Procedure file

Basic information

CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	2004/0221(CNS)	Procedure completed

Nuclear energy: Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia, implementation of the Protocol No 9 annexed to the Accession Act 2004

Repealed by 2011/0363(NLE)

Subject
3.60.04 Nuclear energy, industry and safety

Geographical area
Slovakia

Key players

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	Verts/ALE HARMS Rebecca	15/03/2005
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	AFET Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	BUDG Budgets	PPE-DE LEWANDOWSKI Janusz	26/10/2004
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2799	14/05/2007
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Energy and Transport	PIEBALGS Andris	

Key events

29/09/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0624	Summary
14/12/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/09/2005	Vote in committee		Summary
05/10/2005	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0282/2005	
15/11/2005	Debate in Parliament		

16/11/2005	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/11/2005	Decision by Parliament	T6-0429/2005	Summary
24/05/2006	Modified legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0624/2	
14/05/2007	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/05/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		
23/05/2007	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0221(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Repealed by 2011/0363(NLE)
Legal basis	Euratom Treaty A 203
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ITRE/6/24210

Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2004)0624	29/09/2004	EC	Summary
Amendments tabled in committee		PE360.221	06/07/2005	EP	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE360.142	15/09/2005	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0282/2005	05/10/2005	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0429/2005	16/11/2005	EP	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2005)5015	15/12/2005	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2006)0239	24/05/2006	EC	Summary
Modified legislative proposal		COM(2004)0624/2	24/05/2006	EC	
Follow-up document		COM(2011)0432	13/07/2011	EC	Summary
Follow-up document		SEC(2011)0914	13/07/2011	EC	

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act

Regulation 2007/549
OJ L 131 23.05.2007, p. 0001 Summary

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PURPOSE : to provide financing for the decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia.

CONTENT : Slovakia has committed to closure of Unit 1 and Unit 2 of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant by 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2008, respectively, at the latest. The Union has expressed its willingness to continue to provide financial assistance up to 2006 as an extension of the pre-accession aid planned under the Phare programme in support of Slovakia's decommissioning efforts.

In the Protocol the European Union has also recognised that decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant will have to continue beyond the current Financial Perspectives and that this effort represents a significant financial burden for Slovakia. Decisions on the continuation of assistance from the Union in this field after 2006 will take account of this situation.

With this proposal, the European Commission is calling for legislative measures needed for the European Union to continue granting financial assistance beyond 2006 to Slovakia for the closure of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant. The decommissioning of nuclear installations involves the commitment of considerable sums of money (about 15% of the investment cost of a reactor) and extends over an extremely long period of time. The measures financed by this support must obviously cover the technical operations involved in the decommissioning of nuclear installations. However, the plan is not to limit them to the technical aspects alone, but also to take account of other areas, such as security of energy supply, and the social aspects (redeployment of power plant staff).

The contribution for certain measures may amount to up to 100% of the total expenditure. Every effort shall be made to continue the co-financing practice established under the preaccession assistance and the assistance given over the period 2004-2006 for Slovakia's decommissioning effort as well as to attract co-financing from other sources, as appropriate.

The financial assistance may be made available as a Community contribution to the Bohunice International Decommissioning Support Fund managed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS :

- Budget line : the budget line used for the years 2004-2006 is 060505 nuclear safety ? transitional measures (decommissioning).

- Total : EUR 237 million.

- Period of application : 2007-2013.

- Impact on human resources : 2.5 permanent staff representing a total of EUR 270 000 per year (in addition to the financial envelope).

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The committee adopted the report by Rebecca HARMS (Greens/EFA, DE) amending the proposal under the consultation procedure:

- EU funding should be increased from EUR 237 million, as proposed by the Commission, to EUR 400 million for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013, given that the estimated costs of the early closure and decommissioning of the two units of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia were much higher than the basis used for the Commission's calculation;

- a new clause in Article 2 provided for the Commission to define the measures to be financed from the EU budget in more detail in 2006 after it had received the relevant Decommissioning Plan from the Slovak authorities. The Commission would take its annual decision on whether to approve the measures to be financed on the basis of that plan;

- a new clause in Article 3 stipulated that the Community should continue to provide funding after 31 December 2013, on the grounds that decommissioning of the nuclear power plant was a lengthy process which would go far beyond that date.

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia by 377 votes in favour to 222 against with 59 abstentions. (Please see the summary dated 26/09/2005.) Before the final vote Rebecca HARMS (Greens/EFA DE) withdrew her name from the report and asked Parliament to vote against the report because MEPs had voted to raise EU spending.

Parliament felt that the estimated costs of the early closure and decommissioning of the two units are higher than the basis used for the Commission's calculation. Therefore, Parliament wanted to raise EU appropriations from EUR 237 million as in the Commission's proposal to EUR 400 million for the period from 1.1.2007 to 31.12.2013. The additional amount of EUR 163 million should be made available by the European Union and especially to those Member States that will benefit from the closure of the nuclear power plant in the context of the annual budgetary procedure. Parliament also inserted a clause stating that the measures to be supported using Community budget will be defined in more detail by the Commission in 2006 after it receives the decommissioning plans comprising all the necessary information on

decommissioning process from the Slovak authorities. On the basis of this plan the Commission will give its yearly approval to measures to be financed. The financial assistance from the Community budget should continue after 31.12.2013.

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LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation (Euratom) N° 549/2007 on the implementation of Protocol No 9 on Unit 1 and Unit 2 of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia to the Act concerning the conditions of accession to the European Union of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

CONTENT: This Regulation establishes the programme laying down detailed rules for implementation of the Community?s financial contribution provided for in Protocol No 9 annexed to the 2003 Act of Accession. Protocol No 9 on Unit 1 and Unit 2 of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant in Slovakia, as annexed to the 2003 Act of Accession, reiterates Slovakia?s commitment to close the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant and, to this end, established an assistance programme with a budget of EUR 90 million for the period 2004 to 2006. However, in Protocol No 9 the Union also recognised that decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant would have to continue beyond the Financial Perspectives 2002 to 2006 and that this effort represented a significant financial burden for Slovakia. Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant over the period from 2007 to 2013.

The Community contribution to the programme under the Regulation will be granted for the purpose of providing financial support for measures connected with the decommissioning of the Bohunice V1 nuclear power plant, measures for environmental upgrading in line with the acquis and for modernising conventional production capacity to replace the production capacity of the two reactors at the Bohunice V1 power plant and other measures which stem from the decision to close and decommission this plant and which contribute to the necessary restructuring, upgrading of the environment and modernisation of the energy production, transmission and distribution sectors in Slovakia as well as to enhancing security of supply and energy efficiency in Slovakia.

The financial reference amount necessary for implementation of the programme 2 for the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 shall be EUR 423 million.

The amount of the appropriations allocated to the programme may be reviewed in the course of the period from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2013 to take account of the progress made with implementation of the programme and ensure that the programming and allocation of the resources are based on actual payment needs and absorption capacity.

Financial assistance for measures under the programme, or parts thereof, may be made available as a Community contribution to the Bohunice International Decommissioning Support Fund, managed by the EBRD.

The Commission will ensure the implementation of this Regulation and shall report at regular intervals to the European Parliament and the Council. It will carry out a mid-term review, as stated above.

The European Parliament shall be informed by the Commission of committee proceedings on a regular basis. To that end, it will receive agendas for committee meetings, and the results of voting and summary records of the meetings and lists of the authorities and organisations to which the persons designated by the Member States to represent them belong.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 12/06/2007.