/2014](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa became applicable as of 1 January 2014. Furthermore, Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management also became applicable on the same date.

Under this Regulation, the provisions of the Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 apply to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa as part of the Internal Security Fund (the ISF-Borders and Visa).

The purpose of the ISF-Borders and Visa is to establish a solidarity mechanism binding the participating states by the same European rules on the control of external borders in each other's interests and on each other's behalf. The ISF-Borders and Visa will serve to accomplish a key objective of the Schengen acquis, namely to **share responsibility for an 'efficient, high and uniform level of control at the external borders'**. It is thus a development of the Schengen acquis.

Article 5(7) of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 provides that the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis **participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation**, including provisions ensuring the protection of the Union's financial interests and the power of audit of the Court of Auditors, as the respective Association Agreements do not provide for such rules.

The aim of the draft Agreement with Norway is to establish the arrangements of this participation and to enable the Commission to assume ultimate responsibility for implementation of the budget of the instrument in this associated country and determine this country's contribution to the Union budget in respect of this instrument.

CONTENT: under this proposal, it is proposed that the Council adopt the Decision in which it is called upon to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

Rules for the participation of Norway in the ISF-Borders and Visas: the Agreement provides for a number of technical provisions to establish the framework for participation. The funds allocated to Norway under the ISF-Borders and Visa shall be used in accordance with the principle of sound financial management.

Protection of the financial interests of the Union against fraud is also stressed.

Budgetary control: provisions are laid down as regards budgetary and financial controls. Member States shall be subject to horizontal obligations (e. g. the competence of the Court of Auditors and of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)) derived either directly from the Treaty or from secondary Union legislation. Moreover, the Court of Auditors and OLAF shall be granted suitable access to carry out controls.

Financial contributions from Norway to the ISF: provisions are also provided to guarantee the payments of the contribution from Norway to the ISF for the implementation of EU actions and its mid-term review and other specific actions.

For the years 2016 to 2018, Norway shall make annual payments to the budget of the ISF-Borders and Visa in the order of **EUR 19 777 712**.

Territorial application: Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 constitutes a development of the Schengen acquis. In this regard, the present Agreement with Norway also builds on the Schengen acquis.

Denmark shall not take part in the adoption of this decision and will not be bound by it or be subject to its application. The same goes for the United Kingdom and Ireland.

EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

2016/0322(NLE) - 16/11/2016 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

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: the Agreement between the European Union and Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 was signed by the Commission, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visas, provides that the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis are to participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation, including provisions ensuring the protection of the Union's financial interests and the powers of audit of the Court of Auditors.

CONTENT: the draft Council decision is aimed at **approving, on behalf of the Union**, the Agreement between the European Union and Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 constitutes a development of the Schengen acquis within the Association Agreement with Norway.

Denmark shall not take part in the adoption of this decision and will not be bound by it or be subject to its application. The same goes for the United Kingdom and Ireland.

For further details on the content of the Agreement, please refer to the Commission's initial proposal dated 14.10.2016.

EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

2016/0322(NLE) - 16/06/2017 - Final act

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the agreement between the European Union and Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/1249 on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

BACKGROUND: **Regulation (EU) No 515/2014** of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa provides that: the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis are to participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation.

The agreement between the European Union and Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020 was signed by the Commission on 8 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The agreement must now be approved.

CONTENT: the Council decided **to approve, on behalf of the Union, the agreement between the European Union and Norway** on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

According to the agreement, Norway's contribution to the EU budget for this instrument shall be **EUR 19 777 712 per year for the period 2016-2018**. Norway's contributions for the years 2019 and 2020 shall be calculated on the basis of its gross domestic product (GDP), as a percentage of the GDP of all States participating in the ISF-Borders and Visas.

The agreement contains provisions on, inter alia: (i) respect for the principle of non-conflict of interest; (ii) the protection of the financial interests of the Union against fraud; (iii) on-the-spot checks and inspections carried out by the Commission (OLAF); (iv) public procurement; (v) the designation of the responsible authority for the management and control of expenditures under the ISF; and (vi) the implementation report.

The United Kingdom and Ireland are not bound by the Decision. Denmark shall decide within six months of the Council's decision whether it transposes it into national law.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 16.6.2017.

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

BACKGROUND: Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing, as part of the Internal Security Fund, the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa became applicable as of 1 January 2014. Furthermore, Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions on the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund and on the instrument for financial support for police cooperation, preventing and combating crime, and crisis management also became applicable on the same date.

Under this Regulation, the provisions of the Regulation (EU) No 514/2014 apply to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa as part of the Internal Security Fund (the ISF-Borders and Visa).

The purpose of the ISF-Borders and Visa is to establish a solidarity mechanism binding the participating states by the same European rules on the control of external borders in each other's interests and on each other's behalf. The ISF-Borders and Visa will serve to accomplish a key objective of the Schengen acquis, namely to **share responsibility for an 'efficient, high and uniform level of control at the external borders'**. It is thus a development of the Schengen acquis.

Article 5(7) of Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 provides that the countries associated with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis **participate in the instrument in accordance with its provisions and that arrangements are to be concluded on their financial contributions and the supplementary rules necessary for such participation**, including provisions ensuring the protection of the Union's financial interests and the power of audit of the Court of Auditors, as the respective Association Agreements do not provide for such rules.

The aim of the draft Agreement with Norway is to establish the arrangements of this participation and to enable the Commission to assume ultimate responsibility for implementation of the budget of the instrument in this associated country and determine this country's contribution to the Union budget in respect of this instrument.

CONTENT: under this proposal, it is proposed that the Council adopt the Decision in which it is called upon to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund, for the period 2014 to 2020.

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For the years 2016 to 2018, Norway shall make annual payments to the budget of the ISF-Borders and Visa in the order of **EUR 19 777 712**.

Territorial application: Regulation (EU) No 515/2014 constitutes a development of the Schengen acquis. In this regard, the present Agreement with Norway also builds on the Schengen acquis.

Denmark shall not take part in the adoption of this decision and will not be bound by it or be subject to its application. The same goes for the United Kingdom and Ireland.

EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

2016/0322(NLE) - 27/04/2017 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Tomáš ZDECHOVSKÝ (EPP, CZ) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to **give its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

As a reminder, the main aim of the ISF Borders and Visa is to ensure a high level of security in the Union while facilitating legitimate travel through a uniform and high level of control of the external border and the effective processing of Schengen visas. The funding of around EUR 2.8 billion up to 2020 - mostly via national programmes - is to be used inter alia for building infrastructure needed at border crossing points and for border surveillance, funding the IT systems required by the European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR), as well as for actions to facilitate efficient management of migration flows, processing of visa applications and consular co-operation.

Therefore, the committee, which supports the proposal, called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of such an Agreement.

EU/Norway Agreement: supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa

2016/0322(NLE) - 16/05/2017 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 561 votes to 33, with 77 abstentions, a resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on supplementary rules in relation to the instrument for financial support for external borders and visa, as part of the Internal Security Fund for the period 2014 to 2020.

The European Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

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