


Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2009/2531(RSP)	Procedure completed
Eastern Partnership		
Subject		
6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations		
6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe		
6.40.04 Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	General Affairs	2926	23/02/2009

Key events			
23/02/2009	Debate in Council	2926	Summary
12/03/2009	Debate in Parliament		
12/03/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2009/2531(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 132-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Eastern Partnership

Ministers discussed preparations for the launch of the EU's [Eastern Partnership](#) Eastern Partnership, on the basis of input from the Presidency and the Commission (a presidency paper, a presidency progress report, and a communication from the Commission).

They reaffirmed the political commitment to establish the Eastern Partnership.

They also noted that there were a number of issues, such as:

- visa liberalisation,
- the articulation between the Eastern Partnership and the [Black Sea Synergy](#),
- the participation of third countries and financing,

which will require further discussion as part of the process of developing and implementing the Eastern Partnership.

To recall, the Eastern Partnership is a multinational forum formed by the EU Member States and six eastern European and southern Caucasus states:

- Armenia,
- Azerbaijan,
- Belarus,
- Georgia,
- Moldova,
- Ukraine.

It is intended to facilitate the negotiation of free trade zones for services and agricultural products, as well as partnership agreements and visa agreements.