


Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments	2013/0262(NLE)
EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol	
See also 2007/0123(NLE)	
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Geographical area Montenegro, from 06/2006	

Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	
	AFET Foreign Affairs		12/09/2013	
		ECR TANNOCK Timothy Charles Ayrton		
		Shadow rapporteur		
		PPE IBRISAGIC Anna		
		S&D FÄRM Göran		
		ALDE VAJGL Ivo		
		Verts/ALE LUNACEK Ulrike		
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
	General Affairs	3313	13/05/2014	
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner		
	Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	FÜLE Štefan		

Key events			
26/07/2013	Preparatory document	COM(2013)0545	Summary
14/10/2013	Legislative proposal published	14187/2013	Summary
13/01/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/03/2014	Vote in committee		
20/03/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A7-0192/2014	Summary
16/04/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
16/04/2014	Decision by Parliament	T7-0403/2014	Summary
13/05/2014	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
13/05/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
04/06/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2013/0262(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
	See also 2007/0123(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p8-a2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 217
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	AFET/7/13502

Documentation gateway					
Preparatory document		COM(2013)0545	26/07/2013	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		14187/2013	15/10/2013	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		14190/2013	15/10/2013	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE528.009	21/02/2014	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A7-0192/2014	20/03/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T7-0403/2014	16/04/2014	EP	Summary

Additional information	
National parliaments	IPEX
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Decision 2014/321 OJ L 165 04.06.2014, p. 0030 Summary

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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 24 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and Croatia, with Montenegro in order to conclude a Protocol to the [Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro](#), of the other part, to take account of the accession Croatia to the European Union.

These negotiations started on 22 November 2012 and the Protocol was initialled by the Commission and the Government of Montenegro on 16 May 2013.

This proposal concerns the Council Decision to conclude the said Protocol.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was undertaken.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: with this proposal, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union and the Member States.

The main amendments are made to the Montenegrin concessions on agricultural products, fisheries products and on the rules of origin.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implications for the EU budget.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

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: in accordance with a Council Decision, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It is now necessary to approve the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to approve on behalf of the European Union, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

For further information as regards the main provisions of this Protocol and its impact on the EU budget, please refer to the summary of the initial legislative proposal dated 26/07/2013.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The Committee on Foreign Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Charles TANNOCK (ECR, UK) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union;

The committee called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the protocol.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 627 votes to 19, with 20 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol.

EC/Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Agreement: accession of Croatia to the EU. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/321/EU on the conclusion on behalf of the European Union and its Member States of the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with Council Decision 2014/172/EU, the Protocol to the [Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Montenegro](#), of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (the Protocol) has been signed, subject to its conclusion.

The conclusion of the Protocol is subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community.

It is now appropriate to conclude the protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: by means of this decision, the Council approves on behalf of the European Union, with the consent of the European Parliament, the Protocol to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Montenegro, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.

The main provisions relate to the Montenegrin concessions on agricultural products, fisheries products and on the rules of origin.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.05.2014.