








Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2013/0151A(NLE) Procedure completed
EU/Ukraine Association Agreement See also 2013/0151B(NLE) See also 2016/0308(COD) See also 2017/2283(INI) Subject 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.15 European neighbourhood policy Geographical area Ukraine Legislative priorities EU support to Ukraine	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Foreign Affairs	 Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI	02/09/2014
	Former committee responsible		
	 Foreign Affairs		
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 International Trade	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	Former committee for opinion		
	 International Trade		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Foreign Affairs	3304	17/03/2014
	Foreign Affairs	3250	24/06/2013

Key events			
15/05/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0290	Summary
24/06/2013	Debate in Council	3250	
17/03/2014	Debate in Council	3304	
19/06/2014	Legislative proposal published	13613/2013	Summary

17/07/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/09/2014	Vote in committee		
09/09/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0002/2014	Summary
16/09/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/09/2014	Debate in Parliament		
16/09/2014	Decision by Parliament	T8-0014/2014	Summary
11/07/2017	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
11/07/2017	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/07/2017	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0151A(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2013/0151B(NLE) See also 2016/0308(COD) See also 2017/2283(INI)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p8-a2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/8/00165

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure	SEC(2013)0294	15/05/2013	EC	
Preparatory document	COM(2013)0290	15/05/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	13613/2013	20/06/2014	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report	PE537.336	03/09/2014	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee	PE537.384	08/09/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0002/2014	09/09/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0014/2014	16/09/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information

National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

EU/Ukraine Association Agreement

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Association Agreement between the European Union and EURATOM and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other part.

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: on 22 January 2007, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Ukraine for the conclusion of a new agreement between the European Union and Ukraine to replace the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal of 15/05/2013 under the procedure file [2013/0151B\(NLE\)](#)).

These negotiations were successfully finalised and the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part was initialled in 2012.

The Agreement was signed at Brussels on 21 March 2014, subject to its conclusion at a later date, except for certain provisions as regards legal migrants.

It should now be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the Union, the abovementioned Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine.

Provisions on legal migrants: this Decision concerns all provisions of the Agreement except for the provisions of Article 17 thereof, which contains specific obligations relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other Party, and which provisions fall within the scope of Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). The aim and content of those provisions is distinct from and independent of the aim and content of the other provisions of the Agreement to establish an association between the Parties. [A separate decision](#) relating to Article 17 of the Agreement will be adopted in parallel with this Decision.

Provisions on trade: pursuant to Article 218(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, it is appropriate for the Council to authorise the Commission to approve modifications to the Agreement to be adopted by the Association Committee in its Trade configuration on Geographical Indications.

N.B. : the future Agreement should not be construed as conferring rights or imposing obligations which can be directly invoked before Union or Member State courts or tribunals.

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs adopted the report by Jacek SARYUSZ-WOLSKI (EPP, PL) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party.

Members recommended that the European Parliament should give its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

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The European Parliament adopted by 535 votes to 127, with 35 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

EU/Ukraine Association Agreement

PURPOSE: to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the Association Agreement between the European Union and EURATOM and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other part.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2017/1247 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine,

of the other part, with the exception of the provisions relating to the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed as workers in the territory of the other party.

BACKGROUND: on 22 January 2007, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Ukraine for the conclusion of a new agreement between the European Union and Ukraine to replace the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

Following these negotiations, the Association Agreement was initialled in 2012. It was signed at Brussels on 21 March 2014 and at Brussels on 27 June 2014, 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 Association Agreement between the EU and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, together with the Annexes and Protocols thereto, with the exception of Article 17 which contains specific obligations concerning the treatment of third-country nationals legally employed in the territory of the other Party.

A [separate decision](#) on Article 17 of the Agreement was adopted in parallel with the Decision.

This Decision also lays down the procedures for the protection of geographical indications protected under the Agreement.

The aims of this Association Agreement are:

- to promote gradual rapprochement between the Parties based on common values and close and privileged links, and increasing Ukraine's association with EU policies and participation in programmes and agencies;
- to provide an appropriate framework for enhanced political dialogue in all areas of mutual interest;
- to promote, preserve and strengthen peace and stability in the regional and international dimensions;
- to establish conditions for enhanced economic and trade relations leading towards Ukraine's gradual integration in the EU Internal Market, including by setting up a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area and to support Ukrainian efforts to complete the transition into a functioning market economy by means of, inter alia, the progressive approximation of its legislation to that of the Union;
- to enhance cooperation in the field of Justice, Freedom and Security with the aim of reinforcing the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The following are essential elements of the Agreement:

- respect for democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms and respect for the rule of law as a basis for the domestic and external policies of the parties;
- encouraging respect for the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity, inviolability of borders and independence, and countering the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

At institutional level, the political and policy dialogue at the highest level between the parties shall take place in the context of summit meetings held, in principle, once a year. At ministerial level, regular political and policy dialogue shall take place within the Association Council established by the Agreement and in regular meetings of the representatives of the parties by mutual agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 11.7.2017.