

Procedure file

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EC/Malta Framework Agreement: participation in Community programmes		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security, Defense		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		23/10/2001
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Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Fisheries	2400	17/12/2001
European Commission	Commission DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	Commissioner	

Key events			
23/08/2001	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2001)0481	
20/11/2001	Legislative proposal published	13251/2001	Summary
21/11/2001	Vote in committee		
28/11/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
11/12/2001	Decision by Parliament	T5-0651/2001	Summary
17/12/2001	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/12/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/01/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	

Procedure reference	2001/0194(AVC)
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 013; Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/5/15053

Documentation gateway					
Initial legislative proposal		COM(2001)0481	23/08/2001	EC	
Legislative proposal		13251/2001 OJ C 304 30.10.2001, p. 0338 E	20/11/2001	CSL	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0651/2001 OJ C 177 25.07.2002, p. 0029-0049 E	11/12/2001	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2002/39 OJ L 017 19.01.2002, p. 0054-0055 Summary

EC/Malta Framework Agreement: participation in Community programmes

PURPOSE: To conclude a framework agreement allowing Malta participation on Community specific programmes. **CONTENT:** The Helsinki Council of December 1999 confirmed that enlargement between the European Union and 13 applicant countries should proceed as soon as possible. As part of this process, applicant countries should be offered the opportunity to participate in Community programmes. To give legal definition to applicant's participation, the Council has authorised the Commission to negotiate a bilateral Framework Agreement with Malta laying down the general principles to the participation of Malta in all Community programmes. Negotiating a "framework" settlement is a new option. Under this new approach, framework instruments are agreed with candidate countries, in this case Malta, which establishes the general principles for their participation in Community programmes. The terms and conditions of participation in specific programmes are then negotiated bilaterally between the Commission and Malta. Without such a framework agreement, a large number of new international instruments would be needed. This would lead to institutional decision making overload and significantly lengthen the time span for a final settlement. To date, Malta has started to participate in programmes dealing with education (Socrates), vocational training (Leonardo da Vinci), Youth and more recently in certain research programmes. Financial assistance is envisaged under Council Regulation 555/2000 on the implementation of operations in the framework of the pre-accession strategy for Malta. The terms of the proposed draft framework agreement for Malta are: - the programmes concerned will allow for the participation of candidate countries from Central and Eastern Europe; - Malta will pay an annual contribution to the programmes, to be determined between the Commission and Maltese government; - the Commission will be assisted by a special committee appointed by the Council; - the contribution made will not be reimbursed to Malta if at the end of the year, the results fall short of the contribution paid; - representatives from Malta will be invited to attend meetings of the Programme Committees as observers; - projects and initiatives submitted by Malta shall be subject to the same conditions, rules and procedures pertaining to the programmes concerned as are applied to Member States, regarding in particular the submission, assessment and selection of applications and projects; - the Framework Agreement will apply for an unspecified period, subject to a classical clause of denunciation. Specific duration of participation in programmes will be determined in the terms and conditions concluded between the Commission and the Government of Malta.?

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The European Parliament approved, without report, the recommendation on the participation of the Republic of Malta in Community programmes. ?

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PURPOSE : to approve the Framework Agreement between the European Community and Malta. **COMMUNITY MEASURE :** Council

Decision 2002/39/EC concerning the conclusion of a Framework Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Malta on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Malta in Community programmes. CONTENT : The Framework Agreement is approved, and the text of the Agreement is attached to the Decision. The Commission will determine the specific terms regarding the participation of Malta in each Community programme, including the financial contribution payable. The Commission will be assisted by a special committee appointed by the Council. Malta may apply for financial assistance for participation in Community programmes under Council Regulation 2000/555/EC on the implementation of operations in the framework of the pre-accession strategy for Cyprus and Malta. The Agreement will be reviewed three years after its entry into force and every three years after that. The Commission's report will be accompanied by appropriate proposals ENTRY INTO FORCE : The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the Official Journal. ?