


Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2004/0136(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Andorra agreement: cooperation agreement, signature and conclusion		
Subject 6.40.05.01 Relations with Southern European countries		
Geographical area Andorra		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs		13/09/2004
		PPE-DE GALEOTE Gerardo	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	INTA International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2658	10/05/2005
	Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2613	25/10/2004
European Commission	Commission DG External Relations	Commissioner	

Key events			
06/07/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0456	Summary
14/12/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
24/01/2005	Vote in committee		
31/01/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0014/2005	
22/02/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/02/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0028/2005	Summary
10/05/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
10/05/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		

28/05/2005

Final act published in Official Journal

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0136(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 159-p3; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 161; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 137-p2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 149; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 156; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 175; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 151; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 152; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 071; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 150
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/6/22615

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0456	06/07/2004	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0014/2005	31/01/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T6-0028/2005 OJ C 304 01.12.2005, p. 0018-0106 E	22/02/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)1076/2	31/03/2005	EC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

[Decision 2005/398](#)
[OJ L 135 28.05.2005, p. 0012-0013](#) Summary

EC/Andorra agreement: cooperation agreement, signature and conclusion

PURPOSE : to conclude the Cooperation Agreement between the EC and Andorra.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: The Principality of Andorra wishes to conclude as soon as possible a Cooperation Agreement with the European Community. This would be on the basis of the renewed mandate of the Council of 19 June 2002, after a series of meetings was discontinued since January 1998, when lastly a draft for the Cooperation Agreement was discussed with the Andorran side.

Most of the sectors contained in the 1998 draft Agreement were retained as matter for future cooperation, notably: Environment; Communication; Information and Culture; Education, Training and Youth; Social questions and Health; Transport, Energy and Trans-European Communications; Regional Policy. Andorra suggested through a non-paper of 29 April 2002 the addition of monetary issues, in particular the minting of the Euro. However, the Commission considered it more appropriate to keep Euro minting, as well as taxation of savings, as matters outside of the scope of the Cooperation Agreement, in order to maintain its Community character, in accordance with the mandate of the Council. The monetary sector, as a specific demand of Andorra, may be an issue of possible separate negotiation. The agreement on the taxation of savings is currently under advanced negotiation with the Andorran authorities.

The Principality of Andorra - an independent state, geographically situated between France and Spain ? is a sovereign country, which has recently adopted its constitution (1993). The Bishop of Urgell (a Spanish city at the border) and the President of the French Republic, both on a personal capacity as Co-princes, are the Heads of the Andorran State. Andorra has strong bilateral relations with its neighbors and is so far

linked to the European Community mainly through an Agreement, signed in Luxembourg on 28 June 1990, which established a customs union.

The Cooperation Agreement would not replace the latter; rather it would be complementary and enlarge the scope of the current relations of the Community with that country.

Apart from the management of the Cooperation Committee set up by the Agreement, the conclusion of the Agreement will have no budgetary consequences.

Negotiations on the Cooperation Agreement were completed on 29 April 2004.

The Community will be represented in the Cooperation Committee set up under Article 9 of the Agreement by the Commission assisted by the representatives of the Member States. The position of the Community with regard to decisions to be taken by the Committee will be determined by the Commission, following consultation of the representatives of Member States.

It is proposed that the Council adopts the attached decision on the signature and conclusion of a cooperation Agreement with the Principality of Andorra.

EC/Andorra agreement: cooperation agreement, signature and conclusion

The European Parliament adopted the report by Gerardo GALEOTE QUECEDO (EPP-ED, ES) on a Cooperation Agreement with the Principality of Andorra.

EC/Andorra agreement: cooperation agreement, signature and conclusion

PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Principality of Andorra.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2005/398/EC.

CONTENT: The Council adopted a Decision approving the Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Principality of Andorra.

The objective of the Agreement is to strengthen EU relations with Andorra, which are at present governed by a 1990 Agreement establishing a Customs Union.

This Agreement extends cooperation between the EU and the Principality of Andorra to a number of specific sectors, including the environment, communications, information, culture, education, training and youth, social and health questions, trans-European networks, transport and regional policy.